## **Financial Aid**

Whitman College believes in the value of a liberal arts education, and we are committed to making that education accessible to all students regardless of their economic circumstances. That's why we offer a comprehensive financial aid program and a dedicated team of financial aid staff who work closely with students and their families.

Whitman College offers scholarships, grants, loans, and federal and state work-study programs, to help make college affordable. Merit- and talent-based scholarships are available for students regardless of financial need. We also offer generous need-based scholarships.

Over 91% of students receive financial aid, with an average need-based aid package of more than \$52,833. Last year, the college awarded more than \$36 million in financial aid.

We know the importance of investing in higher education, but work closely with students to balance their debt by finding external scholarships and helping connect students with employment. In fact, most students graduate with less than \$20,000 in student loans.

Federal aid programs include Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, and Direct Loans. The state of Washington offers Washington College Grants, College Bound Scholarships, and state work-study program.

Awards to domestic students with need are based on financial information provided on the College Board's CSS Profile and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Dependent students must complete both the CSS Profile and the FAFSA. Independent students must only submit the FAFSA. International applicants are no longer required to complete the CSS Profile, and instead must complete our internal Whitman International Student Financial Aid Application (WISFAA), for which there is no submission fee. Students do not need to submit the CSS Profile or FAFSA to be eligible for merit-based aid. Talent-based scholarships for music, debate, fine arts and Theater have a separate application.

Whitman's merit-based awards are renewable for up to four years for full-time students. Need-based aid is recalculated every year and will adjust with tuition and changes to the student's family situation.

Financial aid (both merit and need-based) is available for eight semesters at Whitman or, in the case of students transferring credits to the college, the equivalent of eight semesters when transfer credit and Whitman attendance are combined (regardless of whether or not financial aid was received at the previous institution). For financial aid purposes only, 15 credits is the equivalent of one semester. If a student is unable to earn the necessary credits to complete degree requirements in eight semesters, the student may petition the Admission and Financial Aid Committee for a ninth semester of financial aid (see *Residence*).

## **Running Start and Similar Programs**

Students who earn credits from Running Start (either Washington's Running Start or a similar program from another state) will transfer no more than 14 Running Start credits and be considered first-year students for purposes of financial aid eligibility if they complete General Studies 175 and 176 (i.e. "First-Year Seminars") during their initial year of enrollment at Whitman (See Financial Aid Website). At the end of their first term of enrollment, students may notify the Registrar and Financial Aid that they wish to add the remainder of the Running Start credits to their academic record.

## **Filing Deadlines**

Students should file the CSS Profile/FAFSA/WISFAA according to the schedule below. If you are late applying for financial aid, your need-based aid may be reduced by 10% or could even be put on a waiting list for scholarship.

# CSS Profile (for domestic students who wish to apply for Whitman Need-Based Scholarship):

- The CSS Profile must be submitted online at cssprofile.collegeboard.org
- Early Decision I candidates by November 15

- Spring Semester Transfer candidates by November 1
- Early Decision II candidates by January 10
- Regular Decision candidates by January 15
- Fall semester Transfer candidates by March 1
- Returning students by April 15
- Returning students must complete their financial aid file by May 1, including tax returns. See below.

Whitman's CSS code is **4951**.

## FAFSA (for domestic students who wish to apply for Federal and State Aid):

- Students may file the FAFSA as early as October 1 but it should be submitted no later than, the deadline to submit the CSS Profile.
- The FAFSA should be submitted online at *www.fafsa.ed.gov*. If both the student and at least one parent have a FSA ID, they may use the FSA IDs to sign the form online. Otherwise, the signature and certification page need to be printed out, signed, and submitted to the federal processor.
- We highly recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval tool on the FAFSA. It will automatically populate the income questions with IRS data from your recent tax return.

Whitman's federal code is 003803.

## WISFAA (beginning 2022-23 school year for new International students who wish to apply for Whitman Need-Based Scholarship):

- The WISFAA must be submitted online at https://engage.whitman.edu/register/wisfaa
- Early Decision I candidates by November 15
- Spring Semester Transfer candidates by November 1
- Early Decision II candidates by January 10
- Regular Decision candidates by January 15
- Fall semester Transfer candidates by March 1

#### Income Tax Returns:

Income tax returns are not required of all need-based aid applicants, but if your parents are self-employed or own a business, we may request a complete copy of their recent federal tax returns including all schedules, W-2s, and business returns. All requested tax documentation must be received by May 1.

Late applications will be considered and additional offers made to late applicants only to the extent that aid funds are available.

## Maintaining Financial Aid Eligibility/Financial Aid Probation

In order to receive financial aid funds from Whitman College, the federal government, and the state of Washington, students must make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward completing their degree.

Satisfactory academic progress includes 1) completing a minimum number of *cumulative* credits; 2) maintaining a minimum *term and cumulative* grade point average; and 3) completing a degree within a reasonable period of time.

#### I. Minimum credit requirement

All students receiving financial aid must **complete at least 66.67 percent of the cumulative credits** that they attempt in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Note: Recipients of Washington State aid must successfully complete 50% or more of their attempted credits each semester. Completing less than 50% of attempted credits will trigger immediate suspension of state aid eligibility. Any less than 100% completion will result in the student being placed in a warning/probationary status for the following semester.

During the warning/probationary period for state aid, the student is expected to complete 100% of attempted credits; if not, suspension of state aid will ensue, with the possibility for appeal. If approved for an additional semester of

state aid probation, the student could receive aid for one more semester, again with the expectation that 100% of attempted credits be completed. If the student fails to complete 100% of attempted credits in this probationary semester, the student will no longer be eligible to receive state aid.

#### II. Minimum term and cumulative grade point average

Students must earn a **minimum GPA of 1.7 each semester** and a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 during their second semester at Whitman and subsequently**. Transferred credits, including those received during foreign or domestic off-campus study, do not count in the calculation of the cumulative and term grade point average, but they are included in the calculation of both attempted and completed credits.

#### III. Maximum time frame

Whitman scholarships are awarded for four years (the equivalent of eight semesters in total). In order for a student to finish his or her degree within the four years, at least 31 credits or more should be finished each year. Transfer students will be eligible to receive institutional scholarships based on the class standing they are assigned upon admission and evaluation by the registrar's office (i.e., a junior transfer student will have two years of scholarship eligibility). Students are eligible to receive federal and state financial aid until they have **attempted a maximum of 150% of the minimum number of credits required for the degree** (186 credits), **or completed all the requirements to receive their degree**.

Students who do not meet the above standards will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. The maximum period of financial aid probation is one semester, during which time a student will maintain eligibility for financial aid. If a student does not resume good standing and/or make satisfactory progress after one semester on probation, they will lose eligibility for Whitman-administered financial aid. A student who loses that eligibility may appeal for reinstatement to the Admission and Financial Aid Committee by submitting an academic plan.

Please note: These policies govern financial aid and do not have any bearing on your Whitman academic standing as they are separate policies. The College's catalog has more information on academic requirements.

## **General Whitman Scholarships**

Whitman scholarships, awarded by the college (one-half each semester), are gifts which are credited to the recipient's tuition, room, and board charges. A scholarship is not a loan, and its acceptance places the recipient under no more obligation than that of remaining in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward graduation. A complete statement of the conditions of the offer is included with the offer of a need-based scholarship award.

## Other Gift Aid Available

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Pell Grants, Washington College Grants, Washington State Opportunity Scholarships, and College Bound Scholarships are gift aid provided by the federal and state governments. All programs are based on financial need, and none require repayment. Unless a recipient's need changes later in the year, Whitman's original award of gift aid (Whitman scholarship and/or federal/state grants) is a one-year commitment to that amount of total gift aid. The award may be made before information regarding the applicant's qualification for gift aid outside the college is known. When the applicant later qualifies for governmental gift aid, such as the SEOG, a Pell Grant, or Washington College Grant, Whitman's scholarship award will be reduced by the equivalent amount, thereby freeing funds so that more students may be helped.

## **Loan Opportunities**

Whitman participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program which includes Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans for student borrowers, PLUS Loans for parents. Direct Loans may be need-based (subsidized) or non-need-based (unsubsidized and PLUS). Generally, borrowers have 10 years to repay the loans, but extended and income-based repayment plans are available. As of July 1 2021, new subsidized and unsubsidized Direct Loans will have a fixed interest rate of 3.73 percent and 6.28 percent for PLUS Loans (interest rates are subject to change).

Students may borrow private or alternative loans to help with their educational expenses, when the amount of their financial aid does not meet their required level of funding.

Several major banks and lending institutions offer private loan programs. The interest rates and applicable fees vary, and we suggest that students and parents carefully read the information provided about the loans before making a decision about which loan program to choose.

Interest on the loans is the responsibility of the family throughout the life of the loan, but may be deferred along with the principal until the student leaves higher education. The Office of Financial Aid Services welcomes your questions about private loans, and will be happy to assist you with the application process.

Short-term loans are available through the Student Accounts Office to meet sudden financial needs confronting students.

Whitman encourages students and their parents to use loan funds wisely. Loans place some responsibility for financing higher education on the student, enabling them to receive financial assistance when needed and to pay some of the cost of the education at a time when they are better able to do so. Consequently, the college expects to give students reasonable financial help in the form of loans. Students should not exceed the amount they need to meet educational expenses when borrowing. Inquiries are welcome and should be sent to the Office of Financial Aid Services.

## **Employment Opportunities**

All Whitman students who apply for financial aid and have need are offered employment opportunities. The offer of federal work-study opportunity often gives a student priority treatment in acquiring part-time work; however, jobs are not guaranteed. There is considerable competition for the most "desirable" jobs. For a current listing of job opportunities, please visit the Career and Community Engagement Center's website *at https://www.whitman.edu/after-whitman/career-and-community-engagement-center* 

### Named Scholarship Funds

Thanks to the generous support of Whitman alumni and friends, the college awards more than \$31 million annually in scholarship assistance to its students. Scholarship funds are provided from both named endowments and annual contributions. Scholarship awards are based on financial need and/or merit. In the fall of each academic year, students are notified of the specific funds from which their scholarships are drawn. Named scholarship funds are listed below:

10th Reunion 25th Reunion 40th Reunion 50th Reunion Terry Abeyta - Hispanic Thomas R. Adkison Judge David H. Allard Mildred Ebrel Allison Alumni Fund Ames Family, Professor Todd and Professor Walters William C. and Jessie Robbins Ammon Alexander Jay Anderson Charles E. and Margery B. Anderson Gordon Shaw Anderson Louisa Phelps Anderson William and Jeanie Anderson John Stirlen Applegate - Teaching Frances Jane Ford Baggs - Montana William H. Bailey – Music Baker Boyer Bank Dorsey S. Baker Frances Paine Ball - Art George Hudson Ball Nancy Cronon Ball Robert S. Ball

Robert S. and Julia Sims Ball Family Dorothy Fiala Beaupré - Drama David Beegle - Environmental Studies Peter G. Behr Lilith J. Bell and Nancy Bell Evans -Music Henry Bendix - Music Donald L. and Anne A. Bentley - Math Erma Jo and Wade Bergevin Erik E. and Edith H. Bergstrom Foundation William E. Berney - Drama Augusta W. Betz Jacob Betz Jacob Betz, Jr. Agnes M. Bigelow Russell A. Bigelow Blackburn Sisters Jay W. and Gladys Blair Grant S. and Etta S. Bond E. Herbert Botsford Boyce Family - Premedical Arthur Boyer Stephen J. Boyles Emma Jane Kirsch Brattain - Music Robert Bratton - Olympia High School

Robert H. and Mary Reed Brome - Senior Women Lorraine G. Bronson James A. and Mary Ellen Gowing Broughton - Music Brown and Coleman Family John S. Browning, Sr. Broze Robert and Lynn Brunton Family Andrew Mykle Budenz Emory Bundy Adam M. Burgener Burgess Family - Minority Students Robert B. Burgess Thomas Burke Burlington Northern Byerley International Students J. Antonio "Tony" Cabasco Barbara Hanley Campbell-Roosevelt High School Richard L. and Alan K. Campbell Dr. Thomas M. Campbell Hugh S. Cannon Foundation Cecil V. and Helen R. Carpenter Bob Carson Forrest C. and Willena Long Cation

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Kenneth A. and Elizabeth Dick Award -Idaho Ethel Means Dickson Daniel J. and Elizabeth Story Donno Arthur F. Douglas William O. Douglas - Valedictorian Dow-Bainbridge Frederick Dudgeon Harold E. Dupar, Jr. - Foreign Students Kim Dupuis Earl Dusenbery Jeanne Eagleson and John V. Gray Edward Eben Richard S.F. Eells Thomas H. Elliott Gary R. Esarey Fairbank-Harding Myrtle E. Falk Edward L. Farnsworth - Wilbur, Washington Area Barbara Sommer Feigin Milton W. and Lucile E. Field - Teaching John Freeman Fike - Bellevue High School First Opportunity John J. Fisher Joshua Fishman Floyd W. Fitzpatrick - Walla Walla Area Fitzpatrick Family Ben Flathers Harold and Annaliese Fleharty Forbes-Jacobs - History Nancy Morrison Frasco David W. Gaiser - Premedical Thomas Val Gaisford, Jr. - Asian Studies Newton and Kathryn Galley Robert E. Gardner Fay and Mary Garner Kenneth E. and Vivian C. Garner Paul Garrett William H. Gates, Sr. Donna Gerstenberger Ralph Gibbons Gary and Cheryl Gibson Michael and Susan Gillespie -Science/Premed Lionel C. and Dorothy H. Gilmour Alta I. Glenny Gordon E. Glover Dr. Harry B. and Gertrude Goodspeed Rov Goodwin Elmina E. Graham Robert W. Graham Robert W. and Margaret J. Graham John Gravenslund George H. Grebe - Portland Paul R. Green Dr. Albert Wright Greenwell - Premedical William E. and Harriet A. Grimshaw -Medicine/Law Leland B. Groezinger, Jr. - Economics

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Norman Klockman Virginia Lee Knight Ralph and Vivian Knudsen Laura Rodgers Hook Kurtz Amy Jane Reichert Ladley - Kappa Kappa Gamma Gerald DeRoss Ladley - Sophomore James Lamar Lange Community College Spark Henry G. Laun Grace Lazerson Cynthia Ann Lechner Marion LeFevre - Foreign Language Mary Emily Winters Legge Miriam Edwards LeRoux - Music Naila and Peter Lewis Family Ferdinand Libenow - American Indian Robert C. Lile Iris Myers Little and Agnes Little George Solomon and Thomas Livengood Helen McAuslan Logan-Schneider Fred P. and Miriam Lincoln Loomis Harry C. Luft - Colville, Washington Lynn B. Lunden Tristram S. Lundquist Bertha C. MacDougall - Voice James and Frances Mahoney Angeline M. Malloy - Music William Mantz H. Archie and Christina Marshall Ann Inman Martin -- Idaho C.W. "Bill" Martin, Sr. Suzanne L. Martin Kyle Martz Stephen H. Mathews Nancy Ellis Mathiasen - Women Chester C. Maxey - Beta Theta Pi Gertrude Maxwell Mary Elizabeth Cottrell May and Michael May Ruth C. McBirney F. James and Jayne S. McCarthy Helen Lanier McCown and William Lanier McCown - Prelaw Edna McEachern - Music McFadden Family - Science/Math McKay Clise Family McMillan Family McMurchie Family Russell F. and Margaret Gibbs McNeill McNellis Family William and Loran Meidinger Memorial Scholarship Annie Carter and Albert Metcalf NaShuntae Pleasant-Miles - Special Needs Roland E. Miller - Music Russell T. Miller Sandra Miner, M.D. W.L. and Dorothy Minnick Frank G. and Sally Taylor Mitchell

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David Stevens - Economics Mary J. Stewart Samuel and Althea Stroum George II and Myrtle Bond Struthers Elbridge and Mary Stuart Richard K. Stuart Joseph L. Stubblefield Trust W. Price and Ruth S. Sullivan Norm and Lynn Swick - Special Needs Sumio and Mii Tai Mary Eby Tate Brooke Taylor Edmund Taylor Lucille M. Thomas Frank and Lillian Thompson - Teaching Robert S. Thorne Jr. 3-2 Engineering Agnes Stephanson Tibbits - Women Winton A. Ticknor Timothy Tosswill Ed and Rosa Viola Tucker Sherrel Tucker Robert Tugman Guy M. Underwood Nathaniel W. and Bessie O. Usher Dean and Esther Vail Catherine van Veen Victor Family William E. Wadsworth Marjorie E. Ward James Prentice Warner and John Leigh J. Walter and Katherine H. Weingart Maurice and Gale Weir - Mathematics Drs. Robert F. and Elizabeth M. Welty Dr. Robert Welty and Eva Roberson Brian Weston and Susan Reynolds Workman Mary F. and Sarah Wheeler Velma Harris Whitlock Whitman Alumni Association Whitman Bridges Robert L. Whitner - History Whittaker Family Eunice V. Wiemer Jean D. Wilkinson - Minority Students J. Joy Williams Robert Jack Williams - Music A.D. Wilson Ron Witten Edna Mae and Clare Woodward George Woodward - Mathematics Dexter K. Yamada - Chemistry Richard C. and Mary Anne Shaffer Yancey Robert and Jacqueline Young Augusta Wilsen Betz and Katharina Betz Zimmerman Carroll L. Zimmerman - Science Bertha H. Zoellner

## **Special Scholarship Programs**

Whitman Achievement Scholarships are merit-based scholarships awarded to entering students who have achieved high academic excellence in their college preparatory work. These awards for the current year range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 annually and are renewable for four years. Students who receive need-based financial aid will be awarded the Whitman Achievement Scholarship as part of their need-based financial aid package. Those students who do not demonstrate need will receive the Whitman Achievement Scholarship and any other merit-based scholarships for which they qualify. All applicants for admission are considered for the scholarship. The award is based upon a calculation of grade-point average, test scores (if submitted), and other subjective criteria.

**Music Talent Scholarships** are awarded to a select group of entering students in recognition of exceptional musical talent and achievement. The general purpose of this scholarship program is to recognize students who will contribute to the excellence of the Whitman music community. More specifically, Music Scholars will contribute through the study of the instrument or voice on which they have successfully auditioned and through performance in the appropriate college ensemble, chamber orchestra, choir, or band. These awards for the current years range from \$3,000 to \$15,000 annually and are renewable for four years.

**Garrett Sherwood Scholarships** are awarded by Whitman to exceptional applicants who exhibit outstanding academic achievement, leadership and contributions to their schools and communities. While at Whitman, Garrett Sherwood scholars meet regularly on campus throughout the school year for socials, networking receptions, roundtable discussions, national grant and fellowship information sessions, and other events. In addition, over spring break of junior year, Garrett Sherwood scholars travel to New York City for a career exploration and networking trip. There, they have a chance to meet local alumni who are leaders in finance, business, media, culture and government and can assist the Scholars in making contacts in their potential career fields. Garret Sherwood scholars are also invited to campus to visit at Whitman's expense during the weekend of Admitted Students Day or any weekend of their choice.

**National Merit Scholarships** are awarded to selected National Merit finalists with Whitman as the sponsoring organization. Students will receive an additional \$2,000 in National Merit Scholarship.

**President's Scholarships** are awarded to entering students in recognition of exceptional talent. Students may qualify for a President's Scholarship in any of the following talent categories: art, debate or drama. These awards for the current year range from \$3,000 to \$15,000 annually and are renewable for four years.