WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

HOW TO WRITE A CHECK

During and after college you may need to know how to write a check in order to pay your rent, utilities, and more. For important steps and information provided on a check please see below.

- 1. Write the date
- 2. Write the name/organization who you are making check payable to
- 3. Write the dollar amount
- 4. Write the dollar amount in words (Ex: \$55.10, write Fifty five dollars 10/100)
- 5. Fill out the memo (what the check is for)
- 6. Sign your name exactly how it appears on the check



Key information to know about writing a check:

- There are three groups of numbers on the bottom of a check
- Your routing number is the first group of numbers (under the memo line #5)
- Your account number is the second group of numbers (under the signature line #6)
- The check number is the last group of numbers (also under the signature line)
- The check number also appears on the top right side above the date

