Apply for scholarships

Applications for UW-La Crosse Foundation Scholarships are due by **February 15**. Now is a good time to visit their website, https://uwlax.academicworks.com, choose “Ours” under the “Opportunities” tab and search the UW-L scholarships.

Increase your chances for success by applying for all of the scholarships you qualify for. Once you have identified the scholarships, be sure to read through the application information to determine the specific application requirements. Winter break is a good time to work on completing all of the necessary application requirements for each scholarship.

There are many “outside” scholarships available also. By choosing “External” under the “Opportunities” tab, you will see information about some of these scholarships. Be sure to note the due dates.

Use your winter break wisely

Who says you can’t get money over winter break? Fill out your UW-La Crosse Foundation Scholarship Applications and see the cash come to you. Put the free time you have in January (after the holidays are over) to good use. Even though the UW-L Foundation scholarships are not due until February 15, winter break is a good time to get a head start on your applications.

Be sure to check out and like the UW-La Crosse Financial Aid Office on Facebook to get more information about scholarships, FAFSA, loans, repayment options as well as monthly prizes that can be won, and much more.

Ask Earnest

“Dear Earnest, Can I get financial aid for taking classes at another school?”

Yes, it is possible that you may be eligible for financial aid for courses you plan on taking at another school. “Consortium agreements” are available with all UW System schools, Viterbo University, Western Technical College and Winona State University. You will need to complete the UW-L Consortium Agreement Form, available online. Courses taken at the other institution must be required for your degree and you must also be enrolled at least half-time at UW-L during Fall and Spring, (not a requirement during summer and study abroad). It will be your responsibility to pay your tuition bill at the other school using the Financial Aid refund from UW-L or make any payment arrangements if necessary. It is strongly recommended that you meet with a financial aid counselor before you commit to taking classes at another institution.
Pay Student Loan Interest As You Go

Federal Unsubsidized Direct loans are accruing interest while you are in school. Once you enter repayment on these loans (6 months after you are no longer enrolled at least half-time), any interest that has accrued will be capitalized (added to your loan principal).

There is never any penalty for early payment or paying interest on these loans prior to repayment. Many students have chosen to pay interest as they go so they won’t increase their principal amount at repayment. To check your current balance and make interest payments, go to www.nslds.ed.gov, determine who your servicer is and contact them to find out the best method to make these interest only payments.