The U.S. Congress eliminated the year-round Pell Grant for students who successfully completed the fall and spring terms in the Long-Term Continuing Resolution of 2011. This elimination is responsible for the reduction in Pell Grant awards for the 2011-2012 year.

Financial Aid Center and the Division of Online Programs held an event on our campus to assist students and their parents in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event is called College Goal Sunday and was held with the support and in conjunction with national events sponsored by the YMCA.

The Financial Aid Center conducted financial aid night presentations at Demopolis High School and Fruitaide High School. Personnel also presented information to prospective students and their parents at the fall and spring Preview Days at UWA.
Public/Community Service:
The U.S. Department of Education requires that a portion of Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) funds be used to employ students in community service. During the 2011-2012 award year, FWS students were employed in community service in following areas:

- Campus School: 13 students
- Health & Wellness: 1 student
- Library: 15 students
- Media Center: 1 student
- Student Support Services: 5 students
- Trio Programs/Counseling: 3 students
- Reading Tutors: 11 students
- Total: 49 students

The average Federal Work-Study employee works 15 hours per week and is paid the federal minimum wage. The University provides 25% of the funding for the Federal Work-Study Program. These students are supervised daily in each of these positions. They are also evaluated once each term by their supervisor.

Items Needing Action (Listed in Order of Priority):

1. Provide training and professional development opportunities for Financial Aid Staff. These are conferences and workshops conducted by the U.S. Department of Education. This budget request will allow each employee to attend a conference or workshop every other year. The Director and the Associate Director will attend the Southern and National Financial Aid Conferences and the Ellucian Computer Software Conference each year.
   Cost: $10,500.00

2. Upgrade four computers in the Financial Aid Center each year. Computer technology is mandated by the USDE for participation in all Federal Financial Aid Programs. This will allow us to replace every computer in the FA Center every four years.
   Cost: $4,000.00