

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the application?

The application should only take 15-20 minutes to complete and can be found on our website: whit.mn/score

Can I participate in both a SCORE trip and a Scramble?

Because the SCORE trips run from August 16-August 23, they overlap with regular Scramble trips. However, a student can sign up for the Athlete/ International Student Scramble which run from August 10-August 16.

When will I find out if I've been accepted in to a SCORE program?

Applications are currently open and are due **Friday, June 15th**. Applicants are selected at will be notified *by e-mail* within the first week of July.

When do I need to arrive for my SCORE trip?

Students accepted into the program need to arrive between 2pm and 4:30pm on Thursday, August 16st. After check-in, orientation, and some team building, groups will separate and sleep at their work locations that night.

What can I do with all my stuff?

If you live close to Whitman and plan to have your parents come to help you move in on the 23th, we highly recommend you arrive with only what you absolutely need for your SCORE trip. If that is not a possibility, there will be storage provided on campus until you return from your SCORE trip.

I haven't done a lot of long-term volunteering or volunteer trips before. Is that ok?

SCORE programs are designed for anyone and everyone interested in getting to know the Walla Walla community outside the "Whitman bubble" while meeting new friends and other incoming students.

What should I bring?

Accepted students will receive a packing list in July.

What is the cost of the trip and when is the payment due?

The cost of participating in a SCORE is \$375, which includes seven nights of lodging, twenty meals, transportation in the Walla Walla area, evening activities, trip leader expenses, and a program t-shirt. Payment will be due by July 10th. Pro-rated trips are available to students with significant financial need. If you would like more information about this please contact the SCORE coordinator at score@whitman.edu.

I have a medical condition/ dietary restrictions. How can I let you know?

Accepted students be notified by July 9th and asked for additional information such as medical conditions or dietary restrictions trip leaders should know about it. This additional information is due no later than July 15th.

Where will I be staying and working?

Participants will be sleeping at local churches in the Walla Walla area. All of our work sites are located in the Walla Walla Valley, none of them more than half an hour from the sleeping site. Students will be driven by trip leaders to their work site every day. Please note that you will not be on campus during these trips.

How are meals going to be handled?

The majority of your meals will be prepared as a group at your sleeping location. There will also be opportunities to go out to eat at some local "student favorite" spots in town. All meals are included in the program fee.

How does the program address safety issues?

All participants are covered under Whitman's insurance policy. Trip leaders attend a two-day training and will be First Aid Certified by the Red Cross. As none of the locations are remote, trip leaders will always have cell phone contact with campus.

What is the cancellation/refund policy?

- If you cancel before July 15th, you will receive a full refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee.
- If you cancel after July 15th but prior to August 1st, the Community Service Office will retain 50% of the trip fee.
- From August 1st throughout the duration of SCORE, all trip fees are non-refundable.