Financial Aid

For those who qualify, federal financial aid programs are available to U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens. To assist students in meeting their educational expenses, the federal government offers grants, low-interest loans and work-study. Financial aid is offered on an annual basis and is disbursed in two equal installments (fall and spring). For example, a \$3,000 Presidential Academic Scholarship recipient would receive \$1,500 per semester in the fall and spring. Students interested in financial aid for summer enrollment should contact Student Financial Services on their campus.

Students who register for a course that is not required in their program of study may experience an adjustment/reduction in financial aid. The university cannot offer financial aid for classes that do not count toward a student's degree requirements; therefore, a student's net tuition expense could be higher.

Undergraduate Financial Aid Programs

Grants, loans and work-study are available to students who qualify based on completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as described in the How to Apply section. Since financial aid offers are not automatically renewable, students must reapply each year. All financial aid offers are determined based on an academic year (fall and spring semesters). Financial aid offers and federal loan programs are disbursed based on this semester system, which typically equates to two disbursements. All annual offers are posted in two equal amounts, or in some cases fewer, based on the student's entrance date.

Graduate Financial Aid Programs

Limited grants, loans and work-study are available to students who qualify based on completion and submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as described in the How to Apply section. Since financial aid offers are not automatically renewable, students must reapply each year. All financial aid offers are determined based on an academic year (fall and spring semesters). Financial aid offers and federal loan programs are disbursed based on a semester system, which typically equates to two disbursements. All annual offers are posted in two equal amounts, or in some cases fewer, based on the student's entrance date.

Per guidance from the U.S. Department of Education "a monetary award or prize provided by or through the school to a student must be treated as estimated financial assistance"; therefore, when accepting a prize, the monetary value will be reported to JWU's Financial Aid Office. This could have a negative impact on the financial aid offer. All questions should be directed to the student's financial planner.

For more information, please contact Student Financial Services on your respective campus.