



Westminster Financial Aid Applications Instructions

2012 – 2013 Academic Year (from Summer '12 – Spring '13)

Types of Financial Aid Applications

1. U.S. and Canadian Student Financial Aid Application (Scholarships & Loans)
2. International Student (non-Canadian) Scholarship Application
3. Spouse Scholarship Application

Eligibility to Apply for Financial Aid

1. **U.S./Canadian MABC/MAUM/MAR/MDiv Students:** Scholarship applicants must be enrolled full-time, except for a few Special and "Named" Scholarships. Loan applicants must be enrolled at least half-time.
2. **International MABC/MAUM/MAR/MDiv Students:** Scholarship applicants must be enrolled full-time.
3. **ThM/PhD Students:** The PhD scholarship is awarded by invitation only. Therefore applications for a PhD scholarship will not be accepted. There is no ThM scholarship. There are a few Special and "Named" Scholarships for which ThM & PhD students may apply. Loan applicants must be enrolled at least half-time.
4. **DMin Students:** The DMin scholarship is awarded by invitation only. Therefore applications for a DMin scholarship will not be accepted. DMin students are not eligible for Special and "Named" Scholarships or student loans.
5. **Spouse Scholarships:** Applicants must be spouses of full-time students in the MDiv program, OR spouses of full-time students in other programs with the signed approval from both the VP of Academic Affairs and Director of Admissions. Applicants must be enrolled in the MDiv, MAR, MABC, MAUM, or Certificate program.
6. **Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements:** ThM/PhD scholarship students: 3.00 GPA. All other scholarship students: 2.50 GPA and 75% completion rate. All loan students: 1.80 GPA and 75% completion rate. See the Financial Aid section of the Catalog for more details.
7. **Certificate and Special Level** students are not eligible for student loans.

Submission Requirements

1. Submit application with all appropriate additional documents. Include required tax documents (see below). Submit by the application deadline to the attention of the Financial Aid Office at the address indicated below.
2. **NEW (INCOMING STUDENTS):** Submit your admissions application to the Admissions Office prior to or at the same time as the Financial Aid/Scholarship Application. Submit them in advance of the application deadline (see below). Your Financial Aid/Scholarship application will not be considered until you are admitted to an eligible program (or, provisionally admitted for international students).
3. **U.S. AND CANADIAN FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS ONLY:**
 - a. Complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) available on the website (www.fafsa.ed.gov). The submission deadline for FAFSA is the same as the scholarship application. Westminster's ID for reporting purposes is G03393. Note to tax-filers: An application will not be processed unless the student's FAFSA indicates that the tax return was already completed and filed.
 - b. Tax information: Electronically transfer your Federal Income Tax Return information for 2011 to your FAFSA, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (preferred), or, submit a Tax Transcript, available from irs.gov. Non-tax filers, complete the Non-Tax Filer Worksheet.
 - c. First-time loan borrowers at Westminster: Sign Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Counseling at www.studentloan.gov
4. **INTERNATIONAL (NON-CANADIAN) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY:** Complete the Scholarship Application for International Students and include/attach Part H (ministry statement). Applicants who show evidence of substantial support from their home churches or organizations will be more likely to receive financial aid from the Seminary.
5. **SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY:**
 - a. Complete the front side of the Spouse Scholarship application for spouses of MDiv students; both sides for spouses of non-MDiv students.
 - b. Attach a copy of your proof of marriage (e.g. marriage certificate, joint tax return, affidavit, or other proof of marriage).

Application Deadlines

U.S. AND CANADIAN FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS:

Scholarships: April 15 – For the following academic year.

Exceptions: July 15 – "Late application" for the following academic year (for new students admitted after March 1).

September 30 – "Spring Semester Only" scholarships. (Late and Spring Semester Only applicants are only eligible for the General and MDiv Ministry awards. Awards are subject to availability).

Loans: April 15 – Summer Hebrew; **May 30** – Summer Greek; **June 30** – Fall semester; **Nov 30** – Winter/Spring semester.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS (NON-CANADIAN): February 15 – For the following academic year.

SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

June 1 – For the following academic year.

Exceptions: October 31 – "Spring Semester Only" scholarships. (Applications from students whose marriages occur after the deadline but before the start of the semester or term will be considered. Awards are subject to availability).

More Information

For more information regarding financial aid, including tuition costs and types of aid available, please consult the "Financial Aid" section of the Westminster Student Catalog, email financialaid@wts.edu, or access the Financial Aid website: www.wts.edu → Current Students → Financial Aid.



Application for Westminster Financial Aid U.S. and Canadian Students

Part A – Personal Information

1. SSN: _____ - _____ - _____		Student ID: _____	
2. Name _____			
Last (Surname)		First	Middle/Maiden Name
3. Local mailing address _____			
Number, Street, and Apartment Number		City	State
		Country	Zip Code
4. E-mail address _____		7. Place of Birth _____	
		City	Country
5. Phone numbers _____		8. Marital Status	
Home		9. Number of children _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated	
		10. Age(s) of children _____	
6. Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____			
Month		Date	Year

Part B – Citizenship Information

If you are NOT a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident, STOP! Complete the Scholarship Application for International Students.

11. Are you a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident? <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Permanent Resident, Alien #: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident Visa Status <input type="checkbox"/> J1 <input type="checkbox"/> F1 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Visa Exp Date _____ / _____ / _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> Month Date Year </div>	12. Country of citizenship, if you are not a US or Canadian citizen: _____ 13. Which campus will you take classes in 2012-13? <input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas
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Part C – Course of Study

14. What degree program were you accepted into? (Please check only one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> M.A. – Biblical Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> M.A.R. – Urban Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. – Urban	<input type="checkbox"/> Th.M. – New Testament
<input type="checkbox"/> M.A. – Urban Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. – Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Th.M. – Apologetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Th.M. – Old Testament
<input type="checkbox"/> M.A.R. – Biblical Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. – General Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Th.M. – Church History	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. – Herm. & Bib. Interpret.
<input type="checkbox"/> M.A.R. – General	<input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. – Pastoral Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Th.M. – Systematic Theology	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. – Hist. & Theol. Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> M.A.R. – Theological Studies			
15. Are you a NEW or RETURNING student?		16. Is this your 1 st or 2 nd degree at WTS?	
<input type="checkbox"/> New, first year at WTS <input type="checkbox"/> New, reinstated <input type="checkbox"/> Returning, year: 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4+ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Returning, after Leave of Absence		<input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Second	
		17. Anticipated date of graduation: _____ / _____ Semester Year	
18. List the number of credits you plan to take in each semester or term and any special fees:			
		_____ # Credits, Sum	_____ # Credits, Win
		_____ # Credits, Fall	_____ # Credits, Spr
		<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Theological Writing	<input type="checkbox"/> English Bible Survey
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mentored Ministry Integration Seminar	

Part D – Scholarships

19. a) Indicate the denomination and name of your church _____ b) Are you a member of your church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 20. Are you an American Minority student? (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, African American <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Hispanic American <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Amer.Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not an American Minority 21. Type of scholarship requested – check all that apply. <i>Except for rare circumstances, only one scholarship is awarded per student. Please see the financial aid pages of our catalog or website for scholarship descriptions and eligibility requirements.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Masters General <input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. Ministry – Under Care (Answer Q.22 through 25) o Required Status: Under care as a candidate for ordained ministry in a NAPARC presbytery (see naparc.org for member denominations). o Required Doc.: Formal under care letter from the stated clerk of the presbytery or classis official. <input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. Ministry – American Minority (Answer Q.22 through 25) o Required Status: Must answer “Yes” to Q.20 and have under care or equivalent status in your church. o Required Doc.: Formal letter from pastor documenting that you are under care or equivalent, or in development for church leadership.	Submission Deadline: April 15 – for following academic year Exceptions: July 15 – “Late Application” (for new students admitted after Mar.1). Sept.30 – SPRING SEMESTER ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> M.Div. Ministry – RUF (Answer Q.22 through 25) o Required Status: Former or current RUF intern o Required Doc.: Formal under care or equivalent letter from RUF minister documenting RUF internship. <input type="checkbox"/> Sinclair Scholarship (Answer Q.22 through 26) o Required Status: Under care of a PCA or OPC presbytery as a candidate for ordained ministry. o Required Docs.: Formal under care letter from the stated clerk of your presbytery, and Subscription to Westminster Standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Special & “Named” Scholarship (Attach additional documents): Indicate name: _____	

Part D – Scholarships

22. Are you currently under care or equivalent? (M.Div. and Sinclair Scholarship applicants)

- Yes No

23. If YES to Q.22, is your under care or equivalent letter on file in the Financial Aid Office (deadline is the first day of class)?

- Yes No, but it will be submitted by ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___

24. If NO to Q.22, will you come under care or equivalent by the first day of classes that this award covers?

- Yes No, but I anticipate coming under care or equivalent by ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___

25. Indicate the denomination and church in which you are/will be under care or equivalent _____.

26. Is your Statement of Subscription to the Westminster Standards on file in the Financial Aid Office? (Sinclair Scholarship applicants)

- Yes No (please attach the form with application)

Note: The Statement of Subscription to the Westminster Standards can be obtained from our website or from the Financial Aid Office.

Part E – Loans (MA, MAR, MDiv, ThM, and PhD students only)

27. How much do you owe in student loans?

Undergraduate \$ _____
Graduate \$ _____

29. If YES to Q.28, how much do you wish to borrow?*

Direct Unsubsidized \$ _____
Graduate PLUS \$ _____

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28. Do you plan to borrow a loan for the 2012–2013 academic year?

- No
 I may, depending on the results of my scholarship application
 Yes, I wish to apply for a loan

30. Do the amounts in Q.29 include summer classes?

- Yes No

*** Please note these amounts reflect the gross loan amounts for the academic year. If you require a loan for one semester only, please indicate clearly. The disbursed amounts will be less due to loan fees.**

Types of Loans: (Origination fees and Insurance Fees may apply)

1. Federal Direct Loan (unsubsidized):

- *Fixed Interest rate:* for 2012–13 academic year is 6.80%.
- *Interest payment:* the borrower pays all interest

Loan Limits:

- *Per year for Direct:* \$20,500.
- *Per year limit for PLUS loan:* student's cost of attendance minus other aid.
- *Aggregate life-time limit for Direct:* \$138,500.

2. Graduate PLUS Loan:

- *Fixed Interest rate:* for 2012–13 academic year is 7.90%
- *Interest payment:* the borrower pays all interest

Part F – Outside Financial Assistance

For academic year 2012–2013, I expect to receive the following outside financial aid assistance:

A. Military Financial Aid (Americorp, National Guard, Army, etc.)

\$ _____

B. Fund(s) and/or scholarships from:

- Family \$ _____
- Church \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

Part G – Special circumstances

Please indicate any major changes in financial status you anticipate from the current to upcoming academic year (e.g. reduction/loss of work, etc).

Student Certification:

I certify that I have accurately reported my finances and all other information in this application for the period shown and that I will notify the Financial Aid Office of any subsequent changes. If I am attesting to being under care, I also agree to contact the Financial Aid Office if it has been determined that I no longer believe I am called to the ordained ministry.

Student Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist (NOTE: An incomplete application will be returned). Attach the following, as applies:

- This application
- FAFSA (submitted electronically online, www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Transfer your 2011 Tax Return to FAFSA, or submit a Tax Transcript, available from irs.gov. Please do not send any additional tax forms!
- For non-tax filers: The Non-Tax Filer Worksheet
- For first-time loan borrowers at Westminster: Master Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling
- Documents required for any scholarship or loan for which you are applying, as specified in the catalog or on the website.
- Any additional page(s) or other pertinent information that would be helpful in assessing your need (optional).