

Minimizing Financial Barriers

RESOURCE MAP

STUDENT EDITION

In the best of times, Waubonsee offers many resources to help minimize financial barriers for you. But the challenges of the pandemic have brought additional resources, programs, and money for college.

Use the following to find resources based on what you need
– Tuition/Money, More Time/Flexibility, and/or Technology.



TUITION/ MONEY

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- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/ Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid**

- Help from federal and state government for qualifying students

- **Reach Higher Scholarship**

- Qualifying students (low-income, unemployed, housing insecure, etc.) may receive money they can use to help meet their greatest needs — tuition, fees, & course materials; technology; food; housing; health care; or childcare. [Apply here.](#)



MORE TIME/ FLEXIBILITY

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- **Payment Plans**

- **Deferred Plan** — Just \$25 down to hold your registration while you apply for assistance.
- **Payment Plan** — The earlier you register, the smaller your payments!

- **Bookstore Charges**

- Course materials (required or optional course materials and supplies) can be charged to student accounts and paid off as part of payment plans or from scholarships and grants.



TECHNOLOGY

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TECHRESOURCES**

- **Technology Lending Program**

- Students can borrow a laptop, hotspot, webcam, or other equipment to complete their coursework using [servicedesk.waubonsee.edu](#) or by calling the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at (630) 466-4357.

- **Purchasing Technology**

- If you need to purchase technology for your classes, you should apply for the Waubonsee Reach Higher Scholarship. [Apply here.](#) or contact the Financial Aid Office at (630) 466-5774.

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Common Questions and Answers

Waubonsee Community College is prepared to help you succeed. Don't let money or other obstacles stand in the way of your success. Meet your goals. Earn your win. Let us help.

Flexible Payments for Tuition

WHAT IF I CAN'T PAY MY BALANCE IN FULL?

Enroll in a payment plan with as little as \$25. You won't lose your seat in class as long as you take active steps to pay your balance.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY MY BALANCE AFTER SETTING UP A PAYMENT PLAN?

All Waubonsee students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply for the Reach Higher Scholarship. [Apply here.](#)

WHAT IF I CAN AFFORD TO PAY MY BALANCE BUT I JUST NEED MORE TIME TO MAKE MY FIRST PAYMENT?

Waubonsee offers an *Assistance Window* for students who need more time to make a first payment, or for those who are waiting for financial aid, a scholarship, or a tuition waiver to kick-in. Talk to your assigned advisor.

I Have Questions About my Student Account. What Should I Do?

Call the Student Accounts and Cashier Office at (630) 466-5705 or [access online chat here.](#)

Access to Books & Technology

WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD A COURSE TEXTBOOK?

You may choose to charge course materials (*required or optional course materials and supplies*) to your student account at the Waubonsee bookstore. Talk to your assigned advisor to see if other options may be available to you.

I DON'T HAVE A RELIABLE LAPTOP OR INTERNET CONNECTION. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- **Borrow** - Students may request to borrow a laptop, hotspot, webcam, or other equipment by calling the Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at (630) 466-4357.
- **Scholarship** - Apply for the Reach Higher Scholarship to purchase your own technology equipment. [Apply here.](#)
- **Financial Aid** - Check if you have funds to purchase technology at the Waubonsee Bookstore by contacting the Financial Aid Office at (630) 466-5774.

How Do I Stay Up-to-Date on Everything?

Your Waubonsee email account and [mywcc](#) are the best ways to stay up-to-date.



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