Fort Lewis College has been approved to offer federal financial aid to graduate students beginning Fall 2013. Eligible students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by August 1 to ensure funding is available by the time Fall 2013 bills are due on September 17.

Eligible program
Master of Arts in Education, Teacher Leadership Option

Types of aid
- Federal unsubsidized Stafford loan
  Interest rate: 5.41%
  Origination fee: 1.051%
  Annual loan limit (not to exceed Cost of Attendance): 20,500
  (September 2013 – August 2014)
- Federal Graduate Plus loan
  Interest rate: 6.41%
  Origination fee: 4.204%
  Annual loan limit: Cost of Attendance minus any other aid.
  Credit approval required

How to apply for aid
1. Fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov
   If you do not already have a FAFSA PIN you will need to first apply for one at www.pin.ed.gov. If you already have an established PIN, but do not remember it, go to the FAFSA PIN website to request access.
2. Verify your information, if requested
   The Office of Financial Aid will receive your FAFSA information electronically. You will be notified via your Fort Lewis College email account if any additional documentation is required. The information and/or forms you’ll need to provide will be available through your WebOPUS account.
3. Await award notification
   Once your financial need has been established, an official award letter for the 2013–14 academic year will be mailed to your permanent address. You can also see your award through your WebOPUS account. If you receive an estimated award notification that means there are additional requirements you must complete before your aid can be officially awarded. You can review these requirements on your WebOPUS account. Note: Summer aid is processed as a standalone term; information on applying for aid for Summer will be available in March.
4. Accept award
   There are two steps to accepting your aid on your WebOPUS account. First, read and accept the terms and conditions. Second, accept the aid awarded to you. If you are a first-time Stafford loan borrower at Fort Lewis College, you will need to complete your loan entrance counseling and master promissory note at www.studentloans.gov using your FAFSA PIN.

Aid disbursement
Your aid will post against your tuition and fees expenses for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 if you are:
- Enrolled in at least 4 credit hours each semester
- Have satisfied all of the requirements of verification
- Have accepted the terms and conditions of your aid
- Have completed entrance counseling and the master promissory note.

Aid in excess of your tuition and fee expenses at Fort Lewis College will be issued as a refund by the Student Billing & Cashiering Office.

Availability of aid for future terms
To receive aid in the 2014–15 academic year, you must re-establish your financial need by completing another FAFSA after January 2, 2014, have attempted fewer than 60 graduate credits at Fort Lewis College or elsewhere, and meet satisfactory academic progress standards of a 3.0 cumulative graduate GPA at Fort Lewis College and 100% successful completion of all graduate courses attempted at Fort Lewis College.

If you exceed the maximum hours or do not meet the cumulative GPA and completion standards, you will be suspended from aid. To be reinstated to aid, you must meet satisfactory academic progress standards by attending without benefit of aid or submit an appeal to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee.

For more information
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