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What is Wyoming Works?

Wyoming Works is a state program that provides grants for students and funding for community colleges in select technical programs that meet labor and economic development needs.

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Are all Wyoming Works programs available at each Wyoming Community College?

No.

Each year, each Wyoming Community College chooses a selection of its academic for-credit & non-credit programs to submit to the Wyoming Community College

Photographic Communications	Degree: AAS	2.0 years (4.0 semesters)
Practical Nursing (LPN)	Certificate: <i>Comprehensive Skills Certificate (C.S.C.)</i>	1.5 years (3.0 semesters)
Robotics Technology	Certificate: <i>Skills Certificate (S.C.)</i>	1.0 years (2.0 semesters)
Veterinary Assistant	Degree: AAS	2.0 years (4.0 semesters)
Welding	Certificate: <i>Skills Certificate (S.C.)</i>	2.0 years (4.0 semesters)
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Non-Credit Programs

Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	Program (1 class)	3-month expectation
Certified Nursing Assistant II	Program (1 class)	2-month expectation
Cyber Security	Program (1 class)	2-month expectation
Farrier Certificate Training Program	TBD	TBD
Heavy Equipment Simulators:		
1. Fork Lift Simulator	Certificate (3 simulators)	3-month expectation (each simulator = 1 month)
2. Hydraulic Excavator Simulator		
3. Mobile Crane Simulator		
Healthcare Environmental Services Cert of Cmptn		

recommends you use any surplus Wyoming Works Student G

Are there other financial aid options I can explore to help with the cost of my Wyoming Works program?

Largely, yes.

Many of the Wyoming Works programs at NWC are also eligible for institutional scholarships and federal student aid:

Approved Area of Study	Credential (or Classes, as noted)	Eligible for NWC Scholarships?	Eligible for Federal Student Aid?
Credit Programs			
Advanced Welding Skills	Certificate: <i>Skills Certificate (S.C.)</i>	No	No
Aeronautics	Degree: <i>AAS</i>	Yes	Yes
Agriculture – Farm & Ranch Management	Degree: <i>AAS</i>	Yes	Yes
Agriculture – Production	Certificate: <i>Comprehensive Skills Certificate (C.S.C.)</i>	No	Yes
Agriculture – Production	Degree: <i>AS</i>	Yes	Yes
Archaeological Technician	Certificate: <i>Skills Certificate (S.C.)</i>	No	No
Archaeological Technician	Degree: <i>AS</i>	Yes	Yes
Business	Degree: <i>AAS</i>	Yes	Yes
Coach – Head	Certificate: <i>Skills Certificate (S.C.)</i>		

Surgical Technician	Program (1 class)	No	No
WITS Personal Training	Program 1 (class)	No	No

Institutional scholarships and federal student aid have separate applications and eligibility requirements. For comprehensive information on all aid programs at NWC, visit NWC's *Financial Aid Disclosures & Consumer Information* here: <http://nwc.edu/fapolicy> 1.

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My Wyoming Works program will span more than one semester, what must I do to receive the second half of the student grant?

For all Wyoming Works programs that span more than one semester, you must:

1. Maintain continuous enrollment for each semester wi

Do I need to reapply for a Wyoming Works grant each semester?

As long as you remain in the same Wyoming Works program between the fall, spring, and summer semesters, no. Once you have applied for a Wyoming Works student grant for that academic year, the Financial Aid Office will evaluate your initial eligibility and then reevaluate after each semester ends within the academic year to ensure you continue to meet eligibility requirements.

For each academic year, yes. If your Wyoming Works program crosses over into the next academic year (academic years run from July 1 – June 30), or if you are returning for your second academic year within your Wyoming Works program, you will need to:

1. Reapply for the Wyoming Works student grant through the College's online application, at: <https://nwc.edu/financialaid/wyomingworks/apply>
2. File that appropriate year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), found here: <https://fafsa.gov>

If you enroll in a second or subsequent Wyoming Works approved program you must always reapply for a Wyoming Works Student Grant before beginning that Wyoming Works program, even when your enrollment occurs during the same academic year as your other Wyoming Works program.

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How many Wyoming Works student grants can I receive?

If eligible, you may receive Wyoming Works student grants in no more than three (3.0) academic years lifetime. Additionally, you may not exceed the annual Wyoming Works Student grant within any academic year. For example, if you receive a Wyoming Works Student Grant for program A which takes one semester or less to complete, you are not eligible for a second Wyoming Works grant, for any program, until the next academic year begins during the next fall semester. See the "[If I'm interested in a non-credit Wyoming Works program, is there anything special about non-credit programs I should know?](#)" question above for more information on short-term programs.

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If I received a Wyoming Works student grant while enrolled in a Wyoming Works program at NWC and I have since graduated from that program, can I enroll in another Wyoming Works program and get another student grant?

Possibly.

If you have not received a Wyoming Works student grant in more than three (3.0) academic years lifetime, and you meet all other Wyoming Works student grant eligibility requirements, you may be able to receive a Wyoming Works student grant for your second Wyoming Works program as long as you have not already consumed your eligibility for a Wyoming Works student grant in a different Wyoming Works program within the same academic year.

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If I graduated from a Wyoming Works program at one Wyoming Community College and received a student grant while in that program, can I transfer to another Wyoming Works program at a different Wyoming Community College and get another Wyoming Works student grant?

Likely, yes.

If you have not received a Wyoming Works student grant in more than three (3.0) academic years lifetime, and you meet all other Wyoming Works student grant eligibility requirements as calculated by the other Wyoming Community College's Financial Aid Office and you have not already consumed your eligibility for a Wyoming Works student grant in a different Wyoming Works program within the same academic year, you may be able to receive a Wyoming Works Student Grant for your second Wyoming Works program. To be considered, you must follow these steps, in this recommended sequence:

1. Complete an application for a Wyoming Works student grant at the other Wyoming Community College prior to beginning the

5. Ensure that the other Wyoming Community College will receive your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by adding their specific school code. Contact the other Wyoming Community College's Financial Aid Office for their school code.

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I am enrolled in a Wyoming Works program that is delivered under a Consortium Agreement. What does that mean?

A Consortium Agreement is a written agreement between schools (or a school and an entity that is not a school) to share in the delivery of the Wyoming Works program. The written agreement specifies the parts and percentages of the Wyoming Works program that each school will contribute.

For example, two schools might enter into a Consortium Agreement to offer an aviation program. School A offers all the academic classes (English, Math, other general education courses) and School B offers all the aviation-related courses. A student under this example's Consortium Agreement would attend School A for all the non-aviation related courses, then attend School B to complete the aviation-related courses. In this hypothetical example, School A and School B work together to deliver the full aviation program.

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If eligible, each school will calculate your eligibility for a Wyoming Works student grant separately and you must meet all eligibility requirements at both schools. Each school will perform the same award calculation sequence to determine the maximum amount of annual Wyoming Works student grant for which you are eligible, but will only award the percentage of the annual award that corresponds to the percentage of the program it offers under the Consortium Agreement.

For example, using the aviation program Consortium Agreement example in the FAQ above, School A offers 70.0% of the program and School B offers 30.0% of the program. Each school will calculate your annual eligibility, but only award their percentage of it. If your maximum annual award was calculated to be \$3,360, School A would award \$2,352 (70%) and School B would award \$1,008 (30%). You would still receive the maximum annual Wyoming Works student grant for which you are eligible, but it will be divided between the two schools delivering your Wyoming Works program under a Consortium Agreement.

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I am enrolled in a Wyoming Works program but I was told I am ineligible for a student grant. Is there anything I can do?

Possibly.

There are certain types of ineligibility determinations that may be appealed to the Financial Aid Office provided you have qualifying extenuating circumstances that affected your ability to meet the specific eligibility requirement and are able to provide documentation to substantiate those circumstances. They are:

1. Not applying for grant funding at the time of applying for admission or before the commencement of the program.

Federal regulations define valid extenuating circumstances eligible for appeal as “[a student’s] injury or illness, the death of a relative, or other special circumstances.” (2022-23 *Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 1, Chapter 1, Page 18*).

Extenuating circumstances that were generally beyond their control (such as injury or illness, the death of a relative, or other special circumstances) are generally considered to be valid extenuating circumstances that allow an appeal to

