

WV INVESTS. Tuition-free.

Checklist for WV INVESTS

Whether you have been to college before, or this is your first time, you are just a few steps away from achieving your educational goals. Below are some steps to take to get (en)rolling.

Complete the FAFSA

Scholarships and grants from the state of West Virginia, the Federal Government, and most colleges, all have the same start point: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You are required to complete the FAFSA to be eligible for WV INVESTS, and you may be eligible for other grants and aid once you file the FAFSA.

Action Step:

- Fill out your free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by visiting fafsa.ed.gov and follow the directions on the website. Be certain to file through this website only-the official application for federal financial aid is free.

Review requirements for the WV INVESTS Grant

Visit wvinvests.org today to apply and learn more about WV's last-dollar in grant for adults to attend a community college tuition-free. This program will begin with the fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. Check out all of the eligibility requirements and details at wvinvests.org.

Action Step:

- Visit wvinvests.org and review how the program works.

Complete your WV INVESTS Grant Application

As part of your [wvinvests](https://wvinvests.org) grant application, you will complete a form that will inform the state office to direct you to the appropriate institution.

Action Step:

- Visit wvinvests.org
- Complete the WV INVESTS Grant Application form.

Apply to college

Colleges generally require applications to be completed online. The components of the application will vary depending on the type of institution to which you are applying. Typical application components include contact information, academic history, your desired start date, and your planned course of study.

Action Steps:

- Apply 1 of 3 ways: <https://www.easternwv.edu/get-started/apply-now>
- Be prepared to provide contact information, basic information about your academic history, your desired start date, and your planned course of study. Some institutions may have additional requirements for applications as well.

Prepare to start classes

In addition to the application, most institutions will have additional enrollment requirements. Institutions typically require official copies of your academic transcript, and proof of a high school diploma or GED. You may also need to submit proof of immunizations. Many schools will require that you meet with your academic advisor in order to map out what courses you will need to take. Pay close attention to deadlines for submitting documents and check your email and mail frequently to ensure you are getting all communications from your institutions in a timely manner.

Action Steps:

- Contact the Admissions department at (304)434-8000 ext.9243 or email
- askesatern@easternwv.edu to make an appointment for new student orientation OR
- A representative, from the Admissions Office, will be contacting you via email and/or phone within 7 business days to schedule your next steps in completing your enrollment for the upcoming term.

Continue eligibility for the grant

Action Steps:

- Completing an annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (a 'C' average) on all coursework completed after you received your first grant award.
- Continuing to register for at least 6 credit hours each semester until you earn your certificate or degree.
- Making adequate progress toward completing your certificate or degree.
- Complete two (2) hours of community service during each term.
 - **What community service do I need to do?** Those who receive funds in a term, must complete 2 hours of community service as approved and verified by the institution.
 - What if I don't complete the community service? The award for that term may be canceled and you will not be eligible for any further disbursements until the community service is completed.
 - **What is the deadline for completing the community service?** The community service must be completed by the end of the term.
- Passing a drug test prior to the beginning of each term in which grant funding is received.
 - Please visit website for more details: <http://wvinvests.org/drug-screening/>

Additional information

- **If I have a degree already, am I eligible?** Those with an associate's degree or higher are not eligible for the WV Invests Grant.
- **Clarification on the 90 attempted hours - is this checked at the initial award annually or each term?** The 90 attempted hours is checked at the beginning of each term. Once a student has reached 90 attempted hours, then they are no longer eligible. If they have 89 attempted hours, then they are still eligible for the next term.
- **And how do forgiven attempted hours factor into the rule?** There are no forgiven attempted hours for the WV Invests Grant. All attempted college credit hours would count toward the 90 hours, which would include repeats, withdraws, incompletes, and failed credits.

- **If I am in default or have been in default on a student loan, am I eligible for WV Invests?** Any defaulted student loans must be resolved before a student would be eligible for WV Invests. If the applicant is eligible for Title IV aid, then the student is eligible for WV Invests