WESTMINSTER SEMINARY CALIFORNIA

Financial Aid *Quick Guide*

Scholarship & Grants
Quick Facts

$1.2 MILLION

WSC awards over $1.2 million per year in need and merit-based tuition assistance.

OVER 95%

Over 95% of eligible students receive a scholarship or grant each academic year.

50-60%

On average, WSC students receive non-repayable scholarships/grants that cover over 50-60% of their tuition.

$50k • $20.5k

U.S. students enrolled in the MDiv program are eligible for up to $50,000 per academic year in Federal Direct Student Loans and U.S. students enrolled in the MA program are eligible for up to $20,500 per academic year, to cover tuition and living expenses.

$2.5 MILLION

Generous donors give $2.5 million dollars per year on average to support WSC and reduce the out-of-pocket cost of seminary education for our students.

50% • 35%

More than 50% of the seminary's operating budget is supported by the generosity of God's people around the world, while tuition income collected from students covers a little more than 35% of the annual budget each year.

WSC is committed to providing financial assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to pursue a degree here. Thanks to the generosity of friends and supporters of the Seminary, who provide more than 50 percent of the actual cost of each student's education, WSC keeps tuition below the average of fully accredited peer institutions in the Association of Theological Schools. Tuition costs are further reduced through our financial aid program.

Key Dates

NEW STUDENTS *Priority review windows*	**NOV 4, 2026** | Early Action **FEB 3, 2027** | Priority I **MAR 10, 2027** | Priority II **APR 14, 2027** | Priority III

To be considered in a window, admitted students submit the WSC Financial Aid Application and WSC Housing Application by that deadline. These are not admission deadlines: you may submit an Application for Admission any time up to the first day of classes for your desired term. Applications continue to be processed until the first day of each semester, and awards are given as funds are available.

RETURNING STUDENTS	**APR 1, 2027** | Annual Renewal

Apply for renewal each year by April 1. Late applications are considered as received but may receive reduced awards, and applications received after the first day of the semester will not be considered.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	**APR 1, 2027** | Before the Fall Semester you plan to begin

Submit the WSC Application for Financial Aid. International grants are limited to billed tuition and fees; living expenses are your responsibility, and full-time enrollment (12+ units) is required.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

1

APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO WSC

Complete the application process. After a short form, you'll receive a link to your application via email. Your responses will be saved automatically as you work through the questions.

2

GET PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Review scholarship and grant opportunities and the financial aid timeline to see when to apply for priority consideration for financial aid and housing. Once you're admitted, our Admissions Counselors will send you the appropriate Financial Aid Application for your start term.

3

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID & HOUSING

Submit the applications for financial aid and housing. You must submit the version of the application that corresponds to the year for which you are applying for or renewing aid. Email all forms to financialaid@wscal.edu, and report any change in your financial situation, or any outside scholarship or church support you receive after an initial WSC award, to the Financial Aid Office right away.

4

REVIEW & AWARD

The Financial Aid Committee begins reviewing completed applications for new students on November 1. It determines your award and matches you to the scholarships and grants you qualify for, based on eligibility, donor criteria, and available funds. Award letters are sent within 2–4 weeks of the Committee's decision, and you will generally have 2–4 weeks to accept by signing and returning the acceptance forms and paying the $500 (non-refundable) advance housing deposit.

Good to Know

- Federal Direct is available as a Title IV participating school. The U.S. Department of Education does not provide non-repayable grants, such as Pell, to graduate students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for loan information.
- To qualify for financial aid, each student must: be admitted to one of WSC's master's programs (MA or MDiv) and remain enrolled full time (12 or more credit hours each semester); maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA each semester (some scholarships require higher); make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree; and complete all required financial aid applications by the specified deadline. Students in their final year who are taking all the courses needed to graduate may receive scholarships and grants if they drop below full time; the award may be prorated, for no more than two semesters.
- All scholarship and grant awards are credited to your tuition account. Most scholarships are renewable if you continue to meet the requirements, but no scholarship or grant is awarded for more than four years (eight semesters) for the MDiv or three years (six semesters) for the MA. If you drop below 12 credit hours, take a leave of absence, or withdraw, you immediately become ineligible and forfeit that term's aid. Please talk with the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office first.
- Veterans: WSC is approved to receive GI Bill® benefits. GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Scholarships & Grants by Type

Some scholarships fit more than one category. Full descriptions can be found in the Academic Catalogue.

NEED-BASED AID

Grants and scholarships awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

Aashirvaad Scholarship Fund · Alexander and Janet Ramig Scholarship · Andrew M. Park Scholarship · Covenant Chinese Reformed Church Scholarship · Dr. Derke P. Bergsma Scholarship · Elijah and Elizabeth Owens Scholarship Fund · Haan Family Scholarship Fund · Herbert and Bernace Korthuis Scholarship · Im Family Grant · Legacy Scholarship · Marjorie McGill Student Aid Fund · Martin and Alice Bielema Foreign Student Grant · Minnie Gresham Machen Scholarship · Reformed Scholarship Fund · Rev. Dr. Suksan and Mrs. Hyo Jin Chung Scholarship · Scott & Lydia Whang Scholarship · Shinwoo Mission Scholarship Fund · Titus Fund · Trinity URC Visalia International Scholarship · Walter Swets Scholarship (Hispanic Ministry) · WSC Grant · You Kye-Soon Memorial Scholarship

PASTORAL MINISTRY (MDIV)

Awards for students preparing for pastoral ministry & missions.

Andrew M. Park Scholarship · Arthur Forest Wells Memorial Award · Awes Presidential Scholarship · Christian College Scholarship · Haan Family Scholarship Fund · Legacy Scholarship · Marjorie McGill Student Aid Fund · Minnie Gresham Machen Scholarship · Peter H. & Myung S. Kim Scholarship · Presidential Merit Scholarship · Reformed Scholarship Fund · Samuel and Anne Van Til Scholarship Prize · W. Robert Godfrey Scholarship Fund · Watson-Wong Scholarship Fund · You Kye-Soon Memorial Scholarship

MERIT & ACADEMIC AWARDS

Awards for academic achievement, leadership experience, and potential for future ministry.

Andrew M. Park Scholarship · Arthur Forest Wells Memorial Award · Awes Presidential Scholarship · CF/WSC Scholarship · Christian College Scholarship · Haan Family Scholarship Fund · Legacy Scholarship · Marjorie McGill Student Aid Fund · Minnie Gresham Machen Scholarship · Peter H. & Myung S. Kim Scholarship · Presidential Merit Scholarship · Reformation Anniversary Scholarship · Reformed Scholarship Fund · Samuel and Anne Van Til Scholarship Prize · Timoteo Scholarship Fund · W. Robert Godfrey Scholarship Fund · Watson-Wong Scholarship Fund · You Kye-Soon Memorial
Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Awards for students from outside the United States and Canada, and those planning cross-cultural ministry.

Martin and Alice Bielema Foreign Student Grant · Reformed International Missions Scholarship · Trinity URC Visalia International Scholarship · WSC International Student Grant · Yune-Sun Park Scholarship

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards that do not fit the groups above: campus ministry, vocational ministry, church partnership, veterans, and spouses.

Church Matching Grant · James L. Stamps Foundation Scholarship · Reformed Campus Ministry Scholarship · WSC Spouse Tuition Scholarship · WSC Veterans Assistance Fund