APPLICATION PROCESS (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

☐ 1. Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at https://fsaid.ed.gov for you and your parent. The FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing financial aid information and electronically signing federal student aid documents. Keep passwords and answers to challenge questions secure.

FSA ID (Student): ____________________________  FSA ID (Parent): ____________________________

☐ 2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at https://fafsa.ed.gov, as early as October 1, to be considered for federal and state aid. UIW School Code: 003578.

☐ 3. Apply for admissions. Find admissions requirements online: https://www.uiw.edu/admissions/index.html

☐ 4. Search and apply for private scholarships. Find scholarship information from your high school, local community, and UIW’s Scholarship Resources webpage: https://www.uiw.edu/finaid/scholarships.html.

AWARD PROCESS (JANUARY – APRIL)

☐ 5. After you are admitted, UIW will mail your financial aid award package which can include scholarships, grants, work-study, and loan options. This will allow you to compare the total costs versus your financial aid.


☐ 7. Turn in any requested documents (e.g., tax returns, transcripts, meningitis record, etc.)

FINAL STEPS (MAY – AUGUST)

☐ 8. After you have registered for courses, review your invoice to determine if your aid has covered 100% of your tuition, fees, room & board (if applicable). If not, consider options such as working part-time, enrolling in a payment plan, borrowing loans, veteran education benefits, military discounts, tuition savings plans, etc.

☐ 9. Submit outside scholarships in person or by mail. Scholarships can be sent to Office of Financial Assistance, 4301 Broadway CPO 308, San Antonio, TX 78209.

☐ 10. If borrowing Federal student loans, complete the required Loan Entrance Counseling and sign your Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN) online at studentloans.gov.

☐ 11. Students interested in working part-time can view job postings for work-study and student employment online via Cardinal Talent at https://jobs.uiw.edu/. Students ineligible for work-study (determined by FAFSA) can be hired by a department through student employment.

STAY CONNECTED

Important reminders and notices will be communicated to you via email or posted as an online resource on our webpage or social media accounts. Be sure to stay connected to keep up with events, upcoming deadlines, scholarship opportunities, loan information, and forms:

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