



Wheaton Academy 2010-2011 Financial Assistance Procedures



Wheaton Academy is committed to making Christian education affordable. Our goal is to work with each family, understand their individual situation, and see how we can help. To help manage tuition payments and financial assistance for the 2010-2011 school year, we will be partnering again with FACTS. Financial assistance procedures are detailed below.

PREREQUISITES

- 1) Prospective students must have started the Admissions process before applying for financial aid
- 2) Returning students must have been faithful in their past WA service assignments
- 3) Tuition for returning students must be current—according to payment plan.

LIMITED FUNDS -- EARLY APPLICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT!!
Priority for financial aid will be given to early applicants as the financial aid budget becomes much more limited later in the application process.

New information!

2008 tax forms for Early Bird Freshmen, following up with 2009 tax forms by March 1st

***INCOMING FRESHMEN--MUST SUBMIT AID APPLICATIONS BY:**

This includes families with an incoming freshman, and returning student(s)

(Early Bird—Nov 15th) or (Regular Deadline —Jan 15th) or (Final Deadline –Apr 15th) with more limited resources

- All applications submitted before Jan. 15, 2010 must attach 2008 taxes for application to be considered, but completed 2009 taxes will need to be sent to FACTS to substantiate *aid offer* before March 1, 2010.
- Applications received after Jan. 15, 2010 must attach completed 2009 taxes for application to be considered.
- If 2009 income is notably greater than 2008 income, aid will be adjusted.
- *Aid Offer* mailed: Early Applicants – Dec 15th; Regular Applicants – Feb 15th; Final Applicants – May 15th
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** 5% of resulting annual tuition, after aid, will be due as a non-refundable deposit—applied to your tuition bill. Return *Acceptance of Aid Offer* by the 1st of the month following the *Aid Offer* to lock in your aid. If this deadline has passed, you will be responsible to resubmit your request for reconsideration for the next cycle, but your award may be no longer be available.

***RETURNING AID RECIPIENTS or NEW APPLICANTS**

Returning aid recipients with incoming freshman siblings will apply according to deadlines listed above

MUST SUBMIT AID APPLICATIONS BY: (Early bird – Feb 15th) or (Regular deadline – Apr 15th)

- All applications need to be completed and 2009 taxes attached to be considered.
- *Aid Offer* mailed: Early applicants – Mar 1st; Regular Applicants – May 1st; Late Applicants – July 1st
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** 5% of resulting annual tuition, after aid, will be due as a non-refundable deposit – applied to your tuition bill. Return *Acceptance of Aid Offer* by the 15th of the month following the *Aid Offer* to lock in your award. If this deadline has passed, you will be responsible to resubmit your request for reconsideration for the next cycle, but your award may be reduced or may no longer be available.

LATE DEADLINES FOR REMAINING REQUESTS

- **No applications** will be processed after June 15th.
- *Aid Offer* mailed: July 1st
- 15% of resulting annual tuition due, after aid, by July 15th

Don't miss this important information!

SUBMIT MANDATORY FORMS BY the listed deadlines above.

Failure to do so will likely result in loss of aid 😞

*(Incoming Freshmen: Early Bird Application by—Nov 15th; Regular Deadline—Jan. 15th; Final Deadline –Apr 15th)
(Returning Aid Recipients and New Students: Early Application by –Feb. 15th, Regular Deadline –Apr. 15th)*

Application is not completed until receipt of these forms

- Letter of Intent Form*—to Sandy Dede
- 2009 Tax Forms*—to FACTS
- Scholarship Application(s)* (if applicable)—to Sandy Dede

What do I do first?



FINANCIAL AID PROCESS *(Please read carefully to insure all documents are submitted)*

1. Apply to FACTS online www.factstuitionaid.com (Nov. 1st to Apr. 15th for families with incoming Freshmen)—(Feb. 15th to Apr. 15th for Returning Aid Recipients or New Students) *Earlier online applications will be accepted for Returning Aid Recipients or New Students, but will not be processed until Feb 15th)*
2. Consider Scholarship Options
 - Need Based Endowment Scholarship (Note deadlines in Scholarship section)
 - Merit Based Academic Scholarship (Scholarship Application due no later than March 15th with Financial Aid Application)
3. Mail the signed Letter of Intent (p. 3) to Sandy Dede in the Financial Aid Office, to complete the Financial Aid Application.
4. *Aid Offers* are mailed after one month for Early Bird Freshmen, and two weeks following every other application deadline. *(Note deadlines pg. 1)*
5. To accept and **lock in** your aid offer, parents must return **all** commitment forms to Sandy Dede, Financial Aid Office, with a 5% of resulting annual tuition due, after aid, as a non-refundable deposit (applied to tuition). *Acceptance of Aid Offer* forms and deposit must be mailed within 2 weeks (on the 1st or 15th whichever applies) following the *Aid Offer*. Failure to do so will require the family to resubmit their application to the next cycle for consideration with the risk of reduction in aid.
6. WA Service Options are chosen at Registration in early March.

HELP IS AVAILABLE FROM FACTS

Call 1-866-315-9262, Fax 1-866--9264 or e-mail help@factstuitionaid.com
Phone assistance is available M-TH 7:30AM – 7:00 PM, FR 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM



APPLY TO FACTS Online

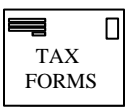
Applying online www.factstuitionaid.com is the fastest and most direct method of submitting your application. It allows your institution to view your application electronically within minutes of submission.

Step 1: "Applicant Sign In"; Step 2: New Users "Create an Account"; Step 3: Follow [Instructions](#)

Returning users who have previously applied with FACTS can use their existing username and password. Did you forget your password? Click on the "Trouble Signing In" link to retrieve your existing username and password. If you are unable to retrieve your username and password, continue as a new user.

→ Once you have registered and signed in, you will have the ability to complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application online. Application fee of \$25 can be paid by credit card or by automatic debit from your checking account.

→ After completing the online application, mail or fax the [supporting tax documentation](#) to FACTS. **Applications cannot be processed until tax forms are submitted to FACTS.** The specific tax information needed to verify your application is shown in the "FGAA Checklist" that is found online or in the paper application. (FACTS Fax: 1-866-315-9262); *If Early Admissions Applicant, be sure to submit your 2009 taxes by March 1st to secure your offer!*



Important Contacts

Sandy Dede, WA Financial Manager, 630-562-7515, sdede@wheatonacademy.org for application questions.
Jim Holtrop, WA Service Coordinator, 630-562-7552, jholtrop@wheatonacademy.org for WA Service questions.
Jon Keith, WA COO, 630-562-7502, jkeith@wheatonacademy.org for specific award questions.



Complete the Letter of Intent Form

Student Applicant (Print full name) _____

Parent Commitment:

- We understand the financial funds that Wheaton Academy awards must be raised each year through fundraising efforts.
- Our student must remain in sound academic and behavioral standing and will perform his/her Service Assignment as requested.
- We have explained the Service requirement of the financial aid program to our student and he/she understands his/her responsibility in this area.
- Wheaton Academy does not provide insurance for our student during their Service Assignment. Insurance is the responsibility of the parent.
- If we have a new student, he/she must be accepted before the aid application can be processed.
- If we have a returning student, our tuition bill must be current before our aid application can be processed.
- Our student must have a successful track record with their past Service Assignments.

 Parent Signature Date

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Student Commitment:

- My parents have explained the expectations that come along with receiving financial aid through Wheaton Academy.
- I understand I need to remain in good behavioral and academic standing.
- My parents have also explained the Service Assignments and requirements to me, and I agree to participate wholeheartedly.
- I will commit to be on time, work hard, be a part of the team and accept direction from the Service Coordinator.
- I understand my financial aid depends on my fulfilling all Service expectations.
- I have considered my Service Assignment and semester or quarter choice on page 4, but I realize Service Assignments will be made during Registration in early March.

 Student Signature Date

Additional Information – *in order to better help assess your need, complete the following.*

How much support is available from the following sources toward the cost of a WA education?

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| 1. Student Contribution through summer jobs or other sources? | \$ _____ |
| 2. Extended Family (grandparents, etc.) or Church Allowance? | \$ _____ |
| 3. Educational Loans? (see following pages) | \$ _____ |
| 4. Family Contribution (what are you able to pay?) | \$ _____ |

How much financial aid do you need? \$ _____

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| Application for Wheaton Academy Scholarships? (see following pages) | Yes or No? |
| Do you anticipate needing additional aid in following years? | Yes or No? |

Additional Family Information: Many times we realize that circumstances cannot be adequately described by filling in blank spaces on a form. Please provide any additional information, in writing, that may not be possible to convey on the FACTS application. (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Please complete and submit this MANDATORY page to the WA Financial Aid Office

WA Service Intern and WA Service Team Assignments

(Actual selection will take place at Registration in March)

One of the following WA Service Assignments will be required by students receiving financial aid. The Service Assignments are designed not only to provide Wheaton Academy with additional help, but should be viewed as a valuable learning opportunity for each student. Parents are expected to explain to and review the Service Assignments and requirements with their students. It is important that students have ownership of their part in helping to make Christian education affordable. Any lack of effort and attentiveness to the Service responsibilities will result in the removal of aid. ***Work Service cooperation and participation will be monitored by Jim Holtrop, WA Service Director, to insure that students are taking their work Service Assignments seriously.***

More New
Information

Options below are informational only

Actual selection of Service Assignment will take place during Registration



Option 1-WA Service Intern

School Day Assignment *(Semester 1 or Semester 2)*

- Receives 1/2 elective credit for graduation requirement
- Receives a pass/fail grade (would not affect GPA)
- Requires a semester commitment during the school day

(Choose an elective class when making your course selections during Registration)

Option 2-WA Service Team

Before or After School Day Assignment*

- Requires a semester commitment before or after the school day (½ hr)
(Semester 1 or Semester 2) or
- Requires a quarter commitment before or after the school day (1 ½ hrs)
(Quarter 1, 2, 3 or 4)
- Receives no elective credit for graduation requirement



*Parents can partner with student to fulfill the Service Assignment to reduce commitment by ½



Option 3-WA Summer Service Team

Summer Assignment*

- Receives no elective credit for graduation requirement
- Requires a two week summer commitment
(Select specific week/s during Registration in March for Summer Academy)

*Parents can partner with student to fulfill the Service Assignment to reduce commitment by ½

(Official sign up for all three Service Assignments will take place during Registration in March)

Consider these options, but **DO NOT** RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION



What Other Aid Options are Available?

Scholarship and Educational Loan Options



Scholarship Options:

Limited scholarships separate from Financial Aid and based on merit are also available. However, scholarship/grant awards are considered in evaluating financial aid. Go to www.wheatonacademy.org, click on Financial Aid under the Admissions Tab to download the application for specific scholarship/grant. All scholarship/grant applications are returned to Wheaton Academy Financial Assistance Office and must be received prior to Financial Aid award offers. The following pages summarize scholarship options.

Educational Loan Options:

Education loans are available through SallieMae at www.salliemae.com/k12loan or 1-866-270-7307, or www.yourtuitionsolution.com or 1-800-920-9777. One recent loan illustration demonstrates how a \$50 per month payment for ten years would finance 50% of one year of a WA education. While not endorsing any particular loan institution, we do encourage parents to pursue these options.

Need-Based Endowed Scholarships



Donors with a heart for the ministry of Wheaton Academy have endowed the school with funds to help pay tuition for students with specific needs and demonstrated characteristics. These scholarships are administered by the Admissions Office in accordance with the donors' criteria. To qualify for the following scholarship, applicants must submit a Scholarship Application with their Financial Aid Application to the WA Financial Aid Office. *Deadline for these scholarships are March 15th, unless otherwise noted, so application for aid must also be submitted by the March 15th deadline.*

Todd Beamer Christian Character and Leadership Award

During Todd Beamer's high school days at Wheaton Academy, no one knew that he would be the national hero of Flight 93 in the first battle of the war on terror. What was known about Todd was his continuous development and demonstration of leadership skills and a Christian testimony that were evident throughout his life.

Criteria: Applicant must demonstrate excellence in Christian character and leadership potential as modeled by Todd Beamer while he was a student at Wheaton Academy.

Grant available: \$2,000 for one student

Kay Gieser Scholarship Endowment

Criteria: Applicant must be the child of a missionary or full-time Christian worker.

Grant available: Determined by need

Jean Clausen Ludwig Scholarship

Criteria: Applicant must demonstrate financial need by completing a financial aid application, maintain a high academic standard and be recommended by an employee at Wheaton Academy.

Grant available: \$1,000 for two students

Need-Based Endowed Scholarships (cont.)

The John and Vera McNally Achievement Award

Criteria: Applicant must be an outstanding student and active in community service.

Grants available: \$500 for six students; application due August 1st

Dwight T. Peterson International Scholarship

Criteria: Applicant or his/her father or mother must carry a passport or hold citizenship in a country other than the United States.

Grant available: \$400 for one student

Gail Wittekind Endowment

Criteria: Applicant must be a member of a single-parent family, maintain a “B” grade point average, demonstrate strong moral character and leadership as evidenced by participation in a co-curricular activity and demonstrate good manners in both dress and speech. The recipient must also be able to verbalize their Christian testimony and how God is working in his/her life.

Grant available: \$1,000 for one student

Merit Based Endowed Scholarships

Incoming Freshman Merit Scholarship

Criteria: 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. Awards are given in the following categories: English, Instrumental Music, Leadership, Mathematics, Science, Service, Technology, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music.

The interview process must be completed by the January 15th deadline.

Grant available: \$500, which will be applied to tuition for the freshman year only.

If you believe that you qualify for one of these grants: All scholarship applications can also be found on the [financial aid page](#) of the WA website, and must be submitted with the financial aid application. Questions should be directed to Sandy Dede, 630-562-7515

Please complete and submit scholarship application found on the [financial aid page](#) on the WA website with your Financial Aid Application to be considered for scholarship.

900 Prince Crossing Rd, West Chicago, IL 60185 Attn: Sandy Dede