

Working Families Program

Inspired to serve

Inspired by our mission, Marian University's Working Families Program is one of the nation's most comprehensive educational programs available to low income single parents. The Working Families Program offers single parent students with dependent children the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree and empower future generations.

Inspired by possibility

Through the Working Families Program, participants create new social and economic opportunities for their future through a "partnership" philosophy. Students in the program engage in academic advising and support services, career assessment and development resources, community service/volunteerism experiences, counseling, financial aid assistance, freedom of spiritual exploration, life skills development and mentoring.

Benefits of the program include:

- **Tuition Grant**
 - Tuition awards are presented to reduce student loan debt.
- **Stipend Grant** assists with monthly living expenses, covers:
 - **Rent:** WFG provides up to \$555 per month; lease cannot exceed \$625.
 - **Childcare:** WFG provides up to \$650 per month for certified or licensed childcare providers.
 - **Food:** Gift cards are purchased by WFP from local grocers, such as Festival Foods, Pick 'n Save, Piggly Wiggly or Wal-mart. Gift cards amounts are based upon the number of children in the household.
- **Support Services**
 - Services available to WFP students include mentoring, counseling, career assessments, academic planning, budgeting, life skills workshops, social events and employment preparation.

Inspired to learn

The Working Families Program works to advance the University's mission, core values and legacy of service by awarding tuition and stipend grants to economically disadvantaged single parents with dependent children — parents who possess the desire and determination to achieve a four-year undergraduate degree.

Participants are eligible for the Working Families Program if they are a single (or divorced or widowed) custodial parent with primary or physical placement of one or more dependent children; meet low income financial need criteria using Office of Financial Aid guidelines; and are a freshmen, transfer, returning or current student attempting their first undergraduate degree.

Participants are expected to:

- Enroll as a full-time student in the traditional day program on the Fond du Lac campus.
- Meet with a financial aid counselor to establish federal, state, loan and grant assistance.
- Complete an online career assessment and meet with a career counselor for interpretation of results.
- Complete 12–15 credits per semester, 32 credits annually, which includes a winter session (3 cr.) and summer sessions (6 cr. max), to ensure graduation in four years.
- Meet with an academic advisor to establish target graduation date and maintain four-year plan accordingly.
- Perform 20 hours of community service each semester and 40 hours annually.
- Meet with a personal counselor twice each semester on campus and one home visit per year.
- Meet each month with program director.

Applications are accepted year-round and kept on file for up to one year. Due to increasing interest, the application process is extremely competitive and involves an in-depth application and panel interview. Packets are available for pick-up at the Working Families Program office, Marian One-Stop, by phone, email or online at marianuniversity.edu/wfp.

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