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• Student Financial Aid

Northwest Florida State College's mission is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. No one should hesitate to apply for admission because of financial need. The College offers a variety of financial assistance for students. The chart within this section gives a brief description of programs available for students and the Financial Aid Office has handouts available that offer more detail on the three basic types of financial aid: Grants (Scholarships), Loans and Work Programs. These handouts, along with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are available either by mail, at the guidance office of any Okaloosa or Walton county high school, or at any of the College locations throughout the two-county area. Detailed information is also available on the College's website.

• Purpose of the Financial Aid Program

The purpose of financial aid is to make up the difference between what you can afford to pay and the actual cost of your education. This difference is the student's financial need. The amount of financial assistance a student receives is generally determined by the results of the application process and the availability of funds from federal, state, institutional and private sources. The final decision as to the types and amounts of aid received rests with the Financial Aid Office, in accordance with federal, state, and institutional guidelines.

Financial assistance administered by Northwest Florida State College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, marital status or handicap. Specific non-discriminatory criteria and academic standing may be required for particular assistance or scholarships.

• College Costs

Northwest Florida State College's fees are designed to make college

affordable for most students. Other in-direct education costs may include room and board, personal expenses, medical insurance, transportation and supplies. Dependent students usually have parental support, reducing in-direct education costs. Students should refer to the college schedule of classes each term for special fees associated with courses.

• Steps in Applying for Financial Aid

Entering students seeking financial assistance should contact the Student Financial Aid Office that is located in the Student Services Center on the Niceville campus. The following procedures need to be followed when applying for financial aid at NWFSC:

1. Complete the NWF State College Application for Admission and return it to the Office of Enrollment Services.
2. Request appropriate supporting documents for admission (i.e. high school transcript, GED, college transcripts) as specified by the Enrollment Services personnel. If you attended any other postsecondary institutions, notify the Financial Aid Office. The College will request award information from the USDOE, and this must be received by the College before your eligibility for aid can be determined.
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) packet. Packets are available in area high schools, or at any NWFSC location, via the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
4. After mailing the FAFSA or submitting it via the Internet, the student will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in approximately two to four weeks. The SAR must be reviewed by the student for accuracy.
5. Additional information/forms may be requested by the Financial Aid Office (i.e. Income Tax forms, NWF State College Application for Financial Aid) if the student is selected for a process called Verification.

6. If a student's financial aid file has been considered to be "complete", then an award letter will be mailed to the student by the College's Financial Aid Office. Awards listed on a student's award letter are tentative and are not final. Awards can be either adjusted or cancelled at any time due to enrollment, academic standing or availability of funds.

Students needing assistance in completing application forms should contact the Financial Aid Office. Students have a right to understand how their financial aid award is determined. The Financial Aid Office is always willing to discuss financial aid decisions with students to promote a better understanding of financial aid opportunities.

• Deadlines for Applying for Financial Aid

Applications for federal financial aid should be made well in advance of registration by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The PRIORITY CONSIDERATION DEADLINES for applying for federal financial aid at Northwest Florida State College for the 2008-2009 year for each term are:

Fall Term	May 15, 2008
Spring Term	October 1, 2008
Summer Term	February 1, 2009

STUDENTS NOT MEETING THE PRIORITY DEADLINE MAY STILL QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL AID BUT MAY EXPERIENCE LENGTHY DELAYS IN RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID.

The absolute deadline for determining enrollment status (i.e. part-time, three-quarter time, or full-time) is the last day to register for Session 1 courses during each term. (These dates are listed in the Schedule of Classes each term and the calendar section of this catalog.)

All FAFSA applications for the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) dated May 15, 2008 or earlier will be given first priority in determining FSAG eligibility. All FAFSA applications for the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) and the Federal Supplemental

• **Deadlines for Applying for Financial Aid (continued)**

Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) dated May 15, 2008 or earlier will be given first priority in determining FWS and FSEOG eligibility.

• **Enrollment Status**

The amount of federal financial aid a student is eligible to receive is dependent on the student's enrollment status each term based on the following table. Credits are computed using all of the vocational, college prep and college credits in which the student is enrolled.

Full-Time Enrollment

12 or more credit hours

Three-Quarter Time Enrollment

9-11 credit hours

Half-Time Enrollment

6-8 credit hours

Less Than Half-Time Enrollment

1-5 credit hours

A student's enrollment status (full-time, half-time, etc.) will be based on the number of credit hours the student is enrolled for at the END OF THE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD EACH TERM. If not enrolled full-time or for the appropriate number of credit hours at that time, a student's award will be reduced, according to the enrollment status. Awards will not be increased if students add courses after the end of the Schedule Adjustment Period. A student must begin attendance in all of his or her courses to retain an enrollment status and award amounts based on this enrollment status. A student is considered to have begun attendance if he or she attends at least one class for each course included in the enrollment status, or for Distance Learning courses, attends the course orientation, submits course assignments to the instructor, or initiates contact with the instructor concerning course requirements. Failure to begin attendance in any course will result in a lower enrollment status and an award reduction. For initial award letters sent after the Schedule Adjustment Period, the enrollment status will be determined by the number of credit hours in which a student was enrolled on the date a student's eligibility is verified.

NOTE: The end of the Schedule Adjustment Period is considered to be the last day to register for Session 1 courses during each term (Fall, Spring and Summer), as listed in the College Catalog. These dates are firm.

For other types of aid (state, private, etc.), the enrollment status and award amounts each term will be determined according to the requirements of each fund. For all types of aid, the enrollment status for block time, condensed or off-term classes will be determined by the Director of Financial Aid in consultation with the Senior Vice President and the Associate Dean of Student Services/Registrar.

• **Student Eligibility**

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

For a student to be eligible for federal financial aid at Northwest Florida State College:

- A student must be a regular student, accepted for enrollment in an approved PROGRAM OF STUDY, have a high school diploma or the recognized equivalent, or for certain certificate and Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) programs, have passing scores on an approved ability-to-benefit (ATB test), and
- A student must be a U.S. CITIZEN, or an eligible non-citizen, and
- A student must NOT OWE A REFUND or REPAYMENT on a federal grant at any institution, and
- A student must NOT BE IN DEFAULT on a federally-funded or insured student loan, and
- A student must maintain satisfactory academic progress standards. Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress includes the following three standards:

1. Grade Point Average

A student must meet the following grade point average on all college credits and vocational credits attempted, which includes credits attempted at NWF State College and all transfer credits.

<u>Credit Hours Attempted</u>	<u>Grade Point Average</u>
0-11.99	N/A
12-24.99	1.50
25 & Over	2.00

Students are given a grace period until 12 credits are attempted. Once the student attempts 12 or more credits, the required GPA will apply for all college credits and vocational credits attempted. Grades used in GPA calculation: A, B, C, D, F, WF. Grades not used in GPA calculation: AW, I, IP, IW, N, P, S, U, V, W, WN, X, XC.

Repeating Courses - Only credit from the last attempt of a course will be used in the calculation of a student's GPA.

2. Successful Completion Rate

A student must meet the following successful completion rate on all college credits and vocational credits attempted, which includes credits attempted at NWF State College and all transfer credits.

<u>Credit Hours Attempted</u>	<u>Successful Completion Rate</u>
0-11.99	N/A
12-24.99	50%
25 & Over	67%

Students are given a grace period until 12 credits are attempted. Once the student attempts 12 or more credits, the required completion rate will apply for all college credits and vocational credits attempted.

Successful grades: A, B, C, D, P, S
 Unsuccessful grades: AW, F, FN, I, IP, IW, NG, U, V, W, WF, WN, X, XC.

Repeating Courses - Only the grade from the last attempt of a course will be used to determine if a student successfully completed a course. All previous attempts are considered unsuccessful grades.

3. Maximum Time Frame: 150% Rule

Northwest Florida State College is required to establish a maximum time frame in which students are reasonably expected to complete their educational objectives. Students can't attempt more than 150% of the total credit hours required for completion of their degree or certificate program. For example, a student working toward an A.A. degree needs 60 college credit hours to graduate. Once that student completes 90 college credit hours he/she is no longer eligible for financial aid (60 hours x 150% = 90 hours). Students enrolled in a one-year certificate program CANNOT ATTEMPT more than 150% of the total number of college credits and/or vocational credits required for their certificate. Transfer credits WILL be included in the maximum number of credits allowed.

Grades used to calculate the maximum time frame (150% Rule): A, AW, B, C, D, F, FN, I, IP, IW, NG, P, S, U, V, W, WF, WN, X, XC.

Repeating Courses - All attempts are used to calculate the maximum time frame.

Ability-To-Benefit (ATB) Test

A student without a high school diploma or the equivalent enrolled in certain certificate or ATD programs can still qualify for federal aid by passing a USDOE approved ability-to-benefit test. The College administers

• Student Eligibility (continued)

approved ATB tests. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

STATE OF FLORIDA PROGRAMS

For a student to be eligible for State of Florida financial aid (i.e. FSAG, FSAG-CE) at the College -

- A student must have demonstrated a FINANCIAL NEED (Complete the FAFSA application), and
- A student must have met the ADVERTISED DEADLINE, and
- A student must have been a RESIDENT OF FLORIDA for one year or be classified as a Florida resident by Enrollment Services, and
- A student must be degree-seeking (enrolled in an AA, AS, AAS, BS, BAS, or VC program), and
- A student must have a 2.0 or higher GRADE POINT AVERAGE on all previous college work, and
- A student must have earned credit hours equivalent to his/her enrollment status during each term of the prior academic year in which state aid was received, (12 credit hours or 360 vocational hours for each term of full-time enrollment, 9 credit hours or 270 vocational hours for each term of three-quarter-time enrollment and 6 credit hours or 180 vocational hours for each term of half-time enrollment), and
- A student enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours or 360 vocational hours) is eligible for a full-time FSAG or FSAG-CE award. A student enrolled part-time (6 to 11 credit hours per term or 180 to 330 vocational hours) is eligible for a part-time FSAG or FSAG-CE award. Part-time awards will be prorated according to enrollment status. FSAG and FSAG-CE awards will be offered until the limited funds are exhausted.

NOTE: An applicant who believes State of Florida financial aid has been wrongly denied has a right to appeal. The applicant may appeal to the Financial Aid Office if he/she believes an error has been made in determining eligibility.

• Additional Information and Requirements

Financial Aid Suspension

Students who do not meet eligibility standards shall be suspended from federal financial aid until they have

regained eligibility in accordance with the Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress. (See FEDERAL PROGRAMS eligibility criteria listed under Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress on previous page in this section for more information.)

Notification

The Financial Aid Office will send a letter to all current financial aid recipients who are to be suspended. This letter goes to students not meeting standards of satisfactory progress or academic good standing. Suspended students will not receive financial aid for the following term even if already enrolled. The notice will be addressed to the student's most current local address on file with the Office of Enrollment Services. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO KEEP THE COLLEGE INFORMED OF A CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS AT ALL TIMES. The student is responsible for the cost of enrollment during suspension from financial aid. Financial aid will not be available.

Reinstatement and Appeals Process

A student who loses eligibility has an opportunity to appeal through an appeal process. The appeal must be submitted to the Director of Financial Aid IN WRITING by the student. (Special appeals forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, at any campus or center, or on the College's website at www.nwfstatecollege.edu.) The appellant is required to provide documentation as necessary for determination of financial aid eligibility and shall fulfill reasonable requests with reference to submitting the appeal before the published deadlines and the submission of supporting documents. ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED OR THE APPEAL FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The Financial Aid Director will determine if mitigating circumstances justify a student's academic record. Mitigating circumstances are defined as:

1. Death of a close relative affecting the student's academic performance.
2. Illness of the student or close family member having direct effect upon the student's academic record.
3. Special circumstances of a substantial nature or of a unique kind as determined by the committee.

After reviewing the written appeal and all documentation, the student will be notified of the decision in writing. A

student will not be awarded financial aid or have suspended financial aid reinstated unless a mitigating circumstance exists and the appeal request is approved. If mitigating circumstances are found to exist, the student may be restored to satisfactory academic standing for one term, after which the general standards will apply.

Incomplete & Audit Grades

A grade of "I" or "X" or "XC" will not affect a student's grade point average in determining financial aid eligibility. The "I" grade will revert to an "F" grade if not removed by the last class day in the next 16-week term. Such a grade may contribute to suspension of financial aid eligibility. A grade of "I" or "X" or "XC" will affect a student's progression within a time frame towards adequate completion of all college coursework and the maximum time frame in which the student must complete his or her educational objective in determining financial aid eligibility.

Repeated Courses

A student may use financial aid to repeat a course in which an "AW", "D", "IW", "F", "NG", "U", "W", "WF", "WN", "X", or "XC" has been earned. A student may not repeat a course for credit in which a grade of "C" or better was earned (unless permission of the Senior Vice President is obtained). The student may improve a grade in a course and the repeat credit(s) will be included in the total number of credits when determining enrollment status.

College Preparatory Courses

Northwest Florida State College approves college preparatory courses for the use of financial aid and includes college preparatory courses where necessary when determining a student's enrollment status. Admission placement testing requirements will determine if college preparatory courses are needed in a student's degree program. Financial aid will pay for no more than 30 credit hours of college preparatory coursework.

Program Objective Enrollment Compliance (POEC)

Federal Financial Aid (Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Supplemental Grants, VA, etc.) will only cover courses that are part of the student's declared program.

Courses that are not part of the student's declared program are not covered, and a student's eligibility will be adjusted to reflect only those courses that are within the program of study (i.e. full-time status vs. part-time status).

• **Additional Information and Requirements (continued)**

Verification

The U. S. Department of Education randomly flags a student's Student Aid Report (SAR) for verification. Students selected must provide all the necessary documents needed for this process (i.e. income tax forms, W-2 forms). Northwest Florida State College's Financial Aid Office retains the right to request supporting documents it deems necessary from any student to determine financial aid eligibility. For this reason, the College suggests that students do not file financial aid applications until the tax forms for the family are complete and correct. Inaccurate estimates of income and taxes paid may require extensive processing delays and verification of corrected data. All financial information reported **MUST BE CORRECT**. Penalties or delays may occur if the data is incorrect or incomplete.

• **Return of Title IV Financial Aid Funds**

When a student awarded federal Title IV aid withdraws from or ceases attendance in **ALL COURSES** prior to completing more than 60% of a term, a portion of the student's Title IV aid must be returned to the federal programs. Title IV aid includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal ACG, Federal SEOG, Federal Stafford Loans, and other grant assistance authorized by Title IV. Federal Work study aid and FSAG aid are not included. The College must determine the percentage of Title IV aid earned by the student. Up to the 60% point of the term, the percentage of earned aid is equal to the percentage of the term completed based on the day the student withdraws from or ceases attendance in **ALL COURSES**. After the 60% point of the term, the percentage of aid earned is 100%. If the student received more Title IV aid than the amount earned, the unearned amount is considered an overpayment and must be returned to the Title IV programs. Northwest Florida State College will be responsible for returning to the Title IV programs the lesser of the unearned amount of Title IV aid or the institutional charges (tuition & fees) incurred for the term, multiplied by the percentage of unearned aid. The student will be responsible for returning to the Title IV programs the unearned amount of aid (overpayment) minus the amount the College returns, and the amount

of any unpaid institutional charges to Northwest Florida State College. **In most cases, when a student receives federal Title IV aid greater than the amount of institutional charges (tuition & fees), he or she will have to return a portion of the federal funds. A student will lose Title IV eligibility unless he or she returns the amount of unearned aid (overpayment) in full to the College within 45 days from the date the College notifies him/her of the overpayment, or signs a repayment agreement with the U.S. Department of Education after the 45-day period.**

Note: This policy is derived from provisions of federal law. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office regarding detailed information on this policy. Students receiving Title IV aid should consult with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from any or all classes.

• **Veterans' Educational Benefits**

Northwest Florida State College is certified for training by the State Approving Agency under the various veterans' training laws. Veterans planning to enroll should consult with the Veterans Affairs Office well in advance of registering. All new veteran students should apply for their benefits on line at **www.gibill.va.gov**. The veteran must provide written certification of courses at the beginning of each semester of enrollment to be paid for that time frame. (The College Veteran's Handbook can be downloaded from our website www.nwfstatecollege.edu/financialaid/vets.) The veteran (student) assumes responsibility for all fees from his/her own resources or out of monies paid to the individual by the Veterans Administration.

Veterans are normally expected to pay all fees at registration. Even if "advanced payment" is requested, the first check is sometimes delayed. The veteran should be prepared to meet all expenses until that check is received. Veterans attending the college under Public Law 894 (disabled veterans) who have approval from the Veterans Administration will have registration fees paid directly to the college by the federal government.

For VA purposes, training time is usually computed as follows:

Full-Time Enrollment

12 or more credit hours

Three-Quarter Time Enrollment

9-11 credit hours

Half-Time Enrollment

6-8 credit hours

For the summer term and any accelerated session of any term, training time is computed differently. Veterans are advised to contact the Veterans Affairs Office before registering for summer term and accelerated term classes to determine training status. Any student veteran enrolled in a Non-College Degree Program (NCD) who is absent three consecutive class sessions or school days without pre-notifying the Veterans Affairs Office (and confirming that notice in writing) will be interrupted from training for pay purposes, and the Veterans Administration will be notified. The veteran who has been interrupted from training for pay purposes will have to request enrollment recertification through the Veterans Affairs Office to request the VA payments be resumed.

All veterans who wish to receive VA benefits must provide a signed certification request for each semester. To expedite the request for subsistence allowance, this must be done immediately upon registration. Veterans, widows of veterans, and war orphans desiring information about benefits, requirements, and registration procedures should contact the College's Veterans Affairs Office at 729-5375 or the VA Regional Office at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GIBILL1).

• **Veterans' Fee Deferment Policy**

Any eligible veteran or other person who wishes to pursue an approved program of education or training at Northwest Florida State College (within the meaning of Chapter 30, 32, 34, or 35, Title 38, United States Code, or Chapter 1606, 10 United States Code) and who meets the conditions stated in 240.345(2)(b)1 shall, in the first term of enrollment in any fiscal year, be granted upon request a sixty (60) day deferment for full payment of fees from the last date to pay fees, provided the period of deferment shall not extend beyond 10 days before the end of the term.

Deferment of fee payment for eligible persons after the first enrollment period in any fiscal year is not authorized. Under no circumstances shall any person be allowed to enroll or re-enroll at NWF State College who has unpaid fee deferment. A student who does not comply with the terms of the deferment policy will lose the right to receive future-deferments. VA deferments are available on a limited basis for half-term courses offered during the fall, spring and summer terms.

Visit www.nwfstatecollege.edu/financialaid/Veterans.cfm for more information.

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GRANTS

Federal Pell Grant	Federal	Available to students in a program of study who are citizens or eligible non-citizens; must not have a baccalaureate degree; must meet Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress.	\$260 - \$4,731	2008-2009 FAFSA	Fall - 5/15/08 Spring - 10/1/08 Summer - 2/1/09	Need-based Financial Aid Program.
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	Federal	Applicant must have a high need.	\$100 - \$500 Annual Awards	2008-2009 FAFSA	5/15/08	Very limited; generally goes to those applicants with a very high need.
Academic Competitiveness Grant Program	Federal	Available to first & second year students in a program of study who are citizens, enrolled full-time, Pell Grant recipients, completed a rigorous secondary school program of study, for 2nd year students must have at least a 3.0 GPA.	\$750 First Year Student \$1,300 Second Year Student	2008-2009 FAFSA	Fall - 5/15/08 Spring - 10/1/08 Summer - 2/1/09	Need based financial aid; student must be a Pell Grant recipient.
Florida Student Assistant Grant (FSAG, FSAG-CE)	State	Applicant must be a degree-seeking student (AA, AS, AAS, BAS, BS or VC), half-time student who is a resident of Florida for at least one year, and demonstrates a need.	\$200 - \$1,800 Annual Awards	2008-2009 FAFSA	5/15/08	Early application recommended since state funding may be limited.

LOANS

Federal Stafford Loan	Federal	Available to students in a program of study. Must be enrolled at least half-time.	\$3,500 First Year Student \$4,500 Second Year Student \$5,500 Third & Fourth Year Student	2008-2009 FAFSA and Loan Application	At least 12 weeks before the end of the term the student plans to attend.	Repayment starts six months after student stops attending school or drops below half-time.
Federal Plus Loan	Federal	Parent, borrowing must pass a credit check.	Student's cost of attendance minus other aid	2008-2009 FAFSA and Credit Application	At least 12 weeks before the end of the term the student plans to attend.	Repayment starts 60 days after loan is fully disbursed.
Sallie Mae Installment Loan Program	Sallie Mae	Available to students with no financial holds or unpaid balances, and with a need and an ability to repay the agreement.	Partial tuition	Sallie Mae	Normally completed during registration; closes the first day of classes each semester.	A non-refundable processing fee is assessed. Repayment of balance is required as prescribed in the promissory note. All applicants must register via the NWFSC RaiderNet portion of the college website.

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WORK

Federal Work Study (FWS)	Federal	Applicant must be an enrolled NWF State College student with a financial need.	\$500 - \$3,000 Per Year	2008-2009 FAFSA and NWFSC Student Employ. Contract		Jobs are on and off campus. Most positions are either 10, 15 or 20 hours per week.
Student Assistants	NWFSC	Student employment category available to students who have maintained a minimum 2.0 GPA.	\$100 - \$3,000 Per Year	2008-2009 FAFSA and NWFSC Student Contract	Normally completed just prior to the start of each item	Positions are usually 10 hours per week on campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Presidential Honors Scholarship	NWFSC	Applicant must be a top-ranked student from one of the district public high schools.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 60 Credit Hours	NWF State College Scholarship App.	April 2	High School Principal's and Senior Counselor's recommendations. Two scholarships per district high school.
Presidential Career Scholarship	NWFSC	Applicant must be a top-ranked student from one of the district vocational high schools.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 60 credit hours.	NWF State College Scholarship App.	April 2	High School Principal's and Senior Counselor's recommendations. One scholarship per vocational high school.
Presidential Minority Honors Scholarship	NWFSC	Applicant must be a top-ranked minority student from one of the district public high schools.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 60 credit hours.	NWF State College Scholarship App.	April 2	High School Principal's and Senior Counselor's recommendations. One scholarship per district high school.
Fine and Performing Arts Scholarship	NWFSC	Auditions held each Spring by Fine and Performing Arts Division Director. Scholarships awarded in Show Choir, Orchestra, Theatre, Jazz Band, Visual Arts and Madrigals.	Varies	NWF State College Scholarship App.	Open	High School Choir and/or Band Director's recommendations. This scholarship can be renewed.
Athletic Scholarship	NWFSC	Qualified applicants are recommended to contact the Athletic Director for more information.	Full Tuition and Fees (may include room and board)	NJCAA Form and Letter of Intent	Deadline Varies	Athletic Scholarships include basketball, softball, and baseball.
Forensics Team and Brain Bowl Team Scholarships	NWFSC	Recipients are selected by the Coordinator of Student Activities.	Varies	NWF State College Scholarship App.	Open	Recipients participate on the College Forensics Team and Brain Bowl Team.
Leadership Award	NWFSC	Each area high school receives a minimum of three and a maximum of eight per school depending on senior class size. 48 awarded.	\$500 Tuition Award	NWF State College Scholarship App.		High School Principal's and Senior Counselor's recommendations.

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Directed Work Study Scholarship	NWFSC	Recommendation of Dept. Chair/Division Director and approval of Senior Vice President.	No Financial Course Award. Fees Paid by Scholarship	Directed Works Study App.	NLT Last Day of Term Registration	One credit hour per term can be earned.
Student Government Association (SGA) Scholarship	NWFSC	Student elected to the office of President of Student Government Association.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 30 Credit Hours	NWF State College Scholarship App.	When Elected to Office	Contact Student Services for more information.
Regional Science and Engineering Fair/NWFSC Scholarship	NWFSC	Awarded to thirteen Senior Grand Award winners and Senior Alternate selected yearly at area science fair.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 60 Credit Hours	NWF State College Scholarship App.	Annual Science Fair	Must attend the College immediately upon high school graduation.
ACT-SO Scholarship	NWFSC	Awarded to gold medal winners in the Okaloosa County ACT-SO Competition.	In-state Tuition and Fees for 60 Credit Hours	NWF State College Scholarship App.	Annual ACT-SO Competition	Must attend the College immediately upon high school graduation.
Designated and Undesignated Donor Scholarship	Local Community Org. and NWFSC Foundation	Various selection criteria established by donors.	Varies	App. Provided by Donors and NWFSC Foundation	Dated Set by Donors and NWFSC Foundation	A large number of scholarships are available. Best source of apps. is the College's Financial Aid Office, High School Guidance Office and local organizations.
Pacesetters Scholarship	NWFSC	Awarded to outstanding African-American males graduating from Okaloosa-Walton County schools.	\$1,000 Per Year	NWF State College Scholarship App.	April 2	Five awards will be given to students selected for this program. Recipients must attend full-time.
AmeriCorps Education Award	Federal	Complete the AmeriCorps Program.	\$4,725 Full-Time \$2,362 Half-Time App. \$1,000 For Students Who Serve 300 Hours	AmeriCorps App. Provided By NWF State College		Students receive an educational award in exchange for one year of service as an AmeriCorps member.

The Office of Financial Assistance Ombudsman is available to assist you in the event you are dissatisfied with the servicing of your federal student loan. Call toll free at 877-557-2575 or visit Ombudsman on line at www.ombudsman.ed.gov.