Community college is the most affordable option in higher education today and at Mount Wachusett Community College, you can count on a quality education at a reasonable price.

MWCC is committed to assisting you and your family in meeting the cost of a college education regardless of income or financial aid eligibility. During the academic year, the Financial Aid Office will administer over $15 million in scholarships, grants, loans and work study. Low tuition and fees, combined with financial assistance for eligible students, can allow you the chance to attend MWCC with little or no out-of-pocket expense.

Come discover the many educational opportunities that MWCC offers at a cost you can afford.
There are four sources to help you pay for college:

**Types of Aid**

**Grants and Scholarships**
Grants and scholarships do not need to be paid back. Grants are awarded to students who demonstrate financial need; scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence or other criteria. Specific sources include: Federal Pell Grant, MWCC Scholarships, and State Scholarship Programs.

**Federal Work Study**
A part-time job on or off campus that allows you to earn money for educational expenses.

**Loans**
Must be repaid after you leave college and are generally available to most students. Federal Direct Student Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) are available.

Most students, depending on their level of eligibility, receive a combination of these types of aid in their “financial aid award.”

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**Annual Tuition & Fees**

The amount of tuition and fee charges applied to a student’s bill depends on the student’s enrollment status.

The annual cost estimates below are based on full-time enrollment (approximately four three-credit classes per semester) and part-time enrollment (approximately two three-credit classes per semester). Students must be enrolled at least half-time (minimum of six credit hours) to be eligible for most types of financial aid.

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*Tuition and fees based on 2014–2015 rates and are subject to change without notice. Visit mwcc.edu/tuition for more details.

**Apply for Financial Aid**

All students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, even if they think they may not qualify. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be filed as soon after January 1 as possible and before the priority date of May 1, in the spring prior to fall enrollment. Be sure to list MWCC as one of the schools on your FAFSA!

1. **Apply for admission**
   - at mwcc.edu/apply

2. **Obtain a Federal PIN for the FAFSA**
   - at pin.ed.gov. If you are a dependent student, at least one parent also needs a Federal PIN.

3. **Complete the FAFSA**
   - at fafsa.gov

4. **Watch Your MWCC email through iConnect**
   - for requests for follow-up documentation from the Financial Aid Office.

5. **Notification will be sent**
   - Once your financial aid eligibility has been determined, a financial aid award notification is sent.

**FAFSA Filing Assistance**

- **FAFSA Completion Workshops** - available by appointment at MWCC campuses.
- **One-on-One Assistance** - available from the Educational Opportunity Center at the Leominster Campus. The EOC can be at 978-630-9823.
- **FAFSA Day** - held each year. Visit fafsaday.org for more information.

**Scholarships**

Applications for MWCC scholarships are available on iConnect and due each year in the spring.

**Award Notifications**

Once your financial aid eligibility has been determined, a financial aid award notification is sent to you. Financial aid award notifications are sent beginning in early April via students’ MWCC email accounts and continue as students become eligible.

**Payment Plans**

After deducting your financial aid from your tuition and fee bill, you might have a remaining balance. If so, your entire or partial tuition and fee bill can be divided into monthly interest-free payments. For more information, visit mwcc.edu/accounts.