

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

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Westmont—The Right Investment for Your Future!

A college education is a true investment. A Westmont education is an investment in your intellectual development and your personal, spiritual and social development, as well.

At Westmont, you will be consistently challenged to integrate what you're learning in the classroom with your values and priorities as a follower of Christ—preparing you for a remarkable future. The combination of Westmont's superior academic programs, hands-on and cross-cultural learning opportunities, and first-rate faculty will equip you with the experiences and character you need to thrive as a thoughtful, modern-day Christian.

AT WESTMONT, WE ENHANCE THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT WAYS:

■ Personal attention

With an average class size of 18, you'll have extensive opportunities for one-on-one teaching and mentoring from your professors.

■ Focus on undergraduate education

Because Westmont is exclusively undergraduate, you will always have the privilege of a Westmont professor teaching your class. Plus, you'll be able to work side-by-side with your professors on original research—all the equipment and resources Westmont has to offer are solely for the use of undergraduates.

■ An emphasis on developing character

From thought-provoking classes to a rich campus ministries program to a diverse student body, everything about Westmont is geared toward deepening your character and giving you the strength and resources you need to be the person God has created you to be.

■ An understanding of the “big picture” of your life

As a liberal arts college deeply rooted in Christ, Westmont strives to help you grow intellectually, personally and spiritually. Plus, significant opportunities for hands-on, off-campus learning and service—such as our well-known Potter's Clay ministry in Mexico—give you a big-picture view of the world and your place in it. By providing an education that integrates faith and knowledge, we prepare students not only for rewarding careers, but also for rewarding lives of learning and serving.

■ Graduation in four years

The U.S. Department of Education cites that only about half of college students complete their degrees in four years or less. At Westmont, 70% of students complete their degree in four years—which means you can be out making money while your peers, who need additional semesters to graduate, will be losing out on potential income.

■ Nationally ranked academics

Students say Westmont's academic programs, which feature top-ranking faculty (89 percent of whom hold the highest degree possible in their field), are often life-changing. In fact, the value of our educational experience is so exceptional that *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.” This national recognition gives your Westmont degree an even stronger reputation.

■ A track record of unparalleled success

Westmont students have succeeded in almost every field, from business to education to art. They have gained admission to the nation's top law and medical schools and to graduate programs in a wide variety of fields, including those at Columbia, Harvard, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Princeton, Yale and many other fine institutions.

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“When determining which college to attend, I had to acknowledge that the fear of acquiring educational debt should not guide my decision. Rather, I should be more concerned that I not make the grave mistake of passing up the opportunity to receive the quality education of my choosing. I was greatly assisted with the awarding of several grants and scholarships from Westmont, including the Intercultural Award.

“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*

AT WESTMONT, WE STRIVE TO KEEP STUDENTS' POST-GRADUATION DEBT MANAGEABLE. THE AVERAGE DEBT FOR WESTMONT GRADUATES IS LESS THAN \$17,000, WHILE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS MORE THAN \$22,000.

Understanding Real College Costs

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

State and public colleges and universities receive tax dollars to subsidize the cost of educating their students. Some colleges are financially supported by their church affiliation. While Westmont does have endowments (gifts from donors and alumni that allow us to offer substantial scholarships), we do not receive the same governmental subsidies that public schools do. And as an interdenominational college, we are not financially supported by a church, which is why our tuition may be higher than some other institutions.

In response, Westmont commits a significant amount of our financial aid resources to scholarships and grants for you. **In 2008, 70% of incoming first year and transfer students received academic merit scholarships.** As a result, many students find that the generous financial aid assistance they receive from Westmont results in even greater savings than if they had attended a public university or other independent college.



“During my college search, I applied to a few Christian colleges, including Westmont. At first glance, Westmont seemed to be the most expensive of all the colleges I was considering. But after I was offered financial aid from each college, Westmont became the least expensive. The financial aid office was very helpful in answering my questions about its own scholarships as well as those from other sources.”

— Manuel Reyes '05,
Physics major, Math
minor; Ontario, CA

*Currently pursuing a
Ph.D. in mathematics
at UC Berkeley*

Scholarships Enhance a Strong Value

WESTMONT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2009–2010

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. Candidates will be invited to Westmont in early spring to compete in a selection process. Awards are announced one week later. For more information, visit www.westmont.edu.

Other Academic Scholarships*

These scholarships are awarded to first-year and transfer students who have distinguished themselves as confirmed by their high school or college academic profile. **Scholarships are presented with notification of Early Action and Regular Decision admission.**

The scholarships are:

First-year students

Monroe (Competitive)	\$32,150
President's	\$12,000
Provost's	\$10,000
Dean's	\$ 8,000

Transfer students

President's	\$ 5,000
Provost's	\$ 4,000



These awards may be renewed annually, up to a total of eight consecutive semesters, provided the student is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate and maintains the required minimum GPA at Westmont for the scholarship awarded.

Westmont Merit Awards for National Merit Finalists are awarded up to \$2,000.

**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.*



WESTMONT TALENT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS 2009–2010

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 2009–2010

In order to encourage an academic community that is rich in cultural diversity, Westmont offers Cultural Diversity Awards, which range from \$1,000–\$4,000. These scholarships are awarded each year to incoming students only who desire to incorporate their intercultural experiences into the Westmont learning environment. The Office of Admission mails cultural diversity applications when the application for admission is submitted, or upon request. Students may request an application no later than January 15, 2009 for Early Action applicants and no later than April 1, 2009 for Regular Decision applicants.

NEED BASED 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 Missionary Grants	Awards up to \$1,000 based on need given to students from missionary families stationed overseas.
Cal Grant A	In 2008, 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 \$4,731, 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 Perkins Loan	Up to \$3,000 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.

NON-NEED BASED AID

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.
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**Figures are reflective of the 2008–2009 academic year and are subject to change.*



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-based scholarships.

\$26 million in total financial aid was awarded to students for 2008–2009.

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

SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES

JESS '09, FROM CALIFORNIA

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

Source

Provost's Scholarship	\$ 9,000
Cal Grant	\$ 9,708
Westmont Grant	\$ 1,245
Pell Grant	\$ 890
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 5,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
Westmont Loan	\$ 5,000
Work-Study	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 35,343

BROOK '10, FROM MINNESOTA

From a family of five, Brook is the first 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	\$ 3,000
Work-Study	\$ 2,000
Total Awarded	\$ 30,581

CHAD '11, FROM CALIFORNIA

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

Source

President's Scholarship	\$ 11,000
Cultural Diversity Award	\$ 2,000
Cal Grant	\$ 9,708
Pell Grant	\$ 3,681
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 4,500
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$ 2,000
SEOG	\$ 2,000

Total Awarded \$ 34,889

BRITTANY '09, 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

WESTMONT COLLEGE COSTS

2008–2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

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.



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“My final decision to transfer to Westmont was based on the financial aid package I received...it had to be a substantial amount for me to be able to leave a school that was practically free for me to attend and travel across the country. I kept in constant contact with counselors at the Financial Aid Office. They went the extra mile to make sure that I was informed of every option I had to receive financial help. I was ecstatic to see the aid that was awarded to me! It was such a relief to know that I would be able to pursue my education at an academically challenging school with a strong Christian foundation.”

— Jennifer Bliss '06, San Antonio, TX



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.



More 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.

TAKE IT STEP BY STEP...

Four easy steps to the financial aid process

Step One.

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 Two.

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 1st. 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 Three.

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 Four.

Westmont will begin notifying admitted applicants of their financial aid offers in mid to late March. The process we use is an **electronic notification**. 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 post-marked after May 1 may be held on a space-available basis.

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