



Financial Aid Edition

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fri., Sept. 2 – Mon., Sept. 5
New Student Orientation

Mon., Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Financial Aid Office closed

Tues., Sept. 6 – Fall Semester
Classes Begin – Financial Aid
Disbursed

Thurs., Sept. 8, 5-7pm – Price
is Right (Style) Game Night,
Valhalla, Cartwright

Wed., Sept. 9, 10-3pm,
Valhalla – Part Time Job Fair

Sat., Sept. 17, 8:30pm – Movie
Night at the Stadium!

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Online Checks vs. Debit/Credit Cards

When it is time to make a payment onto your university bill, you will be offered a choice of either a credit payment (2.75% convenience fee) or an online check (an ACH payment with no fee). Be sure to choose the “online check” option to avoid paying additional fees.

The UWL Business Office accepts the following debit/credit cards (online only): MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, Diner’s Club. Debit or credit cards are not accepted at the Cashier’s window. The online check option is available to students, parents and guests.

You always have the option of paying with a physical check made out to UW-La Crosse. Be sure to note the student’s ID# on the check.

There is a \$25 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Financial Aid Disbursements & Billing

Financial Aid is disbursed on the first day of the semester for all students who have accepted awards and have completed all necessary paperwork. **University bills are e-mailed to the student** at their campus e-mail address.

For the Fall semester, those bills will be e-mailed approximately September 19 and are due on October 19. A 1% service charge will be added to any university bill that has a remaining balance on that date with a new bill being issued (again sent to the student’s campus e-mail).

All balances are to be paid in full by November 22. Students are not allowed to register for the upcoming semester until the bill for the prior semester is paid in full.

Ask Earnest

“Dear Earnest, How can I find a part-time job?”

The **Eagle Opportunities Online Job Board** is an easy to use site created to help students find part-time, on and off campus jobs that will still leave them plenty of time for their studies. By logging into <http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Student-employment> with their NetID and password used for student email, students are able to search part-time jobs ranging from babysitting, restaurant, office work, retail and others. When a specific category is displayed, a detailed list of jobs is available for the student to review. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions. **Be sure to stop in at the Part-time Job Fair (for on and off campus jobs), Wednesday, September 7, 10-3 in Valhalla, Cartwright Center.**

It Make\$ Cents!

Upcoming Events

Price is Right-Style Game Night

**Thurs., Sept. 8, 5-7pm
Valhalla, Cartwright**

Come play games, eat delicious food, and learn the basics of managing your personal finances with the It Make\$ Cents! Money Management Team. The game night provides FREE pizza, beverages and knowledge to students in a fun atmosphere with carnival and game show games alike. Great prizes to be won. Everyone is welcome, now it's your change to come on down!

Movie Night at the Stadium

Sat., Sept. 17, 8:30pm

Bring a cozy blanket and a bunch of friends and enjoy a FREE financial movie! Showing "The Big Short".

Money Habitudes with Murray the Money Dog

Tues., Sept. 20, 6pm

The way we view money and spend it has a lot to do with our individual habits and attitudes. Come learn more about our unique Habitudes while spending time with our very own money dog! First 40 students will receive a free deck of the Money Habitudes game cards.

Anytime

One-on-one consultation with IMC! Peer Mentors.

Have financial questions? Need some assistance on finding more ways to save? Want to map out a spending plan? We are here to help!



www.uwlax.edu/it-makes-cents

Remember To Setup Your Refund

All students should set up their refund information in WINGS in case there be an adjustment to their bill or financial aid that exceeds charges. Students should log into WINGS, go to the Finances Section, click on Student Choice, Refund and fill out the required information. Students are encouraged to use direct deposit into their own personal bank account as their method of receiving funds.

Students who receive a refund but have not set up their refund, will have a paper check mailed to their home address, thereby delaying when the funds are available to the student. For continuing students, the refund preference set up with Higher One as well as your One ID card, are no longer in use.

If you determine that you received funds that you do not need, contact the Financial Aid Office about returning those funds to the lender.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE CENTER (SRC)

Where To Start

So you've gotten over your fear or hesitation of applying for scholarships. Now what? We have over 1,000 scholarships in our database but that doesn't mean you will want to apply for every single one. Instead, follow the steps below.

* "Get Scholarcific." Take our scholarship survey and we will help you find scholarships that are very specific for you.

* Start writing your essay (or filming). Get a rough draft printed and have someone else look at it. Fresh eyes always help to catch any errors you might have missed.

* Make an appointment at the Scholarship Resource Center or attend our presentations and/or class hours.

Visit our website, uwlax.edu/scholarships for more information or stop and say hi when you see us on campus!



"Not Just Wingin' It" Blog

Ever wonder what a student learns working in the Financial Aid Office (FAO)? Through their "Not Just Wingin' It" blog, our students give you a glimpse into the lessons they've learned through their own college financial experiences and their work in the FAO and Scholarship Resource Center.

This blog was started by students who wanted to be **Not Just Wingin' It** when it comes to funding their education! From Do's and Don'ts written to their younger self, to summer savings challenges, these students provide excellent financial aid related advice with a fun twist.

"I hope that some of my advice resonates and makes your college experience a little smoother than mine was when I first started out."

See more of what these financial aid bloggers have to share at <https://uwlfinaid.wordpress.com/>