



Wichita Promise MOVE FAQ's – Spring 2019

“This sounds too good to be true. Is it?”

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“Why should I choose WSU Tech?”

WSU Tech at the National Center for Aviation Training is second to none in technology, instructors, and equipment. We provide high-quality training for high-wage, high-demand jobs. WSU Tech loves Wichita and we love our students. We are dedicated to training our students and providing local businesses with the best candidates available.

“What programs will the scholarship cover?”

Currently, the Wichita Promise MOVE scholarship covers Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly and Process Mechanic (Paint) program.

“What is Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly?”

Sheetmetal is an aluminum alloy that many planes are made out of. Students working in sheetmetal can expect to assemble or fabricate parts of the aircraft by joining pieces of sheetmetal together according to blue prints. Sheetmetal is joined together with various rivets and fasteners. Students can expect to work with hand tools and power tools. They also learn how to read blue prints and how to use precision measuring instruments.

“What is Process Mechanic (Paint)?”

A Process Mechanic can expect to have multiple job duties such as: painting, metal etching, polishing, engraving, chemical processing, wire assembly and decal fabrication. Students can expect to work with air tools, hand tools, power tools and computers. They also learn how to read blueprints and how to use precision measuring instruments. ** These are the job duties if hired. In class students will learn: Blue print reading, OSHA safety, how to prep surfaces for color, and how to apply paint to the aircraft using the paint gun.

“I want to enroll in other classes while I'm at WSU Tech. Will the scholarship cover those?”

Currently the Wichita Promise MOVE scholarship only covers classes required for the Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly program and for the Process Mechanic (Paint) program. You are welcome to enroll in additional classes while you are here. However, those classes are not covered by the scholarship, but other financial aid may be available.

“What is the difference between a guaranteed interview and a guaranteed job?”

WSU Tech has great relationships with various local employers that love our students. We work with those employers to give students the opportunity to apply and interview with those companies. While WSU Tech cannot guarantee a job, we can provide you with resume and interview preparation prior to the interview. (Our aviation program placement rates are in the high 90th percentile)



“Is the tuition free?”

Tuition, student fees, and books are all paid for on your behalf by the Wichita Promise MOVE scholarship.

“Why do I have to complete Financial Aid?”

When students apply for federal aid, they may qualify for a federal need-based form of aid called the Pell Grant. Pell Grant is money provided by the federal government that does not need to be paid back. This type of federal aid would be applied to your tuition bill first and the Wichita Promise MOVE scholarship would cover the remainder. This allows the college to provide scholarship assistance to more students.

“How long do I have to stay in Kansas after I finish my training?”

We do not require you to stay and live in Kansas after you finish your training, however you must be employed with a company in the Wichita area in order to receive the potential sign-on bonus. Wichita is the ‘Air Capital of the World’ with numerous job opportunities in the aviation industry. There really is no better place to be than Wichita if you are looking to work in aviation. Our hope is that once you are acquainted with the city, you will love it and want to stay here.

“What are the start dates?”

Process Mechanic (Paint): March 18, 2019

Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly: March 25, 2019 & May 6, 2019

“Is there an age limit?”

You must be 18 years of age or older.

“What if I fail or don’t get a job? Do I have to pay it back or will you pay to move me back home?”

If you are unable to complete the program or do not receive a job offer, you will not be required to pay back your scholarship. However, the scholarship will not pay to move you out of Wichita if you choose to leave.

“What is the starting wage?”

\$14.25/hr shift differential, a raise every 90 days, and overtime may be available.

“How long are the programs?”

Aviation Sheetmetal Assembly takes 6 weeks to complete and Process Mechanic (Paint) takes 7 weeks.

“When do I take classes?”

Class times are Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“What if I don’t have a car, will you provide transportation?”

Group transportation will be provided for the students participating in classes from their apartment to the WSU Tech campus and back to their apartment at the end of their scheduled classes.

“Do I have to be a US Citizen?”

You must be US Citizen or have a Permanent Resident Card.





“What if I have a felony?”

Students with felonies less than 7 years old are ineligible. *Other restrictions may apply.

“What if I am in default with financial aid?”

You will need to get out of default before you can become eligible for the Wichita Promise MOVE Scholarship. There are multiple options to get out of default, for more information visit: www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/default/get-out.

“Is this a pilot program or do you train pilots?”

No. You can learn everything else about a plane at the National Center for Aviation Training, except how to fly it.

“Has anyone else done this?”

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“How are the housing accommodations covered?”

The college pays the apartment complex directly. Your housing will be covered for 8 weeks.

“Do you get paid while you are training?”

You receive a living stipend while you are in training. \$450.00 for a single person and \$850.00 for a family, every 4 weeks. Please speak with a WSU Tech representative for more details and eligibility requirements for family stipends.

“What is the signing bonus?”

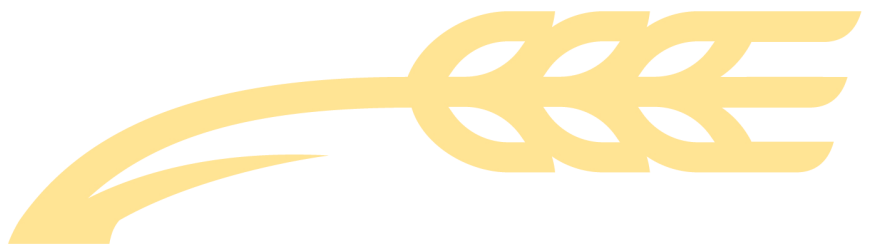
The signing bonus is a potential bonus for students that finish the program and go to work at one of Wichita’s local aviation companies.

“How does relocation work?”

The apartments open up to students two days prior to classes starting. The apartments are furnished. Students will receive approximately \$250.00 in moving reimbursement when they arrive. This amount may be more or less depending on where a student is relocating from. Arrangements can be made to receive the moving stipend prior to moving, if necessary.

“Are there any out of pocket costs?”

Tuition, fees, books, living stipend, and apartment are all covered. If you have other obligations that exceed your living stipend, those bills will be your responsibility.





“How do we help families/single parents?”

We do offer a daycare stipend for single parents, or parents that both work. The stipend is paid directly to the daycare facility. We also assist with finding daycare providers. The living stipend for families is higher than that of a single student. We also attempt to make accommodations with living arrangements by providing a larger apartment for families.

“What is the application deadline?”

It is preferred that students have all of the admissions requirements completed and all forms returned to their Student Success Coach 10 days prior to the class start date.

“How do I get the drug test/background check done?”

We use a 3rd party for our background checks and drug tests. You will receive a link in your email that will let you know where the closest drug testing facility is. After receiving the link, you have 3 days to take your drug test.

Are you ready to make the MOVE?

1. Apply for the Wichita Promise Move scholarship: www.wsutech.edu/wichitapromisemove
2. Apply to the college: www.wsutech.edu/apply
3. Complete your application for Federal Financial Aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov. When prompted, WSU Tech’s school code is **005498**.
4. Schedule a phone appointment with your Wichita Promise MOVE Student Success Coach, Ashley Likes.



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