



WA Merit Scholarship Application

Due January 15th to the Financial Assistance Office

(Interview process must have been completed by January 15th)

Incoming Freshman Merit Scholarship

To encourage motivated Christian students, Wheaton Academy is offering the following scholarships to incoming freshmen. These scholarships are awarded to students who have attained high educational goals, knowing that these are achieved by hard work in using the gifts God has given. We would like to recognize and encourage students who have shown excellence and will continue to do so.

A student may apply for more than one of these, but will receive no more than one award. The scholarships are one-time awards for incoming freshmen and are for \$500, which will be applied to tuition for the freshman year only. While most financial aid is need based, these awards are given based on achievement.

While each scholarship focuses on a specific area of achievement, the recipient must also be an example in spiritual, social, and academic realms. Specifically, in addition to the area of achievement indicated in the scholarship name, recipients will be positive examples.

- Academically—using well the gifts God has given them,
- Socially—a positive relationship with peers, active outside of class with servant leadership, and
- Spiritually—demonstrating a close, personal relationship with Jesus that is actively growing.

Students may apply for scholarships in the following categories:

Academic Excellence—five awards for general academic achievement.

Achievement—one award for outstanding achievement in an area not identified in other awards.

English—one award for English achievement, including writing.

Instrumental Music—one award for instrumental music achievement.

Leadership—one award for demonstrated biblical leadership.

Mathematics—one award for mathematics achievement.

Science—one award for science achievement.

Service—one award for impact in areas of service such as missions, church, and community.

Technology—one award for knowledge and use of technology.

Theatre—one award for achievement in theatre.

Visual Arts—one award for achievement in the visual arts.

Vocal Music—one award for vocal music achievement.

To **apply** for the Incoming Freshman Merit Scholarship, complete these steps and **return all materials to the Financial Assistance Office**:

1. Complete the application process for becoming a student at Wheaton Academy with full intention of attending. In this process, we will have obtained the academic records we need. If you want to update information from your original application, feel free to include recent grades or other details.
2. Answer these two questions in no more than 250 words for each question. Answers should be typed and double-spaced.

First question: Describe how you have used the talents God has given you and your greatest achievement in the specific area of the scholarship for which you are applying. (Those applying for the Academic Excellence scholarships should comment on talents and achievement in general.)

Second question: How do you see God using you during your years at Wheaton Academy and in the future, especially in the area of the scholarship? (Those applying for the Academic Excellence scholarships may discuss any area.)

3. If you are applying for an award other than "Academic Excellence," please include at least one reference (name, role, phone or email, and address) that knows about the area of the scholarship. More information may be requested.
4. Return information requested to Wheaton Academy admissions by **January 15th**. Decisions will be announced at the time that need based aid notification is given and no later than March 15 for those not applying for need-based aid.

Thank you for your work in applying. It is always a joy to hear how God is working in the lives of our students, regardless of whether a person receives a scholarship or not. We appreciate your efforts!