WHITWORTH DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

Students from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations and/or students who have, in the past three years, lived as members of underrepresented populations in other cultures are eligible to receive Whitworth’s Diversity Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes opportunities for recipients to serve the Whitworth community in formal and informal settings, including hosting and connecting with prospective students, leading student clubs or events in the Intercultural Student Center, and serving as cultural-diversity advocates in our residence halls.

The Diversity Leadership Scholarship is awarded in addition to all other academic scholarships and need-based financial aid available to students. The average total financial aid award for 2016 freshmen was $34,132. Also, 85 percent of Whitworth graduates finish in four years, avoiding extra tuition costs and delays in entering the workforce.

Students who are not eligible for federal financial aid are encouraged to complete the WASFA form at www.readysetgrad.org/wasfaaid. Whitworth will use information from the WASFA to award all aid students are eligible to receive.

VISIT CAMPUS AS OUR GUEST

There is no better way to discover whether Whitworth is the right place for you than to experience it for yourself. Most visits include...

- an admissions presentation
- a campus tour
- meals in our recently expanded dining hall
- a class visit (selected by you)
- an information session for parents
- a current student panel
- individual appointments with professors and/or coaches upon request
- Spanish-speaking campus tours are available upon request

Students from underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds are especially encouraged to attend our Multicultural Visit Program (MVP), but are welcome for any of our visit programs. Visit www.whitworth.edu/visit to sign up for a campus visit and to apply for a travel grant available to help admitted students with travel costs for overnight campus visits.

"Of all the universities I visited, nothing compared to Whitworth’s community. The professors were much more engaging with students. I also appreciated hearing about Whitworth’s commitment to diversity and how up front they are about what diversity means to Whitworth—why it’s important, and how we as students can be part of Whitworth’s vision to be a more diverse and inclusive campus.”

- Tyler Aguilar

"For More Information

If you have questions, or if you would like more information about Whitworth University, please contact one of the following individuals:

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DIVERSITY AT WHITWORTH

Multicultural Visit Program (MVP)
Every spring, high school juniors and seniors share their diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in our specially designed overnight visit program.

www.whitworth.edu/mvp

WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY

APPLYING TO WHITWORTH

Whitworth is committed to a holistic review of all applicants— one that goes beyond GPA and SAT scores to identify all students who have the potential to succeed at Whitworth and contribute to our community. Our application requirements include...

- our free online Whitworth Freshman Application, Common Application, or ACT Application;
- an Academic Recommendation Form or a recommendation letter;
- an official high school transcript;
- official SAT or ACT scores OR an admissions interview.*

*Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above from an accredited high school or an accredited home-school program may choose to have a phone interview with an admissions counselor rather than submit SAT or ACT scores.
Beck A. Taylor
Blessings,

We welcome you to join us in this journey!

WHITWORTH’S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Whitworth University’s enduring mission is “to provide its diverse student body an education of mind and heart, equipping its graduates to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity.” Our students, faculty, staff and senior leadership recognize the vital role diversity, equity and inclusion play in our ability to achieve that mission.

At the heart of the Whitworth 2021 Vision and Strategic Plan, the university commits to preparing all members of our community to be interculturally competent global citizens and to encouraging our students to live, love and learn in an increasingly diverse world. While we are still on this journey, we are recognized as a leader in higher education, due, in part, to the following initiatives and outcomes:

We have achieved a 95 percent increase in the enrollment of students from underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds over the past five years.

We established our Institutional Diversity Committee and the Diversity Cabinet to provide campus-wide leadership in diversity, equity and inclusion.

We completed a comprehensive review of our curriculum, identifying opportunities to integrate more fully the voices and stories of people historically excluded from the curriculum.

We surveyed all students, staff and faculty to learn how we can be a

community that welcomes and engages individuals across all dimensions of human difference.

We are strengthening recruitment and retention of faculty and staff
to reflect the diversity of the U.S. population among our employees and our leadership.

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President

WHITBY BY THE NUMBERS

• 2,201 undergraduate enrollment
• 59.2% female
• 40.8% male
• 33 states represented
• 48 countries represented (those from Nigeria, South Korea, Mongolia, Ethiopia, Germany, Nepal, Spain and Zimbabwe are most represented)
• 24.6% of students are from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations.
• 17.6% first-generation college students.

“I was recently a peer guide for the BUCS Bridge Program, which focuses on helping new first generation and underrepresented students with the transition into college. I was grateful to use my experiences to connect with students and give them advice on how to comfortably transition to Whitworth.”

- Tasha Craig

STUDENT RESOURCES

• BUCS Bridge: Join other incoming students from first-generation and underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds in a fall pre-orientation program to support a smooth transition to life as a Pirate.
• Office of Student Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Organizes and supports intercultural programs, provides peer mentoring and college transition counseling, supports multicultural clubs/organizations.
• Cultural Diversity Advocates: Student leaders in residence halls who encourage the development of community across diverse cultures.
• Student Success Team: Counselors available to help students connect with academic, financial, health, security and intercultural resources on campus to support student success.
• Courageous Conversations: Dialogues that intentionally engage challenging social issues and develop skills to turn learning into action.
• Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative: A scholarship program for urban leaders from Spokane and Seattle/Tacoma.
• International Education Center: Supports extensive off-campus study programs (domestic and international).
• Intercultural Student Center: Serves as a central place for faculty, staff and students, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to gather and discuss issues such as diversity at Whitworth.

STUDENT MULTICULTURAL EVENTS, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS*

• Global Awareness Week
• Annual International Festival
• Associated Students of Whitworth University (ASWU)
• Asian-American Student Association
• Exceptional Pirate-Gospel Choir
• Black Student Union
• H.O.L.A. (Heritage of Latino Americans)
• International Club
• International Justice Mission

*Clubs are subject to change based on yearly student interest and leadership.

SPOKANE RESOURCES

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity March
• Unity in the Community
• Spokane 7K/Walk Run
• Hispanic Heritage Festival
• Spokane International Film Festival

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