West-MEC
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Frequently Asked Questions

When can I apply for a program?

West-MEC will open the online application in October each year. Please complete the form fully in order to be contacted for a required interview.

How do I apply?

Navigate to the link: **https://www.west-mec.edu/apply-now/project-search**

When completing the necessary information on the **"Application for New Students"** page, **under "Form Type," use the drop-down menu to select "West-MEC Project SEARCH Application,"** then continue to complete all aspects of the application. All applicants must attend an interview to be considered for enrollment. Selection into Project SEARCH is competitive; not all applicants are enrolled. Applicants are encouraged to attend a tour and information session prior to the interview.

Then what?

If selected for the program, interns will attend a mandatory enrollment night. Program information will be provided, and interns/families will be required to upload documents in the enrollment system, including: immunization records, proof of residency, and birth certificate. You will also be asked to answer additional questions regarding health and contact information. The enrollment must be completed in late spring.

Is there a cost for the West-MEC Project SEARCH program?

Project SEARCH has a tuition cost of $24,000.

Upon completion of your enrollment paperwork in the FOCUS system, West-MEC will notify your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor of the acceptance and provide the necessary documentation for payment of fees (if you are eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation).

If you do not have Vocational Rehabilitation services, you will be responsible for program costs; monthly payment plans are available.

Is transportation available to the Project SEARCH program?

West-MEC does not provide transportation services. If you have Vocational Rehabilitation services, you may be eligible for transportation assistance. Contact your Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor before the end of April to determine support. Interns often utilize parent transportation to and from the program.

Application Troubleshooting

Contact Us At:
application@west-mec.org
623-738-0026

I'm having issues with the Email Validation step

Generally, this is caused by your email address either not being typed correctly, or already occurring in our system. If your email address is typed correctly and you are not receiving the validation email, you can either check the "no" option to track the application status (we can fix this for you later), or you can contact us at applicaton@west-mec.org so we can troubleshoot this situation for you. If you have already applied with your email address and need to make changes to your application, please contact us at application@west-mec.org.

The application went blank while I was submitting. What should I do?

Sometimes server interruptions happen at inopportune times. If you cannot locate your application, please contact us using the information in the Contact Us section at the top of this page.

The application is not loading properly

The application works best with Chrome, Safari and Internet Explorer browsers. If you are using a different browser option, please try one of these to see if your issues are resolved.

I'm getting a "Permission Denied" error message

Email addresses can only be recorded in our system one time. If you are receiving this error message, you have already applied with that email address and will need to navigate to your original AVF and contact us with the information at the top of this page if changes are needed.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

Please contact 623-738-0033 or 623-738-0026 for additional information.

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