



Whitman

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To Whitman College Applicants:

My colleagues and I on the Admission Committee are delighted you are considering Whitman College. We hope your application will celebrate your achievements and provide us insight into the unique story you have to share. As you complete your application, I offer a few words of advice.

Whitman seeks to build an intellectually-centered, diverse, and highly-engaged community of scholars. We seek curious, hard-working students who enjoy learning. We look for students with exceptional talents who have made a difference in their school and community. We strive to build a community that represents students from various ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds. Whitman aims to foster diversity and respect for all of its community members.

The primary emphasis of our evaluation of your application is on your academic preparation. The Admission Committee also values active involvement in extracurricular activities. It is the balance between the academic excellence of our students and their engagement in the Whitman community that makes Whitman such an exciting experience. We will assess carefully the following in your application:

- the rigor of courses you have taken
- the grades earned in those courses
- the quality, depth, and voice of your writing
- the passion you have demonstrated in extracurricular activities and work
- the recommendations from your guidance counselor, advisor, teacher, or professor
- your SAT I or ACT scores

Our admission process is highly selective since we are unable to offer admission to all qualified applicants. Please know that members of our Admission Committee read each application with care and interest.

I hope this letter clarifies what we look for when we read your application and conveys our interest in you and your achievements. Finally, I recommend you take the time to interview with an admission officer during a campus visit or when we travel to your area. Although not required, we find the interview helps us get to know each student better and personalizes the admission process.

We look forward to reading your application.

J. Antonio Cabasco
Dean of Admission & Financial Aid
Chair, Admission Committee

Applying to Whitman

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Admission & Financial Aid Official Deadlines*	Early Decision I	Early Decision II	Regular Decision	Spring Admission
Application Deadline	November 15	January 1	January 15	November 15
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Deadline	January 5	January 5	February 1	November 15
College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE Deadline	November 15	January 5	February 1	November 15
Admission Notification Date	December 22	January 23	April 1	December 1
Financial Aid Notification Date	December 22	February 1	April 7	December 15
Candidate's Reply Date (Admission & Financial Aid)	February 17	February 17	May 1 (national deadline)	January 5

*Postmarked no later than the date indicated

Completing Your Application

What forms do I need to complete an application for admission? See the Personal Checklists on the back page of this letter.

Can I apply online? Yes. We prefer that students apply online. You will find Whitman's online application at www.whitman.edu/content/admission.

What are Whitman's deadline and notification dates? See the table above.

What is Early Decision? If Whitman is your first-choice college and you plan to enroll if you are admitted, then our Early Decision options I or II are designed for you. Once admitted, we ask you to withdraw applications pending elsewhere. We take this commitment seriously and expect that you will also.

Will I need to complete an additional form as an Early Decision candidate? Yes. You will need to complete the **Early Decision Agreement**. The agreement states that Whitman is your first-choice college, and, if admitted, you will attend Whitman — contingent upon receipt of an acceptable financial aid award — and withdraw all applications pending elsewhere.

What tests does Whitman require? Whitman requires either the **SAT I** or **ACT with writing** scores to complete an application for admission.

What tests do I need if I'm an international student? Students whose native language is not English must also submit scores from the **TOEFL** and, if possible, the **TWE** exams.

Does Whitman have a preference between the SAT I or the ACT? No. We accept both and treat them equally.

How does Whitman handle scores on different test dates? It is Whitman's policy to use the highest sub score of the SAT I, even if the highest scores are received on different test dates. We use the highest ACT composite score, too.

What if I submit both the SAT I and the ACT? When both SAT I and ACT scores are submitted, we record the best score using an equivalency table.

What is Whitman's CEEB code? 4951.

What is Whitman's ACT code? 4492.

What other forms will I need to submit as an international applicant? As an international applicant, you must submit all parts of the application listed on our personal checklist for international students (see *back page*).

What other forms will I need to submit as a Home-schooled applicant? Home-schooled applicants must submit the Home School Supplement to the Secondary School Report, which is available at www.commonapp.org.

Can I enter Whitman mid-year? Yes. To apply for spring semester admission, you should submit all application materials by **November 15**. Your application will be acted upon immediately to allow you to have time to make your plans.

Financial Aid Information

What forms do I need to complete to apply for need-based financial aid? The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and the **College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE** must be completed by the dates listed in the deadlines table.

Where can I find the FAFSA and PROFILE forms? Both forms are available in your high school guidance office and in most college financial aid offices. These are typically available for the new school year each November.

Can I file the financial forms online? Yes. The web addresses for the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE forms are www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.collegeboard.com, respectively.

What is Whitman's FAFSA code? 003803.

What is Whitman's CSS Profile code? 4951.

Since much of the information needed to complete the FAFSA and PROFILE derives from income tax information, how can I file the forms if our tax forms have not been completed? In most cases, you and your family will not yet have completed your income tax return at the time you apply for financial aid. We recommend that you use estimated figures where you do not have precise information. Later, if actual figures differ greatly from your estimates, you will have the opportunity to make adjustments.

What happens if I submit my forms late? Since financial aid awards will have been made to those who file on time, financial aid funds may be limited for those who file late.

If I am not applying for need-based financial aid and would like to be considered for merit-based scholarships, do I need to file the FAFSA and the CSS PROFILE? No, you will automatically be considered for certain merit-based scholarships when you turn in your complete application. Additional materials or an audition may be required for some merit-based scholarships at Whitman. Please call our toll-free number, 1-877-462-9448, for details.

What merit-based scholarships are available? Whitman offers the following merit-based scholarships:

- *Whitman Merit-Based Scholarships (academic achievement)*
- *Paul Garrett Scholarships for Men & Claire Sherwood Memorial Scholarships for Women (academics & leadership)*
- *President's Scholarships for Academic Excellence, Art, Debate, & Theatre*
- *Campbell & Higley Music Scholarships*

For More Information . . .

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First-year Applicants

Common Application submitted	
\$50 Application Fee paid	
School Report and Midyear Report Forms delivered to Guidance Counselor	
School Report Form submitted*	
All High School Transcripts requested and mailed	
Teacher Evaluation Form delivered to: (Whitman requires only 1 Teacher Evaluation) (name of teacher) _____	
Teacher Evaluation Form submitted	
SAT //ACT score report requested to be sent to Whitman College	
Whitman Supplement Form submitted	
Early Decision Agreement submitted (for Early Decision candidates only)	
Midyear Report Form submitted after completion	
CSS Profile submitted	
FAFSA submitted	
Interview Appointment (optional)	Date: Time:

*Home-schooled applicants must submit the Home School Supplement available at www.commonapp.org

Transfer Applicants

Common Application submitted	
\$50 Application Fee paid	
School Report Form* delivered to Advisor or Guidance Counselor (Midyear Report not required)	
School Report Form submitted*	
All High School Transcripts requested and mailed	
Teacher Evaluation Form delivered to: (Whitman requires only 1 Teacher Evaluation) (name of teacher) _____	
Teacher Evaluation Form submitted	
SAT //ACT score report* requested to be sent to Whitman College	
Whitman Supplement Form submitted	
All College Transcripts requested and mailed	
College Official's Report completed and mailed	
Early Decision Agreement signed and submitted (for Early Decision candidates only)	
CSS Profile submitted	
FAFSA submitted	
Interview Appointment (optional)	Date: Time:

*Required of applicants who have graduated from high school within the last two years.

International Applicants

Common Application submitted	
\$50 Application Fee paid	
School Report Form delivered to Guidance Counselor	
School Report Form submitted	
All Secondary School Transcripts requested and mailed	
Teacher Evaluation Form delivered to: (Whitman requires only 1 Teacher Evaluation) (name of teacher) _____	
Teacher Evaluation Form submitted	
SAT //ACT score report* requested to be sent to Whitman College	
Whitman Supplement Form submitted	
TOEFL official score report requested to be sent to Whitman College	
The College Board Foreign Student Financial Aid Application and The Foreign Student Certification of Finances submitted	
TWE Official Score report requested to be sent to Whitman College (recommended)	

*Waived for applicants from countries where the SAT / I is not available.

Note: All application materials must be submitted in English.

Personal Checklists

Whitman College is committed to the safety of Whitman students, faculty, staff and visitors. For information regarding services provided by the Whitman security staff, crime prevention advice, resources available on campus, policies concerning the reporting of any crimes which may occur on the campus, and the crime statistics for the most recent 3-year period, please contact Whitman College Security Office, 345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362, 509-527-5777.