Financial Aid

Whitman College believes in the value of a liberal arts education, and we are committed to making that education accessible to all students regardless of their economic circumstances. That’s why we offer a comprehensive financial aid program and a dedicated team of financial aid staff who work closely with students and their families.

Whitman College offers scholarships, grants, loans, and federal and state work-study programs, to help make college affordable. Merit- and talent-based scholarships are available for students who do not qualify for need-based aid. We also offer generous need-based scholarships.

Over 89% of students receive financial aid, with an average need-based aid package of more than $48,865. Last year, the college awarded more than $36 million in financial aid.

We know the importance of investing in higher education, but work closely with students to balance their debt by finding external scholarships and helping connect students with employment. In fact, most students graduate with less than $22,000 in student loans.

Federal aid programs include Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, and Direct Loans. The state of Washington offers Washington College Grants, College Bound Scholarships, and state work-study program.

Awards to domestic students with need are based on financial information provided on the College Board’s CSS Profile and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Dependent students must complete both the CSS Profile and the FAFSA. Independent students must only submit the FAFSA. International applicants are no longer required to complete the CSS Profile, and instead must complete our internal Whitman International Student Financial Aid Application (WISFAA), for which there is no submission fee. Students do not need to submit the CSS Profile or FAFSA to be eligible for merit-based aid. Talent-based scholarships for music, debate, fine arts and Theater have a separate application.

Whitman’s merit-based awards are renewable for up to four years for full-time students. Need-based aid is recalculated every year and will adjust with tuition and changes to the student’s family situation.

Financial aid (both merit and need-based) is available for eight semesters at Whitman or, in the case of students transferring credits to the college, the equivalent of eight semesters when transfer credit and Whitman attendance are combined (regardless of whether or not financial aid was received at the previous institution). For financial aid purposes only, 15 credits is the equivalent of one semester. If a student is unable to earn the necessary credits to complete degree requirements in eight semesters, the student may petition the Admission and Financial Aid Committee for a ninth semester of financial aid (see Residence).

Running Start and Similar Programs

Students who earned credits from Running Start (either Washington’s Running Start or a similar program from another state) will choose one of the following two options: (1) transfer all Running Start credits so as to be enrolled at Whitman at the class level and with the financial aid availability consistent with the number of credits (Running Start and any post-secondary) transferred to the college. Those transferring fewer than 58 credits to Whitman must complete General Studies 175 and 176 in their initial year of enrollment. (2) Transfer no more than 14 Running Start semester credits and be considered first-year students for purposes of financial aid availability if they complete General Studies 175 and 176 (i.e. “First-Year Seminars”) during their initial year of enrollment at Whitman (See Financial Aid Website).

Students must declare to the Registrar whether they plan to choose between option 1 or 2 during their initial registration at Whitman. However, to give students a chance to reconsider their decision in light of their Whitman experience, the choice will not become official until the end of the student’s second semester of coursework. Should a student choose option 2 at this point, he or she will be required to complete General Studies 175 and 176 (i.e. “First-Year Seminars”) within his or her next two semesters of enrollment at Whitman.
Filing Deadlines
Students should file the CSS Profile/FAFSA/WISFAA according to the schedule below. If you are late applying for financial aid, your need-based aid may be reduced by 10% or could even be put on a waiting list for scholarship.

CSS Profile (for domestic students who wish to apply for Whitman Need-Based Scholarship):
- The CSS Profile must be submitted online at cssprofile.collegeboard.org
- Early Decision I candidates and Spring semester Transfers by November 15
- Early Decision II candidates by January 15
- Regular Decision candidates by January 15
- Fall semester Transfer candidates by March 1
- Returning students by April 15
- Returning students must complete their financial aid file by May 1, including tax returns. See below. Whitman’s CSS code is 4951.

FAFSA (for domestic students who wish to apply for Federal and State Aid):
- Students may file the FAFSA as early as October 1 but it should be submitted no later than May 1.
- The FAFSA should be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If both the student and at least one parent have a FSA ID, they may use the FSA IDs to sign the form online. Otherwise, the signature and certification page need to be printed out, signed, and submitted to the federal processor.
- We highly recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval tool on the FAFSA. It will automatically populate the income questions with IRS data from your recent tax return. Whitman’s federal code is 003803.

WISFAA (beginning 2021-22 school year for new International students who wish to apply for Whitman Need-Based Scholarship):
- The WISFAA must be submitted online at https://engage.whitman.edu/register/wisfaa
- Early Decision I candidates and Spring semester Transfers by November 15
- Early Decision II candidates by January 15
- Regular Decision candidates by January 15
- Fall semester Transfer candidates by March 1

Income Tax Returns:
Income tax returns are not required of all need-based aid applicants, but if your parents are self-employed or own a business, we may request a complete copy of their recent federal tax returns including all schedules, W-2s, and business returns. All requested tax documentation must be received by May 1.

Late applications will be considered and additional offers made to late applicants only to the extent that aid funds are available.

Maintaining Financial Aid Eligibility/Financial Aid Probation
In order to receive financial aid funds from Whitman College, the federal government, and the state of Washington, students must make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward completing his or her degree.

Satisfactory academic progress includes 1) completing a minimum number of cumulative credits; 2) maintaining a minimum term and cumulative grade point average; and 3) completing a degree within a reasonable period of time.

1. Minimum credit requirement
   All students receiving financial aid must complete at least 66.66 percent of the cumulative credits that they attempt in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress.
Note: Recipients of Washington State aid must successfully complete 50% or more of their attempted credits each semester. Completing less than 50% of attempted credits will trigger immediate suspension of state aid eligibility. Any less than 100% completion will result in the student being placed in a warning/probationary status for the following semester.

During the warning/probationary period for state aid, the student is expected to complete 100% of attempted credits; if not, suspension of state aid will ensue, with the possibility for appeal. If approved for an additional semester of state aid probation, the student could receive aid for one more semester, again with the expectation that 100% of attempted credits be completed. If the student fails to complete 100% of attempted credits in this probationary semester, the student will no longer be eligible to receive state aid.

II. Minimum term and cumulative grade point average

Students must earn a minimum GPA of 1.7 each semester and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 during their second semester at Whitman and subsequently. Transferred credits, including those received during foreign or domestic off-campus study, do not count in the calculation of the cumulative and term grade point average, but they are included in the calculation of both attempted and completed credits.

III. Maximum time frame

Whitman scholarships are awarded for four years (the equivalent of eight semesters in total). In order for a student to finish his or her degree within the four years, at least 31 credits or more should be finished each year. Transfer students will be eligible to receive institutional scholarships based on the class standing they are assigned upon admission and evaluation by the registrar’s office (i.e., a junior transfer student will have two years of scholarship eligibility). Students are eligible to receive federal and state financial aid until they have attempted a maximum of 150% of the minimum number of credits required for the degree (186 credits), or completed all the requirements to receive their degree.

Students who do not meet the above standards will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. The maximum period of financial aid probation is one semester, during which time a student will maintain eligibility for financial aid. If a student does not resume good standing and/or make satisfactory progress after one semester on probation, he or she will lose eligibility for Whitman-administered financial aid. A student who loses that eligibility may appeal for reinstatement to the Admission and Financial Aid Committee by submitting an academic plan.

Please note: These policies govern financial aid and do not have any bearing on your Whitman academic standing as they are separate policies. The College’s catalog has more information on academic requirements.

General Whitman Scholarships

Whitman scholarships, awarded by the college (one-half each semester), are gifts which are credited to the recipient’s tuition, room, and board charges. A scholarship is not a loan, and its acceptance places the recipient under no more obligation than that of remaining in good academic standing and making satisfactory progress toward graduation. A complete statement of the conditions of the offer is included with the offer of a need-based scholarship award.

Other Gift Aid Available

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Pell Grants, Washington College Grants, Washington State Opportunity Scholarships, and College Bound Scholarships are gift aid provided by the federal and state governments. All programs are based on financial need, and none require repayment. Unless a recipient’s need changes later in the year, Whitman’s original award of gift aid (Whitman scholarship and/or federal/state grants) is a one-year commitment to that amount of total gift aid. The award may be made before information regarding the applicant’s qualification for gift aid outside the college is known. When the applicant later qualifies for governmental gift aid, such as the SEOG, a Pell Grant, or Washington College Grant, Whitman’s scholarship award will be reduced by the equivalent amount, thereby freeing funds so that more students may be helped.
Loan Opportunities
Whitman participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program which includes Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans for student borrowers, PLUS Loans for parents. Direct Loans may be need-based (subsidized) or non-need-based (unsubsidized and PLUS). Generally, borrowers have 10 years to repay the loans, but extended and income-based repayment plans are available. As of July 1, 2020, new subsidized and unsubsidized Direct Loans will have a fixed interest rate of 2.75 percent and 5.30 percent for PLUS Loans (interest rates are subject to change).

Students may borrow private or alternative loans to help with their educational expenses, when the amount of their financial aid does not meet their required level of funding.

Several major banks and lending institutions offer private loan programs. The interest rates and applicable fees vary, and we suggest that students and parents carefully read the information provided about the loans before making a decision about which loan program to choose.

Interest on the loans is the responsibility of the family throughout the life of the loan, but may be deferred along with the principal until the student leaves higher education. The Office of Financial Aid Services welcomes your questions about private loans, and will be happy to assist you with the application process.

Short-term loans are available through the Student Accounts Office to meet sudden financial needs confronting students.

Whitman encourages students and their parents to use loan funds wisely. Loans place some responsibility for financing higher education on the student, enabling him or her to receive financial assistance when needed and to pay some of the cost of the education at a time when he or she is better able to do so. Consequently, the college expects to give students reasonable financial help in the form of loans. Students should not exceed the amount they need to meet educational expenses when borrowing. Inquiries are welcome and should be sent to the Office of Financial Aid Services.

Employment Opportunities
All Whitman students who apply for financial aid and have need are offered employment opportunities. The offer of federal work-study opportunity often gives a student priority treatment in acquiring part-time work; however, jobs are not guaranteed. There is considerable competition for the most “desirable” jobs. For a current listing of job opportunities, please visit the Student Engagement Center’s website at https://www.whitman.edu/after-whitman/student-engagement-center

Named Scholarship Funds
Thanks to the generous support of Whitman alumni and friends, the college awards more than $31 million annually in scholarship assistance to its students. Scholarship funds are provided from both named endowments and annual contributions. Scholarship awards are based on financial need and/or merit. In the fall of each academic year, students are notified of the specific funds from which their scholarships are drawn. Named scholarship funds are listed below:

10th Reunion
25th Reunion
40th Reunion
50th Reunion
Terry Abeyta – Hispanic
Thomas R. Adkison
Judge David H. Allard
Mildred Ebel Allison
Alumni Fund
Ames Family, Professor Todd and
Professor Walters
William C. and Jessie Robbins Ammon
Alexander Jay Anderson
Charles E. and Margery B. Anderson
Gordon Shaw Anderson
Louisa Phelps Anderson
William and Jeannie Anderson
John Stirfen Applegate – Teaching
Frances Jane Ford Baggs – Montana
William H. Bailey – Music
Baker Boyer Bank
Dorsey S. Baker
Frances Paine Ball – Art
George Hudson Ball
Nancy Cronon Ball
Robert S. Ball
Robert S. and Julia Sims Ball Family
Dorothy Fiala Beaupré – Drama
David Beegle – Environmental Studies
Peter G. Behr
Lilith J. Bell and Nancy Bell Evans –
Music
Henry Bendix – Music
Donald L. and Anne A. Bentley – Math
Erma Jo and Wade Bergevin
Erik E. and Edith H. Bergstrom
Foundation
William E. Berney – Drama
Augusta W. Betz
Jacob Betz
Jacob Betz, Jr.
Agnes M. Bigelow
Russell A. Bigelow
Blackburn Sisters
Jay W. and Gladys Blair
Grant S. and Etta S. Bond
E. Herbert Botsford
Boyce Family – Premedical
Arthur Boyer
Stephen J. Boyles
Emma Jane Kirsch Brattain – Music
Robert Bratton – Olympia High School
Robert H. and Mary Reed Brome – Senior
Women
Lorraine G. Bronson
James A. and Mary Ellen Gowing
Broughton – Music
Brown and Coleman Family
S. Browning, Sr.
Brose
Robert and Lynn Brunton Family
Andrew Mykle Budenz
Emory Bundy
Adam M. Burgener
Burgess Family – Minority Students
Robert B. Burgess
Thomas Burke
Burlington Northern
Byerley International Students
J. Antonio “Tony” Cabasco
Barbara Hanley Campbell–Roosevelt
High School
Richard L. and Alan K. Campbell
Dr. Thomas M. Campbell
Hugh S. Cannon Foundation
Cecil V. and Helen R. Carpenter
Bob Carson
Forrest C. and Willena Long Cation
Iva I. Cauvel – Women
Loretta M. Caven
Wayne Chastain
Cheuk-Alfieri Family
Joseph Chunick Jr. – Music
F. Lawrence Clare
Susan E. Clark
William S. and Ella S. Clark
Class of 1926
Class of 1930
Class of 1945 War Years
Class of 1949
Class of 1951
Class of 1953 – Middle Income
Class of 1955
Class of 1958
Class of 1959 Centennial
Class of 1961
Class of 1962
Class of 1964 – Middle Income
Class of 1968
Class of 1969
Class of 1970 – Junior/Senior
Class of 1981
Class of 1983 – Study Abroad
Class of 1984 Memorial
Class of 1988 – Senior
Class of 1996
Richard H. Clem
Richard H. Clem and Arthur Metastasio
Clarence and Lois C. Cleman
Maurine Clow – Montana
John P. Clulow
Helen M. Cole and Marie DuBois
J.M. Coleman
John Cyril and Mary Alexander Coleman
Wayne A. and Eileen Cummins Collier
Comstock Scholars
Connell Family
Vern Conrad – Music
Cordes Family – Music
Jean Cordiner
Elmer G. and Ethel H. Cornwell
Pauline Cortell
Cottle Family
Steve S. Cover
Frederick R. Cowley
Susan Dee Cox
Peggy and Scotty Cummins
G. Dudley and Lois Dambacher
Damon Family – English/History
J. Leland Daniel
Janet Stratford and Elisabeth Davis
John M. Davis – Pre-Engineering
Christina M. and Peter A. Dawson Family
Ann Longton Day
David M. Deal
Susan Cook Delzell
Bill Desher
Desher Family
Kenneth A. and Elizabeth Dick Award – Idaho
Ethel Means Dickson
Daniel J. and Elizabeth Story Donno
Arthur F. Douglas
William O. Douglas – Valedictorian
Dow-Bainbridge
Frederick Dudgeon
Harold E. Dupar, Jr. – Foreign Students
Kim Dupuis
Earl Dusenberg
Jeanne Eagleson and John V. Gray
Edward Eben
Richard S.F. Eells
Thomas H. Elliott
Gary R. Esarey
Fairbank-Harding
Myrtle E. Falk
Edward L. Farmsworth – Wilbur, Washington Area
Barbara Sommer Feigin
Milton W. and Lucile E. Field – Teaching
John Freeman Fike – Bellevue High School
First Opportunity
John J. Fisher
Joshua Fishman
Floyd W. Fitzpatrick – Walla Walla Area
Fitzpatrick Family
Ben Flathers
Harold and Annalieuse Fleharty
Forbes-Jacobs – History
Nancy Morrison Frasco
David W. Gaiser – Premedical

Thomas Val Gaisford, Jr. – Asian Studies
Newton and Kathryn Galley
Robert E. Gardner
Fay and Mary Garner
Kenneth E. and Vivian C. Garner
Paul Garrett
William H. Gates, Sr.
Donna Gerstenberger
Ralph Gibbons
Gary and Cheryl Gibson
Michael and Susan Gillespie – Science/Premed
Lionel C. and Dorothy H. Gilmour
Alta I. Glenney
Gordon E. Glover
Dr. Harry B. and Gertrude Goodspeed
Roy Goodwin
Elmina E. Graham
Robert W. Graham
Robert W. and Margaret J. Graham
John Graveslund
George H. Grebe – Portland
Paul R. Green
Dr. Albert Wright Greenwell – Premedical
William E. and Harriet A. Grimmshaw – Medicine/Law
Leland B. Groezinger, Jr. – Economics
Mixail Petrovich Gromov – Foreign Language Students
John J. and Stella A. Gurian
La Verne Mansfield Hagan and Paul Hagan
Edwin T. Hanford
Hansen Family
Julia Crawford Harris – Music
Haruda Science Scholars
Hasbrouck Family
Jeanette Hayner – First-year Female
Winston A. and Virginia M. Heacock
Hearst Foundation
Carroll and June Heath
Irina Grace Kester Henderson and Chester G. Henderson
Margaretta Herbert
Mary Olive Evans Higley
Mary Olive Evans Higley – Music
Ida Belle Martin Hoegh
Harold F. and Olga Johnson Holcombe
Thomas Howells
James Fee Huey
Richard and Dorothy Hundley – Music
Harrison Harden Hungate
Bradley J. Hunt – Merit
Hunt Peterson Family
Hunter International
Vie Ilona Hopkins Husted – Music
Bonnie Jean Hyre – Music
Imani – Akili Dada/ Kenya
Harold and Gertrude Jackson – Study Abroad
Ann Inman Martin
H. Archie and Christina Marshall
William Mantz
Angeline M. Malloy
James and Frances Mahoney
Bertha C. MacDougall
Tristram S. Lundquist
Lynn B. Lunden
Harry C. Luft
Fred P. a
Helen McAuslan Logan
George Solomon and Thomas Livengood
Robert C. Lile
Naila and Peter Lewis Family
Grace Lazerson
Henry G. Laun
Lange Community College Spark
James Lamar
Cynthia Ann Lechner
Marion LeFevre – Foreign Language
Mary Emily Winters Legge
Miriam Edwards LeRoux – Music
Naila and Peter Lewis Family
Ferdinand Libenow – American Indian
Robert C. Lile
Iris Myers Little and Agnes Little
George Solomon and Thomas Livengood
Helen McAuslan Logan-Schneider
Fred P. and Miriam Lincoln Loomis
Harry C. Luft – Colville, Washington
Lynn B. Lunden
Tristram S. Lundquist
Bertha C. MacDouall – Voice
James and Frances Mahoney
Angeline M. Malloy – Music
William Mantz
H. Archie and Christina Marshall
Ann Inman Martin – Idaho
C.W. “Bill” Martin, Sr.

Suzanne L. Martin
Kyle Martz
Stephen H. Mathews
Nancy Ellis Mathiassen – Women
Chester C. Maxey – Beta Theta Pi
Gertrude Maxwell
Mary Elizabeth Cottrell May and Michael May
Ruth C. McBurney
F. James and Jayne S. McCarthy
Helen Lanier McCown and William Lanier McCown – Prelaw
Edna McEachern – Music
McFadden Family – Science/Math
McKay Clise Family
McMillan Family
McNellis Family
William and Loran Meidinger
Memorial Scholarship
Annie Carter and Albert Metcalf
NaShuntae Pleasant-Miles – Special Needs
Roland E. Miller – Music
Russell T. Miller
Sandra Miner, M.D.
W.L. and Dorothy Minnick
Frank G. and Sally Taylor Mitchell
Laura M. and Orla L. Moody
Robert L. and Elsie P. Moore
Deborah Grubb Moskovitz
Mother Earth
Joseph O. Mount
Moyer and Stockard Families
Kit Sheehan Muller
L.T. Murray Foundation
Rick and Evelyn Neely
Charles and Patricia Nelson/Great-West Life – Colorado/Washington/Oregon
Carla and Dean Nichols – First Generation
Patricia and David Nierenberg
Nontraditional Student
Dr. Eugene and Barbara Nordstrom
Northrup Family
Edward R. and Dorothy J. O’Brien
William L. and Kathryn Williams O’Brien – Science and Economics
Odegard Family
Paul O’Reilly
Harold Ottesen
Frances Penrose Owen
Edward A. Paddock
Roy Ross Painter
Paul Panagakis
Parents Fund
Parents Fund – Diversity
Ida S. Parkinson
Elizabeth Jones Parry – Music
B.F. Parsons

Mildred H. Patterson – Utah
Robert Patterson – Sociology
Sara Lloyd Pekarsky and Abraham L. Pekarsky
Sara Lloyd Pekarsky and Abraham L. Pekarsky – Jewish Students
Mary S. Penrose
J. Logan and Ivy Wadsworth Peringer
Joseph Hartshorn Perry
Howard S. Pifman
Phi Delta Theta
Phi Delta Theta – honoring Fred Wilson
Grace F. and Andrew J. Phillips – Olympia High School
Grace Farnsworth Phillips
Phillips, Wade, and Cronin
Harold Allen Piper
Jack Coleman Pitts and Dorothy De Simone Pitts – study abroad
Sarah Jane Polk
Wallace M. Pollard
Arthur G. Ponti
Estelle Powell
Helen Tower and Helen Torrey Pratt
Burrell L. Preston, Jr.
John P. Privat
Dr. William E. and Lorraine Purnell
Arthur L. Raaberg
Rachel Kester Rall – Female/Arts or Humanities
Emelia and Freeman Ramsey – Music
John T. Ramstedt
Yvonne Ravasse
Florence A. Rawson
Reader’s Digest Foundation
Homer Reed
Dana M. Reid
Jamie Soukup Reid and William Reid
Pete and Hedda Reid
Esther Bienfang Richardson and Rosella Woodward Richardson – Piano
Stephen L. Riddell
Mary Ann Moren Ringgold – Music
Victor and Nora Robart
Charles W. Rosenberry II and Lanora Welker Rosenberry
Rotary Club of Walla Walla
S.K. Running
Orrin Sage
Catherine, Matilda, and Elizabeth Sager
Salzman-Medica – Speech and Debate
Bessie Sandon
Fredric F. Sautler
Josephine and Arthur Sargent
Kenneth and Martha Philips Schilling – Vocal Music
Marie Schmidt
Carl J. and Sonia A. Schmit
David and Alma Schoessler
Sigmund and Rose Schwabacher
John M. Scott
Gordon Scribner
Security Pacific Bank
Senior Fund
Esther and Delbert Shannon – Yakima/Prosser
Donald Sheehan
Harold L. and Helen M. Shepherd
Cameron and Marion Sherwood – Politics
Claire Sherwood – Women
Donald and Virginia K. Sherwood
Gene Kelly Sherwood
Anna Ennis and Walter Guest Shuham
Robert and Nadine Skotheim
Emma A. Smith
J. Malcolm “Mac” Smith – Political Science
Scott Bradford Smith – Study Abroad
Ralph Waldo and Aimee Snyder – Business
Marilyn Sparks – Theater
Eliza Hart Spaulding
Spokane Area Ashlock Scholarship
Jane C. Staats
Charles F. and Elizabeth Greenwell – Stafford – Prelaw
Eunice V. Wiemer
Marjorie Haddon Stansfield
Evelyn Ayres Starr
Agnes C. Steere and David C. Campbell – Music
Barbara Holmes Stevens
David Stevens – Economics
Mary J. Stewart
Samuel and Althea Stroum
George II and Myrtle Bond Struthers
Elbridge and Mary Stuart
Richard K. Stuart
Joseph L. Stubblefield Trust
W. Price and Ruth S. Sullivan
Norm and Lynn Swick – Special Needs
Sumio and Mii Tai
Mary Eby Tate
Brooke Taylor
Edmund Taylor
Lucille M. Thomas
Frank and Lillian Thompson – Teaching
Robert S. Thorne Jr.
3-2 Engineering
Agnes Stephanson Tibbits – Women
Winton A. Ticknor
Timothy Tosswill
Ed and Rosa Viola Tucker
Sherrel Tucker
Robert Tugman
Guy M. Underwood
Nathaniel W. and Bessie O. Usher
Dean and Esther Vail
Catherine van Veen
Victor Family
William E. Wadsworth

Marjorie E. Ward
James Prentice Warner and John Leigh
J. Walter and Katherine H. Weingart
Maurice and Gale Weir – Mathematics
Drs. Robert F. and Elizabeth M. Welty
Dr. Robert Welty and Eva Roberson
Brian Weston and Susan Reynolds – Workman
Mary F. and Sarah Wheeler
Velma Harris Whitlock
Whitman Alumni Association
Whitman Bridges
Robert L. Whitner – History
Whittaker Family
Eunice V. Wiemer
Jean D. Wilkinson – Minority Students
J. Joy Williams
Robert Jack Williams – Music
A.D. Wilson
Ron Witten
Edna Mae and Clare Woodward
George Woodward – Mathematics
Dexter K. Yamada – Chemistry
Richard C. and Mary Anne Shaffer
Yancey
Robert and Jacqueline Young
Augusta Wilsen Betz and Katharina Betz
Zimmerman
Carroll L. Zimmerman – Science
Bertha H. Zoellner
Special Scholarship Programs

Whitman Achievement Scholarships are merit-based scholarships awarded to entering students who have achieved high academic excellence in their college preparatory work. These awards for the current year range from $12,000 to $25,000 annually and are renewable for four years. Students who receive need-based financial aid will be awarded the Whitman Achievement Scholarship as part of their need-based financial aid package. Those students who do not demonstrate need will receive the Whitman Achievement Scholarship and any other merit-based scholarships for which they qualify. All applicants for admission are considered for the scholarship. The award is based upon a calculation of grade-point average, test scores (if submitted), and other subjective criteria.

Music Talent Scholarships are awarded to a select group of entering students in recognition of exceptional musical talent and achievement. The general purpose of this scholarship program is to recognize students who will contribute to the excellence of the Whitman music community. More specifically, Music Scholars will contribute through the study of the instrument or voice on which they have successfully auditioned and through performance in the appropriate college ensemble, chamber orchestra, choir, or band. These awards for the current years range from $5,000 to $15,000 annually and are renewable for four years.

Garrett Sherwood Scholarships are awarded by Whitman to exceptional applicants who exhibit outstanding academic achievement, leadership and contributions to their schools and communities. While at Whitman, Garrett Sherwood scholars meet regularly on campus throughout the school year for socials, networking receptions, roundtable discussions, national grant and fellowship information sessions, and other events. In addition, over spring break of junior year, Garrett Sherwood scholars travel to New York City for a career exploration and networking trip. There, they have a chance to meet local alumni who are leaders in finance, business, media, culture and government and can assist the Scholars in making contacts in their potential career fields. Garret Sherwood scholars are also invited to campus to visit at Whitman’s expense during the weekend of Admitted Students Day or any weekend of their choice.

National Merit Scholarships are awarded to selected National Merit finalists with Whitman as the sponsoring organization. Students will receive an additional $2,000 in National Merit Scholarship.

President’s Scholarships are awarded to entering students in recognition of exceptional talent. Students may qualify for a President’s Scholarship in any of the following talent categories: art, debate or drama. Scholarships in the program meet all of the student’s demonstrated need when combined with other scholarships or grants from any other sources and vary from $5,000 to the amount of demonstrated need. President’s Scholarships for students without need will be $5,000.