

WESTMONT



An Affordable Investment
Scholarships and Financial Aid



grow deeper

Understanding Real College Costs

You may look at the “sticker price” of public universities and think you are seeing a great value because they cost less.

Because public colleges and universities receive tax dollars to subsidize the cost of educating their students, they can publish lower “sticker prices”—or tuition rates—than private, independent colleges like Westmont. However, when the State of California recently experienced a significant budget shortfall, students at institutions in the California State system saw tuition increases of 15 to 20 percent. Additionally, these budget cuts forced many

public colleges and universities to limit enrollment for Spring and Fall of 2010, and to significantly reduce course availability—making it difficult for students to enroll in the classes they want and need. **Westmont will not make any such cuts.**

Indeed, because **Westmont commits** a significant amount of our financial aid resources to scholarships and grants, many students find that the **generous financial assistance** they receive from Westmont results in even **greater savings** than if they had attended a public university or other independent college.

What’s more, 73 percent of Westmont students **graduate in four years**. If your education drags on at some other school, the costs will add up quickly—particularly if your financial aid expires after four years. Plus, you will lose tens of thousands of dollars of earning power for every year you delay entering the workforce. These are significant financial considerations that make Westmont an **affordable investment** in terms of real college costs.



“College students today will likely change jobs between 14–18 times during their lives. Given the complexity of life in the 21st century and the global economy, workers need to have the capacity intellectually and emotionally to adjust to new fields, environments and cultures.

“Yes, a liberal arts education is excellent preparation for a career—the very best because it teaches students how to learn, how to think critically and how to communicate well. Westmont students can enter any field and succeed because of the skills they’ve acquired here.”

—DR. GAYLE BEEBE, PRESIDENT

5 Reasons to Choose Westmont Over a Public School

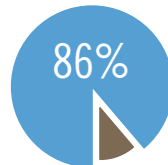
In 2009, **82 percent** of incoming first-year and transfer students **received academic merit scholarships**.



\$23 million of Westmont’s scholarship and financial aid budget comes from institutional, rather than public, funds. Because these dollars are not state- or federally granted, **Westmont’s financial aid offerings remain largely unaffected by public budget cuts**.

\$23,000,000
Institutional aid

Approximately **86 percent** of Westmont students **receive financial aid**.



The **average debt** for Westmont graduates is **less than \$19,000**, while the national average is more than \$22,000.

Westmont **<\$19,000**
National Average **>\$22,000**

Westmont’s **four-year graduation rate is 73 percent**; the national average six-year graduation rate is only 57 percent.

Westmont: 4-year **73%**
National: 6-year **57%**

Westmont provides

An average class size of **18**

An **exclusively undergraduate** community

Thought-provoking classes; a rich **campus ministries** program; a **diverse student body**

Significant opportunities for **global outreach**—such as our **“Westmont in Mexico”** semester

Nationally ranked academics (*U.S. News & World Report* has recognized Westmont as a first-tier national liberal arts college, and *The Princeton Review* has named Westmont one of the “Best in the West”)

You gain

Extensive opportunities for **one-on-one teaching and mentoring** from your professors

The opportunity to **learn directly from professors** (89 percent of whom hold the highest degree possible in their field)—rather than teaching assistants—in all your classes

A community that will help you deepen your character; the strength and resources you need to be the person God has created you to be

An essential understanding of global economies and cultures

A degree with a strong reputation among graduate schools and employers

Calculating Your Costs to Attend Westmont

In all likelihood, your net cost to attend Westmont will be considerably less than our published tuition, fees and living expenses. (For current information on tuition and student charges, please visit the “Admissions” section of our Web site: www.westmont.edu.) If you apply for financial aid (and we urge every student to apply), your actual, out-of-pocket costs to attend Westmont will be determined by your family’s financial need and your eligibility for merit- and talent-based scholarships.



Westmont College Costs
2009–2010 Academic Year

\$26 million in total financial aid was awarded to students for 2009–2010.

Tuition \$ 32,150
Fees \$ 1,020
Room \$ 6,260
Board \$ 3,820
Total \$43,250

The financial assistance programs at Westmont make a high-quality private education accessible to students and families from a wide range of economic backgrounds.

The following examples illustrate how financial aid enabled students to afford the Westmont experience this year.

Sample Financial Aid Packages

Jess '10, from California

From a family of four,
Jess is the first in college

Source	
Provost's Scholarship	\$ 10,000
Cal Grant	\$ 9,708
Westmont Grant	\$ 1,245
Pell Grant	\$ 890
Theatre Scholarship	\$ 2,000
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 5,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
Westmont Loan	\$ 5,000
Work-Study	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 38,343

Brittany '10, from Texas

From a family of five,
Brittany is a sophomore transfer student

Source	
Transfer President's Scholarship	\$ 5,000
Cultural Diversity Award	\$ 4,000
Westmont Grant	\$ 9,100
Athletic Scholarship	\$ 7,500
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 5,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
Westmont Loan	\$ 5,000
Work-Study	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 40,100

A Strong Investment in Your Future

A Westmont education is an investment in your intellectual, personal, spiritual and social development.

Nationally recognized for the excellence of our academic offerings, Westmont is ranked among the country's top 100 liberal arts colleges in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2010 edition of “America's Best Colleges.” The combination of Westmont's superior academic programs, hands-on and cross-cultural learning opportunities, and first-rate faculty will equip you with the experience and character you need to thrive in Christian leadership and service.

Brook '11, from Minnesota

From a family of five,
Brook is the third in college

Source	
Westmont Grant	\$ 11,000
Pell Grant	\$ 4,081
SEOG	\$ 2,000
Art Scholarship	\$ 1,000
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 5,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
Perkins Loan	\$ 2,000
Work-Study	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 29,581

Alohi '12, from Hawaii

From a single-parent family of three,
Alohi is the first in college

Source	
President's Scholarship	\$ 12,000
Cultural Diversity Award	\$ 2,000
Music Scholarship	\$ 5,000
Pell Grant	\$ 3,681
Missionary Grant	\$ 1,000
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 4,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
SEOG	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 32,181

Please note: All financial aid packages are awarded based on varying criteria such as academic profile, Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), cultural diversity and athletic, creative and performing arts abilities.

Scholarships Enhance a Strong Value

Westmont Academic Scholarships 2010–2011

Monroe Scholarships (full tuition)

The Monroe Scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship offered to a few exceptionally high-achieving first-year students each year. Monroe recipients enrich the Westmont community through their exceptional academic abilities, strong values, character and desire to grow in their Christian faith.

Early Action admission and receipt of a President's Scholarship is required to be considered for a Monroe Scholarship.

Additional Academic Scholarships*



First-year students

Monroe (Competitive)	\$ 34,150	Provost's	\$ 12,000
President's	\$ 14,000	Dean's	\$ 10,000

Transfer students**

President's	\$ 7,000
Provost's	\$ 6,000
Dean's	\$ 3,000

These scholarships are awarded to first-year and transfer students who have distinguished themselves as confirmed by their high school or college academic profile. Eighty percent of first-year students for fall 2009 were awarded an academic merit scholarship. Scholarship determination is based on a combination of academic and/or honors GPA, SAT or ACT scores and overall quality of application. Scholarships are presented with notification of Early Action and Regular Decision admission.

Academic merit scholarships are available to Early Action, Regular Decision and transfer students (date of application is not a factor).

*Westmont academic scholarships are determined at the time of admission and are based on the academic profile submitted at the time. Some scholarship amounts are subject to change.

**Not available until Fall 2010

Westmont Talent Scholarships 2010–2011

Talent scholarships are available in **athletics, art, computer science, dance, theatre and music**. Applicants interested in these programs must contact the respective departments and follow the instructions for application process and deadlines.

Westmont Cultural Diversity Awards 2010–2011

In order to encourage an academic community that is rich in cultural diversity, Westmont offers **Cultural Diversity Awards** of up to \$2,000. These scholarships are awarded each year to incoming students only who desire to incorporate their intercultural experiences into the Westmont learning environment. An application, which can be found at www.westmont.edu/admissions/culturaldiversity, is required. Application deadlines are January 15, 2010 for Early Action applicants and April 1, 2010 for Regular Decision applicants.

Other Forms of Aid

Grants and loans are another important resource for paying for college. Bear in mind that grants are gift aid that never need to be repaid. Loans are repaid, usually after you leave college, and may be deferred if you attend graduate school. Here are the financial aid programs that Westmont administers.

Name	Amount and Qualifications*
Westmont Grants	Need-based grants up to \$17,500 .
Westmont Merit Awards for National Merit Finalists	Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 .
Westmont Missionary Grants	Awards up to \$1,000 based on need given to students from missionary families stationed overseas.
Cal Grant A	In 2009, up to \$9,708 per year was awarded to first-time recipients who are California residents, based on financial need and academic performance.
Cal Grant B	From \$1,551 to \$11,259 per year for California residents with demonstrated low incomes.
Federal Pell Grants	Up to \$5,350 , based on demonstrated financial need according to a federal formula. ACG and smart grants may also be available to qualified Pell recipients.
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	Up to \$2,000 per year , based on demonstrated financial need. Pell Grant recipients get top priority.
Westmont Loan	\$2,000 to \$5,000 for California residents based on need and class level.
Federal Parent Loan to Students (PLUS)	Non-need-based, low-interest loans to parents, based on credit worthiness, up to the cost of attendance, minus all other financial aid.
Federal Perkins Loan	Up to \$2,000 in low-interest loans for students demonstrating sufficient financial need.
Federal Stafford Loan	From \$5,500 to \$7,500 in low-interest, subsidized and unsubsidized loans, based on financial need and class level.
Federal/College Work-Study Program	Jobs on campus for students with demonstrated financial need.

*Figures are reflective of the 2009–2010 academic year and are subject to change.

Truth be told...

Perspectives on the affordability of a Westmont degree from actual Westmont students

“When applying for college, my number one concern was cost, because I had to pay for my schooling on my own. When I heard from Westmont regarding my acceptance, I was blown away by how generous they were with their financial aid. Not only did their assistance enable me to attend Westmont, it cemented my love for the school and my desire to be here.

“I can attest to the fact that I have never been stretched more in my life, whether it be in the classroom, at chapel, or on the soccer field. The experience of Westmont is priceless.”

—ANDREW BECK '12; LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR; MURRIETA, CA



“Not only was the Office of Financial Aid very generous in providing me with scholarships and grants, but they also helped my family apply for and secure the necessary Parent Plus Loans to make Westmont a reality.

“Attending Westmont instilled in me a passion for knowledge and learning that flows into every area of my life. The professors at Westmont are incredible and inspired me to reach higher than I ever thought possible. Beyond the classroom, Westmont provided me with many opportunities to serve and to develop my leadership abilities. Westmont was worth every single dollar and much more.”

—ROBERTO D. VALLADARES '08; DOUBLE MAJOR IN BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY; SIMI VALLEY, CA; CURRENTLY PURSUING AN M.D. AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

“I now believe that college debt should not be viewed as a burden; instead, it should be seen as a long-term investment with high-yield returns. Westmont has become a financial partner in my education.”

—DANIEL ELIAS GALICIA '07; ENGLISH MAJOR; EL PASO, TX
CURRENTLY PURSUING A MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN
CREATIVE WRITING AT SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY



More scholarships

There are several free and excellent scholarship searches available. If you're interested in searching for financial aid or scholarship information online, we suggest you start with a reputable site such as www.fastweb.com, or www.freschinfo.com. Learn more about Westmont financial aid at www.westmont.edu.



Take it step by step...

Four easy steps to the financial aid process

Step 1

Apply to Westmont (November 1, Early Action deadline; February 20, Regular Decision deadline). To ensure that the maximum amount of aid is available to you, apply as early as you can in your senior year of high school. You may also wish to attend college fairs or financial aid workshops in your area to gain additional information about community-based scholarships and financial aid.

Step 2

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Complete and submit as soon as possible after January 1, but no later than Westmont's Priority deadline of March 1. Complete it accurately and promptly, because the FAFSA is the key to receiving financial aid. The Westmont code (which you will need to have your FAFSA information forwarded to us) is 001341. The FAFSA is also available from your guidance office or career center.

Step 3

If you are a California resident and graduate of a California high school, and wish to apply for the Cal Grant A or B for the first time, you must file the GPA verification form (available from your guidance office or career center) by March 2.

Step 4

Westmont will begin notifying admitted applicants of their financial aid offers in mid to late March. The process we use is an electronic notification, sent to students via e-mail. Admitted students will be specifically instructed regarding access of their awards. All students will have until May 1, the National Candidates Reply Date, to let us know of their decision to enroll. Confirmation deposits postmarked after May 1 may be held on a space-available basis.

Any Questions?

If you have additional questions or would like to speak to a member of our financial aid staff, please don't hesitate to call us toll free at 888.963.4624, or call our Office of Admission at 800.777.9011. We're here to help.

Westmont College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, age, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, or disability in its admission policies or in the administration of its athletic and other college-administered programs and activities.



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