

EXPECT MORE

Your child is not a number at West Liberty. We boast an average class size of 25 and a student to faculty ratio of 18 to 1. Student-faculty relationships are personal and close, permitting extensive interaction and individual instruction. We offer a personalized education through a team of extremely high caliber faculty and staff who keeps their doors open for their students. In addition we have put in place the following to help our new students make the transition and to be a success:

- First-Year Experience Course
- Free Tutoring
- Summer Orientation and Scheduling
- Faculty Advisors
- Parent Power
- Topper Fest

YOUR INVESTMENT

Let's face it, college is a big investment and the question is—"can I afford this?" I ask you, can you afford not too? Here at West Liberty we take a no-nonsense approach. Compare our bottom-line to other institutions and you will see the difference.

- 85% of our students receive some type of financial aid
- Financial aid assistance
- Work-study opportunities
- Need-based Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships: Academic, Athletic, and Performance

MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

While we emphasize academic excellence, we also offer numerous extra-curricular activities including NCAA Division II athletics, fraternities and sororities, performance groups and a wide variety of social activities. All designed for our students to get the total college experience.

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PARENTS GUIDE

The Journey Begins Here

SOME COLLEGES RECRUIT STUDENTS...
WE RECRUIT FAMILIES...

THE JOURNEY

Sending a son or daughter off to college can be unnerving. Where did the time go? Ready or not, it is now time to do what you do best...prepare them for their next journey. There are so many questions that need to be answered. Where will they live? What will they major in? What can I do to help my child make the right decision? How much is this going to cost?

West Liberty takes your questions seriously and we would like to help you make an informed decision. The following are some important factors to consider as you search for the "right" college or university.

LOOK FOR QUALITY

As you and your child begin a college search, the quality of the education received is extremely important. But how do you determine quality? Look to the faculty, retention and graduation rates and the accreditations they hold.

West Liberty University is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College and Schools, holds 22 national program accreditations and is proud that our biology program is recognized as a program of excellence by the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). West Liberty is growing and developing leaders one student at a time through our five colleges: the College of Arts and Communication, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Science. As a result of the quality education received at WLU, we consistently rank high in retention and graduation rates. Our alumni boast renowned surgeons, accomplished artists, and award-winning entrepreneurs and that speaks volumes to the quality of education they received at West Liberty.

LIVING AND LEARNING ON CAMPUS

On Campus Residential Students Have:

- Higher retention rates
- Greater satisfaction with overall university experience
- Increased level of informal interaction with faculty and staff
- More involvement with campus life and activities
- More extensive personal development opportunities
- Convenience of close proximity to all campus facilities
- Additional safety and security measures

SAFETY FIRST

- 24 hour Campus Police Department
- Secure residence hall access using a card swipe system
- Security cameras and alarms in residence halls
- Emergency call boxes strategically placed around campus
- Escort service as needed for students who work late and need a ride from parking lots
- Enhanced lighting throughout campus

**THE JOURNEY BEGINS
WITH THE FIRST VISIT...**

The best way to find out what a college or university is truly like is by visiting the campus. We invite you to schedule your visit now whether you wish to attend one of our Visitation days or schedule an individual appointment it is important to see the campus first-hand. Once you are here, you will see that WLU offers an exceptional education with broad academic offerings at a price you can afford. Go to westliberty.edu/visit to schedule your visit.

WLU

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SENIOR YEAR PLANNING CHECKLIST

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- Take ACT or SAT
- Visit West Liberty University
- Attend College Fairs/Open Houses
- Begin scholarship search
- Begin preparing admission application

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- Begin attending Financial Aid Workshops
- Apply to West Liberty University
- Begin gathering financial aid information from Guidance Office or Financial Aid Office
- Obtain FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov on the Web Worksheet
- Continue looking for scholarships, www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, local agencies, parents' employers, Guidance Office, clubs, etc.
- Check out Accepted to WLU-What's Next to get the most updated information at: westliberty.edu/admissions/accepted-to-wl-whats-next

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Priority deadline for West Liberty scholarships is January 15
- Priority deadline for West Liberty financial aid is March 1
- Gather tax returns and financial statements to complete FAFSA
- Submit FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete WV Application for State Aid, if resident, for PROMISE Scholarship and Higher Education Grant at www.wvapply.org
- Contact Financial Aid office to verify all information has been received
- Confirm with Admissions Office to verify all materials have been received
- Submit housing application and deposit

MARCH/APRIL

- Review Student Aid Report (processed FAFSA report) and check for errors
- Follow-up with Housing Office about meal plans and room assignments
- Start reviewing financial aid offers (estimate letters) and make sure you sign and return all required letters/forms.

MAY

- Make plans to attend summer orientation programs
- Return Early Registration Form so your schedule may be prepared
- Contact Guidance Office to confirm the mailing of final transcripts
- Contact other institutions to have college transcripts sent if you have completed any college course work during high school.
- Have any Advanced Placement (AP) scores sent to Admissions Office
- Contact Financial Aid office and inform them of any outside, private scholarships you may be receiving

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- Confirm charges and when payments are due
- Attend orientation session(s)
- Confirm all payment arrangements have been made
- Prepare budget for the school year
- Confirm housing assignment
- Complete registration of classes
- Confirm move in date and start date for classes
- Follow-up with Financial Aid Office regarding work-study jobs, financial aid refunds, etc.
- Return all necessary forms before start of classes, i.e. billing statement
- Pack and get ready to move in!
- Participate in "Topper Fest" the new student orientation program

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