Westminster Financial Aid Applications

Instructions

2013 – 2014 Academic Year (from Summer ’13 – Spring ’14)

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 MAC/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, and have completed a minimum of three years full time study prior to or while attending Westminster.
2. International MAC/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; spouses of full–time students in other non-advanced programs may be considered. Applicants must be enrolled in the MDiv, MAR, MAC, 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. See the Financial Aid section of the Catalog for more details.
7. Certificate and Special Level students are not eligible to participate in the Government student loan program.

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. Your Financial Aid/Scholarship application will not be considered until you are admitted to an eligible program (or, provisionally admitted for international students).
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.
   c. Non-tax filers: complete the Non-Tax Filer Worksheet.
   d. First-time loan borrowers at Westminster: Sign Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.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 FAFSA and provide tax information as indicated above for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.
   b. Complete the Application for Spouse Tuition Scholarship.
   c. 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
5. Phone numbers
   Home
   Cell
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?
   ☐ U.S. Citizen
   ☐ U.S. Permanent Resident, Alien #:
   ☐ Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
   Visa Status   ☐ J1   ☐ F1   ☐ Other
   Visa Exp Date   ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___ ___ ___
   Month   Date   Year

12. Country of citizenship, if you are not a U.S or Canadian citizen:

13. Are you a NEW or RETURNING student?
14. What degree program were you accepted into? (Please check only one)
   ☐ M.A.U.M. (Urban Mission)   ☐ M.Div. – Counseling
   ☐ M.A.R. – Biblical Studies   ☐ M.Div. – General Studies
   ☐ M.A.R. – General   ☐ M.Div. – Pastoral Ministry
   ☐ M.A.R. – Theological Studies

15. Are you a New or RETURNING student?
16. Is this your 1st or 2nd degree at WTS?
   ☐ New, first year at WTS
   ☐ New, reinstated
   ☐ Returning, year: 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4+ ☐
   ☐ Returning, after Leave of Absence

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
   ☐ Advanced Theological Writing   ☐ English Bible Survey
   ☐ Mentored Ministry Integration Seminar

Part C – Course of Study

19. a) Indicate the denomination and name of your church ___________________________.
   b) Are you a member of your church? ☐ Yes   ☐ No

20. Are you an American Minority student? (optional)
   ☐ Yes, African American   ☐ Yes, Hispanic American
   ☐ Yes, Amer. Indian or Alaskan Native   ☐ No, I am not an American Minority

21. Type of scholarship requested – check all that apply. Except in 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.
   ☐ Masters General
   ☐ M.Div. Ministry – Under Care (Answer Q.22 through 25)
     ☐ Required Status: Under care as a candidate for ordained ministry in a NAPARC presbytery (see naparc.org for member denominations).
     ☐ Required Doc.: Formal under care letter from the stated clerk of the presbytery or classis official.
   ☐ M.Div. Ministry – American Minority (Answer Q.22 through 25)
     ☐ Required Status: Must answer “Yes” to Q.20 and have under care or equivalent status in your church.
     ☐ Required Doc.: Formal letter from pastor documenting that you are under care or equivalent, or in development for church leadership.
   ☐ M.Div. Ministry – RUF (Answer Q.22 through 25)
     ☐ Required Status: Former or current RUF intern
     ☐ Required Doc.: Formal under care or equivalent letter from RUF minister documenting RUF internship.
   ☐ Sinclair Scholarship (Answer Q.22 through 26)
     ☐ Required Status: Under care of a PCA or OPC presbytery as a candidate for ordained ministry.
     ☐ Required Docs.: Formal under care letter from the stated clerk of your presbytery, and Subscription to Westminster Standards.
   ☐ 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 NO to Q.22, will you come under care (or its equivalent) by the first day of classes covered by this award?
  ❑ Yes ❑ No, but I anticipate coming under care or equivalent by ___ / ___ / ___

24. If YES to Q.22 or Q.23, is your under care (or equivalent) letter on file in the Financial Aid Office?
  ❑ Yes ❑ No, but it will be submitted by ___ / ___ / ___ (deadline is the first day of class)

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, M.Div, ThM, and PhD students only)

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<th>27. How much do you owe in student loans?*</th>
<th>30. If YES to Q.29, how much do you wish to borrow?**</th>
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<td>Undergraduate $ ________________</td>
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28. Undergrad degree completed? ❑ Yes ❑ No

29. Do you plan to borrow a loan for the 2013–2014 academic year?
  ❑ No
  ❑ Yes, I may, depending on the results of my scholarship application
  ❑ Yes, I wish to apply for a loan

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

| Loan Limits: |
| Per year for Direct: $20,500. |
| Per year limit for PLUS loan: up to student’s cost of attendance minus other aid. |

31. Do the amounts in Q.30 include summer classes?
  ❑ Yes ❑ No

* Note: Students with total debt levels exceeding $26,000 for M.Div or $20,000 for MAC/UM or MAR programs require debt counseling.

** These amounts reflect the gross loan amounts for the entire academic year. If you require a loan for one semester only, please indicate clearly. The disbursed amounts will be less due to a 1% loan fee.

Types of Loans: (Loan fees apply)

1. Federal Direct Loan (unsubsidized):
   - Fixed Interest rate: 6.80% for the 2013–14 academic year
   - Interest payment: the borrower pays all interest

2. Graduate PLUS Loan:
   - Fixed Interest rate: 7.90% for 2013–14 academic year
   - Interest payment: the borrower pays all interest

Part F – Outside Financial Assistance

For academic year 2013–2014, I expect to receive the following outside financial aid assistance:

A. Military and/or National Service Financial Aid (Americorp, National Guard, Army, VA, 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 not be considered). Attach the following, as applies:

❑ This application
❑ FAFSA (submitted electronically online, www.fafsa.ed.gov)
❑ For non-tax filers submit a Non-Tax Filer Worksheet
❑ For first-time loan borrowers at Westminster complete Master Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling on www.studentloans.gov
❑ 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).