



2008-2009 FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

How do I apply for aid?

Grants and jobs are available to help offset the cost of college for students who apply for and demonstrate financial need. The financial aid process can take from one to three months to complete. Federal and state laws regulate the distribution of financial aid funds; therefore, your eligibility cannot be determined unless you complete the application process. At a minimum, in order to be considered for financial aid, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, Financial Aid Data Sheet, and be admitted into the institution.

Students must also:

- a) be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- b) have a high school diploma, GED or pass an Ability to Benefit Test (ATB).
- c) not owe a repayment on grants or be in default on a student loan.
- d) if male, be registered with the Selective Service (applicable to most males).
- e) be able to sign a statement of educational purpose.
- f) be enrolled in an eligible college certificate or degree program.

What is the priority deadline? **May 1, 2008**

As most funds are available on a limited basis, we encourage you to apply early. For maximum consideration of available funds, you must have a complete financial aid file (FAFSA, Financial Aid Data Sheet, Application for Admissions, etc.) by **May 1, 2008**, for the 2008-09 academic year.

If your file is complete after **May 1, 2008**, and you're planning on attending fall quarter 2008, funding will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Files completed after the priority deadline will be reviewed in an on-going process but we **cannot** guarantee they will be reviewed by the time tuition is due (usually, tuition is due 3 to 4 weeks before the quarter begins).

How much does it cost to attend Centralia College?

	At Home	Not At Home	Non Resident
Tuition* and fees (3 quarters)	\$2,757	\$2,757	\$3,078
Books & Supplies	924	924	924
Transportation	1362	1362	1362
Personal	1548	1890	**
Room & Board	2532	7842	**

*Tuition is subject to change due to State Legislative actions. The above listed tuition amount is the 2007-2008 amounts for 13 credits.

**Non-residents, use Personal and Room & Board from "At Home" or "Not at Home".

What happens after I apply?

Watch your mailbox/e-mail. You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Federal Processor...be sure to verify that Centralia College is listed. If Centralia College is not listed, please contact our office for instructions on how to have the college listed. Once we receive your application, it will be reviewed by a financial aid advisor for completeness and accuracy. The Financial Aid Office will notify students of needed documents and/or awards through the mail but you can always check with our office to see where your file is in the process. Carefully read all accompanying documents. You must sign and return your Award Notification and Conditions of Awards to receive financial aid.

What are my responsibilities while receiving aid?

Students are **required** to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. Students who complete all credits with at least a current and cumulative 2.00 GPA are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress. Students in a two-year program of study may not have more than 50% of their credits in correspondence classes. One year certificates are excluded from having any correspondence courses count toward their credit load. There are also timeframe limits. Generally, a student will be funded for the number of credits needed for their certificate/degree, as published in the Centralia College catalog. Students with prior college credits may have their timeframe reduced. Federal regulations state that prior attendance **MUST** be considered. Timeframe may be extended up to 45 credits for college prep (below 100 level) classes. Specific requirements are listed in the Financial Aid Handbook which is available on our web site (www.centralia.edu).

Employment

There are on-campus work programs available which include: Federal Work-Study On-Campus, and Institutional (non work study) Employment. Off campus jobs include: State Work-Study Off-Campus, Federal Work-Study Off Campus, and Cooperative Education. Most on-campus jobs pay state minimum wage. Off campus jobs are paid by the employer and generally must be related to the student's program of study.

Worker Retraining

The Worker Retraining program can assist with tuition, fees, books, supplies, and childcare for those who qualify. Generally students would be considered dislocated workers if they are receiving Washington State unemployment benefits or have exhausted benefits within the previous twenty four months, or are on Commissioner Approved Training. Please contact Beverley Gestrine in the WorkFirst/Worker Retraining Intake Center at 360-736-9391, ext. 351 for more information.

WorkFirst

The WorkFirst program covers the cost of tuition and books for eligible students. To be eligible the student must be on TANF or working, have dependent children, and meet the income guidelines. The WorkFirst program covers vocational/technical classes and certificate/degrees, high school completion, asset/compass testing, GED testing, and some continuing education courses. WorkFirst Work-Study is also available to students who are receiving TANF and need to work. Please contact Ardella Williams-Nelson at 360-736-9391, ext. 303 for more information.

Opportunity Grant

The Opportunity Grant program can assist with tuition, fees, books, and some supplies, for low income Washington state residents over 18 years old. The grant will pay for a total of 45 credits over a period of three years. To qualify for the program you must be working toward a degree in the following fields: Medical, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Accounting, Electronics/Robotics Business, Welding, or Civil Engineering Technology. Please contact Ardella Williams-Nelson at 360-736-9391, ext 303 for more information.

What if I have any questions?

If you have any questions, please talk with a financial aid staff person.

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