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.
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. 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.
   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 Spouse Tuition Scholarship

**Application Restrictions:**

1. You must be enrolled in the M.Div., M.A.R., M.A. or Certificate program.
2. You may only apply for a spouse scholarship for up to the number of credits for which the full-time student is registered in a given semester or term (Summer, Fall, or Winter/Spring).
3. The credits awarded can be applied only to classes necessary for the program in which the spouse is enrolled.
4. This application is for a tuition scholarship only. Applicants must pay student fees, application fees, mentored ministry fee (if applicable), books, etc.
5. If the full-time student drops below full-time status the Spouse Tuition Scholarship no longer applies and the spouse will be expected to pay tuition.
6. If the full-time student transfers from the M.Div. program to another non-advanced degree program, the Application for Spouse Tuition Scholarship must be resubmitted.

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6. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes: ☐ U.S. Citizen, SSN: __________________
   ☐ U.S. Permanent Resident, Alien #: ________________

7. If you answered no to Question 6, what is your country of citizenship? ___________________________

8. If you answered no to Question 6, what is your visa status? ☐ J1 ☐ F1 ☐ Other _________

9. Degree Program (check one):
   ☐ M.A.C. (Counseling) ☐ M.Div. – Counseling
   ☐ M.A.U.M. (Urban Mission) ☐ M.Div. – General Studies
   ☐ M.A.R. – Biblical Studies ☐ M.Div. – Pastoral Ministry
   ☐ M.A.R. – General ☐ M.Div. – Urban
   ☐ M.A.R. – Theological Studies |
   ☐ M.A.R. – Urban Mission |

10. Number of credits you plan to take in each semester/term:
    # Credits, Summer _______ # Credits, Winter _______
    # Credits, Fall _______ # Credits, Spring _______

11. Date of marriage: ___-___-___-___-___

12. Have you submitted your proof of marriage with this application? ☐ Yes
    ☐ No, it was already submitted with application for previous academic year
    ☐ No, please explain: ________________________________

## Spouse

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13. Proof of marriage submitted:
    ☐ Marriage Certificate
    ☐ Joint Tax Return
    ☐ Affidavit
    ☐ Other, please explain: ________________________________

14. Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes ☐ No ☐

15. If you filed taxes, did you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to import your tax return information into the FAFSA, or provide an IRS tax return transcript? Yes ☐ No ☐

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Full-time student (not the spouse) must answer the following questions:

(Continue on separate paper if necessary.)

1. How do you intend to pay for your tuition?

2. Because the spouse tuition program is intended to assist couples who will be in ministry together, what are your plans after you graduate from Westminster?

3. How might your spouse use the education and training available at Westminster in this ministry?

4. Briefly describe your involvement in ministry up to this point.

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APPROVAL

Spouse Scholarship Sub-committee

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