

Financial Aid

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Whitworth College is committed to assisting students and their families in obtaining the necessary resources to attend Whitworth College. Many students and their families qualify for financial assistance through our financial aid programs. More than 90 percent of our full-time undergraduate students receive financial assistance. Financial aid awards often consist of some types of grants or scholarships, as well as student loans and work-study. Financial aid funding is provided by Whitworth College, the federal government, the state of Washington and private donors.

To be considered for financial aid at Whitworth College, the student should take the following steps:

1. **Apply for admission to Whitworth College.** A financial aid award will be prepared only after a student has been accepted to the college.
2. **Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to the federal processor. Students should designate on the FAFSA that they want their application information sent to Whitworth College (code #003804). Applications should be submitted as soon after Jan. 1 as possible. We give priority consideration for funding to those students who are admitted and who submit the FAFSA to the processor by March 1. Applications after March 1 are still welcome, but less aid may be available.
3. **Respond promptly to requests for additional information** required to complete the financial aid process. Requests may include proof of high school graduation or copies of 1040 tax returns.
4. **Sign and return the Financial Aid Award Notice.** Once the FAFSA form has been processed, Whitworth College will receive an estimate of each applicant's family contribution. Once these results are received and the student has been admitted, the Financial Aid Office will review the application and send a Financial Aid Award Notice notifying the student of the types and amounts of aid he or she will be eligible to receive. The award may be *estimated* if additional information is needed to determine a student's exact eligibility. Therefore, *estimated* awards are subject to change once complete information is received. A student may accept the award in total or in part. The award notice will have a response deadline. Please adhere to this deadline.
5. **Notify the financial aid office of any changes** in the family's financial status or receipt of increased resources, including outside scholarships.
6. **Maintain satisfactory academic progress.**

Normal Progress and Financial Aid

The normal load for full-time undergraduate students is 12 to 17.50 semester credits in the fall and spring semesters and three to five semester credits in the Jan Term. Registration for less than a full-time load will prevent a student from receiving certain forms of financial aid.

A student must average 32.5 credits per year in order to graduate in four years. The total number of semester credits required for graduation is 130. The maximum allowable time for a financial aid recipient to complete a degree and receive aid is five-and-a-half years.

More information on financial aid is available from the Financial Aid Office or at our website, www.whitworth.edu. If you would like a brochure, or if you have any questions about financial aid, please call the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-533-4668.