



LAST MILE

ABOUT LAST MILE

Last Mile is a community-funded program designed to support students who are nearing degree completion and facing financial barriers. The program provides students with financial assistance by paying tuition costs and fees when needed. EWU serves a large population of low-income students, and financial insecurity is a primary reason that students leave EWU. The program is designed to be a low-barrier program for students in financial need.

Student Eligibility

- Must be within 30 quarter credits (20 semester) of degree completion
- Must be an undergraduate student
- Must indicate financial need

Populations Served

Last Mile is available to any undergraduate student nearing degree completion, regardless of demographics. This program is available for low-income students and students with financial issues.

Accomplishments and Impact

Given that financial insecurity is one of the most significant problems that EWU students face, the Last Mile Fund addresses this issue directly, showing positive results.

- **Retention rate** for Last Mile recipients, Winter-Spring AY 2024-25: 94%
- **Graduation rate** for Last Mile recipients, AY 2024–25: 100%

<https://inside.ewu.edu/degreecompletion/last-mile/>



Recipients of Last Mile funding have a **100% graduation rate!**



Provides **targeted, need-based, individualized** funding to support students within reach of graduation



Delivers **proactive, student-centered financial interventions** designed to boost completion rates and remove final-term obstacles to graduation

LAST MILE IMPACT

Student Testimonial

Going into this winter quarter, I did not know how I would pay for it. As a single mom, I really need to finish this degree in order to get a job that pays well enough to provide for my children. Without this scholarship, I do not know how I would have been able to finish my degree. I am so thankful for this scholarship because it allowed me to stay in school this quarter. Also, very importantly, this scholarship has relieved the panic about my finances for this quarter, allowing me to focus on my studies.

Upon graduation with this degree, I plan to find a job opportunity at a non-profit agency helping survivors of domestic violence rebuild their lives. Thanks to this scholarship I will be able to serve others in this career path.

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