



FINANCIAL AID....

On behalf of the Financial Aid Office, we would like to welcome you to Northwestern Oklahoma State University. We are excited that you have made the decision to be a part of our Ranger family. Ride Rangers Ride!!

Applying for financial aid at NWOSU begins with the completion of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and NWOSU's General Scholarship Application. The FAFSA application is used to apply for nearly all types of financial assistance including federal, state and institutional aid. The results of the application assist the financial aid office in determining how much and what type of aid may be awarded. The General Scholarship Application <https://www.nwosu.edu/forms/online-scholarship-application-for-freshmen-and-transfers> is utilized to award institutional scholarships that are offered through the university. All scholarship applications are due by March 15 for the upcoming school year.

The process:

- Get a Federal Student Aid (FSA) User ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/account-info>
- or www.studentaid.gov. The student and at least one parent of a dependent undergraduate student will need an FSA ID in order to sign and submit the FAFSA online. Do not share your information with anyone.
- Complete the FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov. Remember that filing is **free**! Information and complete instructions are provided to guide you through the process. Be sure to designate Northwestern Oklahoma State University as your university of choice by entering our school code, 003163. Don't forget to sign the application!
 - To simplify the filing process, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) provided through the FAFSA to link your tax information to your FAFSA.
 - **Utilize 2021 tax information**
- Any student who completes a FAFSA may be chosen for verification by the Department of Education. To avoid a delay in the processing of your aid, verification must be completed by July 31, 2023 for the Fall 2023 term and December 1, 2023 for the Spring 2024 term to allow processing time for your financial aid. If verification is submitted past the above dates, aid may disburse, however, it may be on a delayed schedule. The absolute cutoff for verification to be completed for the 2023-2024 academic year is April 20, 2024.
- Once your financial aid package is complete, an offer letter will be sent to you and/or available online through self-service. Your award letter details the financial aid package being offered to you for the 2023-2024 academic year. Your financial aid package is based on your **Student Aid Index (SAI)**, financial need, availability of funds and full time enrollment status. You may be eligible for one type of aid or a combination of grants, loans, and work-study and scholarship assistance. Revisions to this offer can occur during the award year if there are regulatory changes to federal and state aid programs, changes in your enrollment status, if you receive additional educational funding or do not maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

Please review this document carefully and keep it for future reference. For questions regarding your financial aid, contact our office at (580)327-8542.

- Your awards will not be applied to your account until you are **fully admitted** and **enrolled** at Northwestern. Full admittance to Northwestern is determined in the Registrar's Office. The following documents are needed to gain full admittance: · Application for admission · Official Transcripts from any and all prior colleges/universities that you have attended · An 8 semester high school transcript and/or ACT/SAT scores

Your financial aid will not be processed until you have completed the necessary steps listed above including but not limited to:

- a. Complete FAFSA
- b. Complete Verification Process (if applicable)
- c. Receive Full Admittance into the University
- d. Enroll in term classes

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your financial aid process, please call (580) 327-8542 Alva Campus. Thank you.

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