



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 with one of the biggest being, "How can I help my child make the right decisions?"

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It is never too early to start looking at colleges and universities. The best way to find out what a college is like is by visiting the campus. We invite you to schedule your visit now. You may pick one of our **Visitation Days** or schedule an individual appointment. 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 a visit or call **1.866.West Lib.**

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PARENT GUIDE



WEST LIBERTY
UNIVERSITY
 WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

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
- Perform better academically vs. those who don't live on campus

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



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
- ☐ Apply to West Liberty University

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- ☐ Begin attending Financial Aid Workshops
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Contact roommate and begin to get to know each other

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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