Beginning with the September 2015 subscription period, UW-Milwaukee Flexible Option students who demonstrate financial need as determined through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) process and who would otherwise be eligible to receive federal funding may be eligible for support from the UW Flexible Option for up to the full cost of tuition. This eligibility is fully dependent on demonstrated financial need and the student’s ability to make reasonable progress completing the competency sets in which he or she enrolls. This provision is temporarily available for UW-Milwaukee students only until we are able to distribute federal financial aid.

The same eligibility process that governs federal financial aid programs applies to UW Flexible Option tuition grants. If you have submitted your FAFSA, you’ve already begun the process. We will inform you of your level of financial need and subsequent eligibility for tuition assistance. If you intend to apply for financial aid but have not yet completed a FAFSA, that is the place to start.

Please note that only students who demonstrate financial need as determined through the federal financial aid application process and who meet eligibility considerations will be considered for Flex tuition grants.

To be initially eligible for a Flexible Option tuition grant, a student must:

- Demonstrate proof of financial need through a completed FAFSA.
- Be newly admitted to enroll in or to start a UW-Milwaukee Flexible Option program on or before the UW Flexible Option programs are approved to award federal financial aid; or currently enrolled in any UW-Milwaukee Flexible Option degree or certificate program.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible. The deadline for application is one month prior to the start of your subscription period. For example, if you were beginning a subscription period on March 2, you must apply by February 1.

Continuing eligibility
In addition to the initial eligibility criteria, students must demonstrate successful progress to the degree.
• Students who received the grant at the All-You-Can-Learn enrollment level must complete (demonstrate mastery) at least 6 credits within the subscription period.
• Students who received the grant at the Single Competency Set enrollment level must complete (demonstrate mastery) at least one competency set within the subscription period.

Warning Status
Students who do not demonstrate academic progress will be given a one-time grace period or warning status. They will remain eligible for the grant for one additional subscription period. Failure to demonstrate progress in a warning period will result in loss of eligibility for the UW Flexible Option Tuition Grant.

In-Progress Grade (IP)
An In-Progress Grade (IP or PR) reflects that the student has yet to demonstrate mastery for all the competencies in that set and must re-enroll if s/he wishes to demonstrate mastery in that competency set. Competency sets for which a student is re-enrolled due to the receipt of an IP grade are eligible for the grant.

Withdrawals
A competency set that is dropped will not result in loss of a tuition grant for the subscription period in which it was received. It will impact continued eligibility for future subscription periods.

Receipt of financial assistance during one or more periods shall not guarantee continued or future assistance.

If you have any questions about obtaining financial aid for a UW Flexible Option program, we invite you to speak with a member of our UW Flexible Option Enrollment team, at 608-265-3648 or 1-877-895-3276 (select option 1). You are also welcome to email flex@uwex.edu.