

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is BW so affordable compared to other summer programs?

The student registration fee is only a portion of the true cost. The actual cost is \$1200 per student. The difference is contributed by over 400 local and statewide businesses, individuals, and service clubs. It is the Business Week staff and volunteers who contact the businesses for support, not the student.

When is the registration fee due?

You may include your registration fee with your application, pay the fee upon your acceptance OR call our office to set up a payment plan. All fees must be paid by June 1st, or by special arrangement at least 3 weeks before the start of the program.

How do I pay the registration fee?

The fee is payable by check, money order, or charge/debit card. A payment plan for the fee can also be arranged by contacting the office at (253) 815-6900.

What if I can't afford the fee?

1. Try contacting a local business person or civic club for help. We can provide materials to help with this process. 2. Check with your school to see if they can help. 3. You can fill out the Financial Assistance Application. It will be reviewed and you will receive an award letter letting you know what financial assistance you have received.

Other Expenses

The cost of your room, meals, a program t-shirt and all program materials are included in your registration fee. You will probably want to bring a small amount of spending money for snacks and souvenirs. Other optional fees, if applicable, include the \$75 fee for 2 college credits, ~\$25 for parking at WWU and \$25 for the recreation center at CWU.

Are blankets/sheets/towels, etc. supplied?

Linens and pillows are supplied to participants at Central Washington University, Gonzaga University and Pacific Lutheran University. Participants at Western Washington University will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow or can buy a linen package (~\$25) when they check in on campus.

I am a vegetarian, will there be appropriate meals available?

Each campus accommodates vegetarians with a wide variety of entrees available at each meal.

Can I share a dorm room with my friend?

Yes, you can — If you and your friend of the same gender check-in on campus at the same time, you can request to room together. Please note that we DO NOT make room arrangements at the BW office — they are made by the university at registration. We strongly encourage rooming with an unfamiliar person, as it is part of the Business Week/college experience.

How are the students organized for the week?

Each student will be part of a group of 8-12 students called a "company". Most of your time will be spent in company meetings as you learn to work as a team. Each company has a business person who has volunteered to be your Company Advisor (mentor).

Who are these Company Advisors—what is their background?

The Company Advisors come from a wide variety of businesses and have an even wider array of backgrounds. Many are employees of BECU, Boeing, U.S. Bank, PEMCO, State Farm and Credit Unions, retail stores, and many other businesses. Each week there are 20-30 Company Advisors, one for each company.

Is there a Code of Conduct?

Yes. Business Week has a Code of Conduct that each participant and parent/guardian must sign for the student to participate. Violation of the Code of Conduct is grounds to be sent home. To view our Code of Conduct, visit our website at www.WBW.org.

Can I have visitors while I am attending Business Week?

NO. Business Week is a rigorous program — we keep you busy from 8am - 9pm. You will have free time during the day, but visitors are not allowed on campus. This policy is included in the Code of Conduct and is a violation and grounds for being sent home from the program.

Can I leave campus while I am at Business Week?

No. There are boundaries within the campus that you must abide by. There are some exceptions for local relatives picking you up for dinner, if you have a doctor's appointment, interview, etc. Any reason for leaving campus requires prior parental approval and confirmation through the Business Week office. Students will be required to sign in and out through the Business Week office.

Where is Business Week held?

Business Week is held at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Gonzaga University in Spokane, Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma and Western Washington University in Bellingham. Directions to each campus will be included in your information packet and are available on our website.

How many students attend Washington Business Week?

Each week there are between 200-300 students.

Is transportation provided to Business Week?

NO, it is your responsibility to get yourself to and from the program. We encourage you to carpool with other students from your school or area. Other means of getting to campus include the Greyhound bus, plane or train. Business Week host universities offer shuttle service from the local airport, bus station or train depot (except Pacific Lutheran University).

Will there be phones available in the dorm rooms?

Dorm rooms are equipped with phone lines. Students must supply their own phone and credit card for long distance, if desired. There are also pay phones available.

Are computers, cell phones, mp3 players allowed at BW?

Yes, but during program sessions, seminars, and company meetings, computers, cell phones, text messaging, MP3 players must be turned off. Washington Business Week is not responsible for any item that is lost, stolen or broken.

When is Business Week over?

The Business Week Program starts on Sunday and ends on Saturday morning. On Friday night there is a graduation ceremony which parents and friends are invited to attend. There is also a dance from 9-11:15pm for Business Week students only. Saturday morning breakfast is provided, but there are no scheduled activities. Students are to be out of their dorm rooms by 10am. Students may leave on Friday night after the banquet with prior parent/guardian permission.

What is the dress code for the Business Week Program?

Business Week classes are informal. Most likely the days will be warm and the evenings cooler. Shorts, T-shirts and a sweatshirt are advised. Friday evening graduation ceremony is dress-up time — dresses, sweaters, slacks, sport jackets are in order. Shoes and shirts are absolute musts in dining halls and in the gym. It is expected that you dress appropriately for the program in ways that will not cause safety or health problems or cause disruption.

What is the supervision at Business Week?

Students are in Company meetings, discussion groups, lectures, etc. throughout the day. During free time there are optional activities planned for the students. In each dorm (males and females are housed in separate dorms) there is a floor supervisor for approximately every 15-20 students. The floor supervisors do bed checks every night and campus security patrols the grounds outside the dorms throughout the night.