



## Financial Aid FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

### *What is the best time to apply for aid?*

To be considered for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) *as early as possible after October 1<sup>st</sup>*. You do not have to be an applicant for admission to complete the FAFSA; however, you must be accepted to Wentworth in order to receive notification of your actual financial aid award.

Wentworth's priority filing date for first year students entering in the fall semester is **February 15, 2020**. Because financial aid is awarded on a first come, first-serve basis, we urge you to file your forms as early as possible. There are several federal and institutional funds that are depleted rather quickly and filing early is the only way to ensure that you don't miss a funding opportunity.

### *What application is required for me to file for financial assistance?*

**FAFSA:** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is online at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

#### **Other Forms:**

**Federal Tax Returns:** You are strongly encouraged to use the FAFSA IRS data retrieval process, a faster way to provide tax information through the FAFSA. Please refer to [wit.edu/ssc](https://wit.edu/ssc) for more information and directions.

**Non-Tax Filer Form:** If you are selected for verification and you did not file a federal tax return, you may be required to complete a non-tax filer form.

**Please DO NOT send these forms unless they are requested.**

### *What types of aid are available?*

**Grants or Scholarships:** Sources of grants or scholarships are federal, state, and/or institutional. These funds are credited directly to tuition, and do not have to be repaid.

**Loans:** Sources of loans are federal, state, or private. Loan funds must be repaid. Some loans have a grace period that allows the student to begin repayment after they have graduated. There are also some loans that are available to parents.

**Work-Study:** Work-Study is a federal program that is provided to those students who meet eligibility guidelines established by the Financial Aid Office. Students awarded work-study can obtain a job on campus and receive a biweekly paycheck for those hours worked. Most students work between 6-12 hours per week.

### *Does Wentworth offer scholarships based on merit?*

All accepted students are automatically considered for a merit award scholarship based on the competitiveness of their application for admission. Please see our website at [wit.edu/apply](https://wit.edu/apply) for

more information about Wentworth scholarships, as well as the admissions process, or contact the Admissions Office at 800-556-0610 or 617-989-4000 or Financial Aid in the Student Service Center at 617-989-4020.

### ***Are there other sources of aid?***

Wentworth encourages all students to explore scholarship opportunities. We suggest that you check with the following sources of outside scholarship information: your guidance office, your local library, the Higher Education Information Center (located in The Boston Public Library Copley Square) and the Internet. For helpful information about various financial aid topics visit our FATV videos at: **wit.financialaidtv.com**. A great place to find external scholarships is: **wit.scholarshipuniverse.com**.

Please note: You will need your WIT email address and password to access this site.

### ***Who should I contact if I have questions on the financial aid process?***

Wentworth is committed to serving students and their families on a personal level. Each student is assigned a financial aid counselor who will guide them through the process of applying for financial aid, discuss alternative financing options, and demonstrate how to meet the expected bill each semester. Our counselors may be reached in the Student Service Center at 800-222-9368 or via e-mail at [ssc@wit.edu](mailto:ssc@wit.edu).

### ***When is my tuition due?***

Tuition for the fall semester is due, in full, August 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be billed for the spring semester in November, which is due early December.

### ***Does Wentworth offer a payment plan?***

Yes. At Wentworth we understand that it can be difficult to cover your total bill all at once. With this in mind, Wentworth offers a payment plan, which allows you to pay your bill in equal monthly installments. Questions on the payment plans should be directed to the Student Service Center at 800-222-9368.

### ***Who should I contact if I need additional help?***

We understand that applying for financial aid can be confusing. If you need assistance in completing forms or answering questions, do not hesitate to call the Student Service Center at 800-222-9368. We are committed to helping students and their families as they move through the financial aid process.

### ***Who should I contact if I'm a veteran and qualify for VA education benefits?***

Please contact the Student Service Center at (617) 989-4020 or [ssc@wit.edu](mailto:ssc@wit.edu). You may also contact the Registrar's Office by email at [registrar@wit.edu](mailto:registrar@wit.edu).

**Contact the Financial Aid Office: 800-222-9368 – [ssc@wit.edu](mailto:ssc@wit.edu) - [wit.edu/ssc](http://wit.edu/ssc)**