

- ✓ Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the school year that you intend on studying abroad by the February 15th priority deadline.
- ✓ During your advising appointment with your Study Abroad Advisor from the Education Abroad (EdAbroad) office, you will complete a financial budget for your program.
- ✓ Visit Financial Aid (Old Main 265, phone: 360.650.3470) to discuss any questions.
- ✓ Loans and grants are financial aid that can travel with you. You are ineligible to use Tuition Waivers, Western Grants, or Work Study while on study abroad. You have the option of frontloading your loans during your education abroad quarter.
- ✓ Check with the Scholarship Center (Old Main 285, phone 360.650.3471) regarding any scholarships you have been awarded or potential scholarship opportunities for study abroad students.
- ✓ Verify with the Financial Aid office that you have completed all requirements including accepting your award, entrance counseling and promissory notes.
- ✓ Consider having someone serve as Power of Attorney to take care of any financial matters that may arise while you are away. A Power of Attorney gives someone the authority to sign documents in your absence. This form may be obtained from the EdAbroad or Financial Aid office.
- ✓ Set up Direct Deposit via your refund preferences by visiting WWUChoiceCard.com. If you have additional questions about your refund preferences, please contact the Student Business Office (SBO) (Old Main 110, Phone 360.650.2865). If you are an Alternative Loan recipient, you will need to make arrangements with the SBO.
- ✓ Ensure your personal information is up to date on your Web4U.
- ✓ Financial Aid disburses funds on the second day of classes at WWU or the first day of your program, whichever is later. If your program requires payment before this date, check with your program for deferment options (Financial Aid can complete deferment forms for your program).
- ✓ It is your responsibility to make arrangements with your program regarding your payment schedule. Your financial aid will be disbursed to you—WWU will not pay program costs directly.
- ✓ Monitor your WWU email account for important communication regarding your financial aid while away.

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