

### Determining Eligibility

All qualified students are eligible for some type of aid. A qualified student is one who meets all the academic and enrollment criteria. Aid amounts are determined by financial need, enrollment status and availability of aid.

Need-based eligibility is the cost of your education minus your expected family contribution, also known as EFC. Your need-based eligibility is based on your family's financial resources.

To be eligible for aid, you must:

- Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) or [Renewal Application](#).
- You can submit the form online or pick up a paper copy in the Financial Aid Office.
- Be admitted to or enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program at the College.
  - Be making [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) as defined by the College.
- Not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan.

### Eligible Programs of Study

To receive financial aid, you must be admitted to and enrolled in an approved degree or certificate program at Wytheville Community College. Please note that curriculums less than 16 credits in length are not eligible for financial aid.

### Expected Family Contribution

A federally mandated formula calculates the expected family contribution from information on your FAFSA, such as taxed and untaxed income, family size, number of dependents in college, savings and investments. The expected family contribution is always computed from a base-year income. For example, for 2011-2012, the base year is 2010 calendar-year income. If there has been a significant change in your family's income or resources since the base calendar year, you can complete a financial aid appeal for a possible adjustment to your expected family contribution.

### Determining Cost of Education

When computing financial aid eligibility, the first figure used in the equation is the cost of education. The Financial Aid Office determines the estimated amount it will cost you to attend the College for a standard academic year. You should determine your own approximate cost of education based on your program of study.

The cost of education consists of 'direct' and 'indirect' expenses. Direct educational expenses are tuition, fees, books and supplies. Indirect educational expenses are projected living expenses (including transportation) and child care.

Tuition and fees are based upon the factors below.

- Domicile (in-state or out-of-state)
- Enrollment period (academic year or semester)
  - Enrollment level (full-time, part-time)

### Enrollment Status

WCC calculates financial aid eligibility based on the number of credits in which you enroll. Calculations are based on the following guidelines:

<b>Full-time</b>	<b>3/4 Time</b>	<b>1/2 Time</b>	<b>Less than 1/2 Time</b>
12 or more credit hours	9-11 credit hours	6-8 credit hours	1-5 credit hours