

To Whom It May Concern:

Many students who attend WSU and live in the surrounding areas use their financial aid to pay their monthly rent obligation. Due to the academic calendar change from the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, spring 2021 financial aid disbursement will occur a bit later than usual for Graduate and Undergraduate students. This letter, along with the student's official WSU Financial Aid Award letter, will confirm that they plan to use their financial aid to pay for their January rent obligation.

Federal regulations prevent WSU from refunding any aid more than ten days before the start of the semester. For students impacted by the delayed spring start, their aid is scheduled to begin disbursing on January 11th, 2021. The aid will first apply to their university charges, including tuition and fees. Any remaining amount will be refunded for the student to use for their off-campus housing expenses. Refunds processed via direct deposit will begin to arrive on or around January 13th, 2021.

We ask that you consider extending the January deadline for rent payments for students who are in this situation during these unique times. The student's Financial Aid Award Letter provided will have a breakdown of the aid they are expected to receive for the academic year, reflecting the amount per semester.

Please contact Student Financial Services if you have any questions as we work best to assist our students during this time.

Respectfully,

The Office of Student Financial Services