

FINANCIAL AID BULLETIN

As of August 1st, over 900 students have been packaged for financial aid for 09-10. The awards include federal grants and loans, state grants and Foundation scholarships. Even if you have not received an award letter, you may check **Web Self-Service** (WSS) to see if aid has been awarded. Use your Student ID and six-digit PIN number. If you've forgotten your PIN, the IT Help Desk may be able to assist you.

Loans may be accepted or declined on WSS and links to electronic Direct Loan Master Promissory Notes (eMPN) and Entrance Counseling can be found on the New River Financial Aid website. The eMPN can be accessed about three days after you accept online or the information is received at the Beckley Financial Aid Office, if you choose to mail your response. All new borrowers and previous borrowers new to Direct Loans must complete an eMPN. New borrowers must also do an Entrance Counseling session. The results are sent directly to the school so there is no need to provide a copy of your eMPN or confirmation of a counseling session.

You may also view your **fall semester charges** in the Financial Aid section of WSS. Although there is no financial aid listed on your student account screen, you can determine the amount of your bookstore credit by subtracting the school charges from your financial aid. Remember that all the financial aid shown is not necessarily available as an immediate refund. Some students will have a 30-day waiting period because they are first year, first time borrowers and others may need to complete the eMPN or entrance counseling.

Please check WSS to review your award if you received an award letter that incorrectly listed Spring aid only. All financial aid has been awarded for both semesters. Contracts, such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran's tuition payments, National Guard and other third party payments, will only be for one semester at a time.

The **Follett Virtual Bookstore** opened August 1 and financial aid credit balances will be updated daily. If you're expecting financial aid for purchase of books, be sure to accept your loans on WSS or check to see if there are other requirements not satisfied.

Direct questions about financial aid to finaid@newriver.edu or to your campus Financial Aid Counselor or Program Assistant.