Westminster Financial Aid Applications
Instructions
2010 – 2011 Academic Year (from Summer ’10 – Spring ’11)

Types of Financial Aid Applications
1. U.S. and Canadian Student Financial Aid Application (Scholarship & Loan)
2. International Student (non-Canadian) Scholarship Application
3. Spouse Scholarship Application

Eligibility to Apply for Financial Aid
1. **U.S./Canadian Financial Aid**: Scholarship applicants must be enrolled in the MDiv, MAR, or MA programs. They must be enrolled full-time, except for the Church Partnership Award. There is no application for ThM, PhD & DMin students as they are awarded by invitation only. Loan applicants must be enrolled at least half-time in the MDiv, MAR, MA, ThM or PhD programs.

2. **International Scholarships**: available to full-time students enrolled in the MDiv, MAR, or MA programs.

3. **Spouse Scholarships**: available to 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. Spouse scholarship applicants must be enrolled in the MDiv, MAR, MA or Certificate programs.

4. **Academic Requirements**: Scholarships: 2.50 GPA minimum unless otherwise noted; Loans: 1.80 GPA unless otherwise noted.

Submission Requirements
1. Submit completed application with all appropriate additional documents, including required tax documents (see below), by the application deadline to the attention of the Financial Aid Office at the address indicated below.

2. **New (incoming students)**: Please submit your application for admission to Westminster to the Admissions Office prior to or at the same time as the Financial Aid/Scholarship Application well 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 (U.S., Canadian, & Spouse applicants) or provisionally admitted to an eligible program (International applicants).

3. **U.S. AND CANADIAN FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS ONLY**:  
   a. If you have a Social Security Number, complete the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) available on the website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) or from the Financial Aid Office. The submission deadline for FAFSA is the same as for the scholarship application itself. 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.

   b. Attach a copy of your signed Federal Income Tax Return for the current year (1040 or equivalent and W-2 forms) to your application. If you did not file taxes, you must complete the Non-Tax Filer section of the Westminster Verification Form.

   c. Fill out the Westminster Verification Form.

4. **INTERNATIONAL (NON-CANADIAN) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY**: Submit Scholarship Application for International Students and make sure to include 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 (i.e. marriage certificate, joint tax return, affidavit, or other proof of marriage).

Application Deadlines

**U.S. AND CANADIAN FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS**

**Scholarships:**
- March 31 – For the following academic year.
- Exceptions: July 1 – “Late application” for the following academic year (only for new students who are admitted to Westminster after March 1st); September 30 – For SPRING SEMESTER ONLY scholarships (for new and returning students who did not submit an application by the March 31st deadline). These applicants are only eligible for regular tuition scholarships (M.Div. Ministry and General) and awards are subject to availability of remaining funds.

**Loans:**
- April 15th – Summer Hebrew; May 30th – Summer Greek; June 30th – Fall semester; Nov 30th – 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 – For SPRING SEMESTER ONLY scholarships. However, awards are subject to availability of remaining funds; Applications from students whose marriages occur after the deadline but before the start of the semester or term will be considered.

More Information
For more information regarding financial aid, including tuition costs, types of scholarships available, and possible sources for student loans, please consult the “Financial Aid” section of the Westminster Student Catalog, contact a Financial Aid Office staff representative, or access the Financial Aid information on our website (http://www.wts.edu).
Application for Westminster Financial Aid
U.S. and Canadian Students

**Part A – Personal Information**

1. SSN: _______ - _______ - _______  
   Student ID: __________________________

2. Name  
   Last  
   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  
   _______ / _______ / _______ Year

**Part B – Citizenship Information**

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

11. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?
   - U.S. Citizen
   - U.S. Permanent Resident, Alien #: __________________________
   - Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident

   Visa Status  
   - F1
   - J1
   - Other

   Visa Exp Date  
   _______ / _______ / _______ Year

12. If you are not a US or Canadian citizen, indicate country of citizenship:

13. On which campus do you plan to take classes for the 10–11 academic year?
   - Philadelphia
   - Dallas

**Part C – Course of Study**

14. What degree program were you accepted into? (Please check only one)
   - M.A. – Biblical Counseling
   - M.A. – Urban Mission
   - M.A. – General
   - M.A.R. – Biblical Studies
   - M.A.R. – Theological Studies
   - M.A.R. – Urban Mission
   - M.A.R. – Pastoral Ministry
   - M.A.R. – General
   - M.A.R. – Counseling
   - M.Div. – Urban Mission
   - M.Div. – Pastoral Ministry
   - M.Div. – General Studies
   - M.Div. – Counseling
   - M.Div. – Urban
   - Th.M. – Church History
   - Th.M. – General Studies
   - Th.M. – Counseling

15. Will you be a NEW or RETURNING student?
   - New (1st year at WTS)
   - New, reinstated
   - Returning, year: 2, 3, 4+
   - Returning, after Leave of Absence

16. Is this your 1st or 2nd degree at Westminster?
   - First
   - 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, Summer
   - # Credits, Winter
   - # Credits, Fall
   - # Credits, Spring
   - Advanced Theological Writing
   - English Bible Survey
   - Mentored Ministry fee, including M.Div Counseling Observation

**Part D – Scholarships (MA, MAR, MDiv students only; DMin, ThM, PhD not eligible to apply)**

19. a. Indicate your denomination and church name ___________________________.
   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, Am.Indian or Alaskan Native
   - No, I am not an American Minority

21. Type of scholarship requested – check all that apply.
   *Except for rare circumstances, only one scholarship is awarded to recipients. Please see the financial aid pages of our catalog or website for scholarship descriptions and eligibility requirements.*
   - Masters General
     - Required Status: “Undercare” as a candidate of a NAPARC presbytery for ordained ministry (see www.naparc.org for a current listing of member denominations).
     - Required Doc.: Formal “undercare” letter from the stated clerk of the presbytery or classis official.
     - Required Status: Must answer “Yes” to Q.22 and have “undercare” or equivalent status in your church.
     - Required Doc.: Formal letter from pastor documenting that you are “undercare” or equivalent in development for church leadership.
   - M.Div. Ministry – RUF (Answer Q.22 through 25)
     - Required Status: Former or current RUF intern
     - Required Doc.: Formal “undercare” or equivalent letter from RUF minister documenting RUF internship.
   - Sinclair Scholarship (Answer Q.22 through 26)
     - Required Status: “Undercare” of a PCA or OPC presbytery as a candidate for ordained ministry.
     - Required Docs.: Formal undercare letter from the stated clerk of your PCA or OPC presbytery, and Subscription to Westminster Standards.
   - Special & “Named” (MA, MAR, MDiv only) (Answer Q.27):
     - Indicate name:

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Part D – Scholarships (MA, MAR, MDiv students only; ThM, PhD not eligible to apply)

22. If you are applying for an MDiv or Sinclair Scholarship are you currently under care or equivalent?
   □ 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 __________________________ (please provide date).

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 undercare/equivalent __________________________ (please provide date).

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

26. If you are applying for a Sinclair Scholarship, is your Statement of Subscription to the Westminster Standards form on file in the Financial Aid Office?
   □ Yes   □ No (if no, please attach the form with application)

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

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

28. How much do you owe in student loans?
   Undergraduate $ __________________
   Graduate $ __________________

29. Do you plan to apply for a loan for the 2010–2011 academic year?
   □ No
   □ 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?
   Direct Subsidized $ __________________
   Direct Unsubsidized $ __________________
   Graduate PLUS $ __________________

31. Do the amounts in Q.30 include winter classes (if applicable)?
   □ Yes   □ No

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

1. Federal Direct Loan (subsidized):
   • Fixed Interest rate: for 2010–11 academic year is 6.80%.
   • Interest payment: the government pays interest while the student is enrolled in school at least half-time.

2. Federal Direct Loan (unsubsidized):
   • Fixed Interest rate: for 2010–11 academic year is 6.80%.
   • Interest payment: the borrower pays all interest

3. Graduate PLUS Loan
   • Fixed Interest rate: for 2010–11 academic year is 7.90%
   • Interest payment: the borrower pays all interest

   Loan Limits
   • Per year for Direct: $20,500 ($8,500 of which can be Subsidized Loans).
   • Aggregate limit for Direct: $138,500 ($65,500 of which can be Subsidized).
   • Aggregate limit for PLUS: student’s cost of attendance minus other financial aid.

Part F – Outside Financial Assistance

For academic year 2010–2011, 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). Be sure the attach the following, as applies:

☐ This application
☐ FAFSA (submitted electronically online)
☐ Verification Form
☐ Signed copy of 2009 income tax return (1040 or equivalent, front and back, and W-2 forms). Please do not send any additional tax forms!
☐ 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).