

# William Paterson University

## Will. Power.

### Interested in a Federal Direct Student Loan?

WPU utilizes **ACTIVE ACCEPTANCE** for the **Federal Subsidized** and/or **Unsubsidized Loans**. You will need to go to **WP Connect** to **ACCEPT** or **DECLINE** your federal direct student loans.

#### Here are the directions:

1. Log in to **WP Connect** (<https://wpconnect.wpunj.eduportal/>).
2. Click on the **Students** tab.
3. Scroll down to the **Financial Aid and Scholarships** area.
4. Click on **Financial Aid Awards/Status**.
5. Choose **Award Year 2021-2022**.
6. Click on the **Award Offer** tab.

#### You will then be presented with three options:

- **OPTION 1:** Accept the full amount of all awards.
- **OPTION 2:** Choose either “Decline” or “Accept” for each loan.
- **OPTION 3:** Accept a partial amount of your offered loans. You must enter an amount.

If you choose **OPTION 2** or **OPTION 3**, make sure to click **Submit Decision** at the bottom of the screen. If choosing **OPTION 1**, click **Accept Full Amount of All Awards**.

**If you are only accepting one loan, it is better to accept your Subsidized Loan, which does not accrue interest while you are in school at least half-time. If you are going to cancel a loan, it is better to cancel the Unsubsidized Loan.**

Your loan information will be updated immediately. You may view your Financial Aid status on WP Connect at any time. Regularly check your WPU student email account for important Financial Aid notifications.

Looking forward to serving you,  
**Your Financial Aid Team**