





# 2022 Urban Leadership Scholars Program 2 FOUR-YEAR WESTMONT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

### **GUIDELINES**

Westmont College and Young Life are pleased to offer the Urban Leadership Scholars Program. Through the generous support of donors, each year, two (2) emerging leaders from urban centers in CA will attend Westmont College on a scholarship that, when combined with other grants, scholarships, and a \$3,000 student employment award, will cover a student's demonstrated need based on the FAFSA. The scholarship covers up to a total of the costs of tuition and Westmont housing and a meal plan for four years. The purpose and goal of the scholarship is to provide access to an excellent Christian liberal arts education at Westmont then launch these graduates back into their home communities, equipped to lead and make a difference in a metropolitan area.

The Urban Leadership Scholars Program is in partnership with Young Life. The two recipients selected and awarded must be high school seniors attending any high school in an urban area in California.

### **PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND CANDIDATE CRITERIA**

- » Graduating high school seniors demonstrating evidence of service to the community in nonschool sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- » Demonstrate leadership experience in high school, a church, organization or company during years prior to 2022.
- » Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, score of 1050 SAT or 21 or greater on ACT.
- » Demonstrate a total family annual income under \$75,000, and plan to attend a four-year college.
- » File a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and demonstrate financial need.
- » Be a fit for Westmont's mission and commitment as a Christian college and demonstrate ongoing interest in leadership in an urban setting through the public or private sector.
- » Apply to Westmont College through the Admissions Office and meet all required admission criteria through the application process. Submit all application materials in a timely manner by February 14, 2022.

#### **PROGRAM PROCESS**

Nominations will originate through Young Life. Young Life strongly suggests that each area present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines. Applicants must have a reference from their local Young Life leader as part of their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. Additionally, each applicant must submit a Statement of Support from their Area Director.

Applicants should email one copy of a completed typed application package to Westmont College. This includes the scholarship application, a recommendation from the Young Life leader, a Statement of Support from the Young Life Area Director, a Statement of Support from a Guidance Counselor, essay, resume, and school transcript. Applicants should submit materials to the Westmont College Admissions Office no later than February 14, 2022. Late applications are not accepted. Scholarship applicants should simultaneously apply for Westmont College Admission through the Westmont Admissions Office.

All application materials and scholarship awards will be reviewed and processed by Westmont College. Upon completion of the review and demonstration that the candidate meets all admissions criteria, Westmont will select two recipients and provide the official offers of admittance and scholarship. Scholarship recipients will have one month from the time of acceptance and notification to confirm their participation and submit a \$300 confirmation payment to secure their enrollment for Fall 2022. Finalists will agree to participate in a short video interview if selected as an award recipient and give consent to Westmont and Young Life to use it for promotional purposes. Westmont will process the scholarship with the student's financial aid file each year as is standard with all institutional scholarships and awards. This is a FULL NEED MET Scholarship, which means that the award includes federal, state and other financial aid as well as expected family contribution (EFC), according to FAFSA. The student may be expected to earn up \$3000 through the work study program and a family may be expected to cover some costs of tuition, room and board depending on family income and assets as reported on the FAFSA forms. Past applicants have received significant monetary assistance and in most cases, financial aid covers the vast majority of tuition, room and board expenses.

As part of the Urban Leadership Scholars program, scholarship recipients are expected to participate in the following programs:

- 1. Prior to enrollment, attend a one-week Trailhead program at Westmont College. Sessions are offered June 12-17, June 19-24 and June 26-July 1. Trailhead helps incoming Westmont students explore how faith can guide their future, pursue a career, and seek to make a difference in the world. In an on-campus summer residency and yearlong mentorship, scholars will discover some of the ways that faith, education, and work can be united in a life of significance. The cost to attend Trailhead will be covered by Westmont College.
- 2. Participate in either the First Year Student Retreat or the ICP Connect Retreat in September 2022. Both of these retreats are designed to help students build meaningful connections and relationships in the Westmont community. They take place over different weekends in September. Cost will be covered by the Urban Leadership Scholars Program.
- 3. Get involved with an Intercultural or student organization. Students find that ongoing, regular contact with others is essential to a sense of belonging on campus. You won't want to miss out on these important avenues to form friendships.

- 4. Connect with your Student Success Coach (SSC). Every new student at Westmont is assigned a Student Success Coach who provides support, encouragement and really great study and academic information. You will be contacted by your SSC over the summer prior to enrollment, so be on the lookout for that email.
- 5. Complete your fall class registration during the summer. Your Student Success Coach will guide you through the process but enrollment must be secured to save your spot at Westmont for the fall semester.
- 6. Mentorship meetings. Every Urban Leadership Scholar has a mentor throughout their first year. Your mentor is an older, more experienced guide who has walked the road of life a little longer. You will benefit greatly from one on one time with your mentor to talk about all aspects of your experience as a Westmont student.
- 7. Ministry Leadership Class. In your second, third or fourth year at Westmont, you will take the Ministry Leadership Class taught by Dr. Scott Lisea (campus pastor) and his wife Jamie. This course prepares you for leadership in a ministry setting and provides you with an internship experience that will hone your skills and sharpen your vision for what God has for you. It will be an important part of your leadership preparation.
- 8. Summer Staff Young Life Assignment. Each Urban Leadership Scholar is expected to serve with Young Life one of the summers during college. This assignment will be determined in collaboration with Young Life and will give you a valuable life experience and an unforgettable summer.

Westmont is delighted to partner with Young Life in this effort to reward academic achievement and leadership and provide a premier liberal arts education to future leaders who will go on to further the cause of Kingdom work, especially in an urban context.



# Urban Leadership Scholars Program Application 2022

#### PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS.

1	LAST NAME FIRST NAME				
2	MAILING ADDRESS STREET: CITY: STATE: ZIP:				
3	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: EMAIL ADDRESS:				
4	DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH DAY YEAR GENDER:				
5	CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA):(ON A 4.0 SCALE)SAT/ACT:ATTACH PROOF OF GPA. YOUR MOST RECENT SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT IS REQUIRED.ATTACH COPY OF SCORE(S).				
6	ARE YOU THE FIRST PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY TO GO TO COLLEGE: YES NO				
7	A. NAME AND LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING:				
	B. NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR				
	C. PLEASE ASK YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR TO SIGN A STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (SEE BELOW)				
8	(ON A SEPARATE SHEET(S) PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTION 8, AND PLEASE ATTACH.)				
	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school, including years of				
	participation. B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities.				
	C. List your non-school sponsored leadership activities in your school, church, community,				
	organization or company. D. Share a short testimony of how you came to begin a relationship with Jesus.				
	<ul> <li>E. Given Westmont's commitment to being a Christian liberal arts college, please comment on your desire to be a part of the Westmont community.</li> </ul>				
	F. Describe the kind of support you would appreciate from Young Life during your academic year?				

9	A. PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF YOUR LOCAL YOUNG LIFE LEADER AND AREA DIRECTOR:		
	B. PLEASE ASK YOUR YOUNG LIFE LEADER TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ON YOUR BEHALF.		
	C. PLEASE ASK YOUR YOUNG LIFE AREA DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (SEE BELOW)		
10	LIST FAMILY GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FROM YOUR 2019 INCOME TAX FORM 1040 LINE #22: \$		
	(IF SELECTED, RECIPIENTS MAY BE ASKED TO VERIFY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS UNDER \$75,000 BY SUPPLYING PG. 1 OF THEIR 2018 IRS INCOME TAX FORM)		
11	IS YOUR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AN EMPLOYEE OF YOUNG LIFE? YES NO		
	IS YOUR PARENT IN ANY FULL-TIME MINISTRY? YES NO		
	IF YOUR ANSWER IS 'YES' PLEASE ANSWER BLOCKS A BELOW (AND B, C IF APPLICABLE). IF YOUR ANSWER IS 'NO' GO TO ITEM 13.)		
12	A. HIS/HER FULL NAME:		
	B. NAME OF YOUNG LIFE OFFICE: C. MISSION UNIT NUMBER:		
13	NAME & ADDRESS OF PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S):		
	(INCLUDE ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN YOUR OWN LISTED IN QUESTION #2)		
	NAME(S):		
	STREET:		
	CITY: STATE: ZIP:		
	HOME PHONE OF PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS: WORK PHONE:		
14	ON A SEPARATE SHEET PLEASE WRITE AN ESSAY (300-500 WORDS) ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS BELOW:		
	Describe your leadership experiences and how these have shaped who you are today and what your leadership experiences have taught you. Also, please describe your intention or commitment to work for the betterment of an urban or metropolitan area in the private or public sector after you graduate from college. Please include how you developed this commitment and how it informs your desire to attend Westmont.		

### Statement of Accuracy for Students

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a Westmont/Young Life Urban Leadership Scholars Program recipient, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Westmont / Young Life Urban Leadership Scholars Program. (Recipient may waive agreement of photo use due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand I am submitting this application with all required attachments and supporting information.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

PRINT NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

DATE

## Statement of Support by Area Director

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by the Urban Leadership Scholars Program and that I support this application for the Urban Leadership Scholars Program.

NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT						
HIGH SCHOOL	CITY	STATE				
NAME OF AREA DIRECTOR						
AREA DIRECTOR EMAIL AND PHONE						
SIGNATURE OF AREA DIRECTOR	D	ATE				

# Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by the Urban Leadership Scholars Program and that I support this application for the Urban Leadership Scholars Program.

NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT					
HIGH SCHOOL	CITY	STATE			
NAME OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR					
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR EMAIL AND PHONE					
SIGNATURE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR		DATE			

## Urban Leadership Scholars Program Checklist

- \_\_\_\_ Urban Leadership Scholars Application
- \_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores
- \_\_\_\_ Resume/Activity Sheet
- \_\_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation from Young Life Leader
- \_\_\_\_ Statement of Support by Young Life Area Director
- \_\_\_\_ Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor
- \_\_\_\_ School Transcript
- \_\_\_\_ Application to Westmont's Office of Admissions
- \_\_\_\_ File FAFSA

### **EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

Urban Leadership Scholars Program Westmont College Office of Admissions 955 La Paz Road Santa Barbara, CA 93108

#### **REMINDER:**

The deadline for this application to be received by Westmont College is **February 14**, **2022 - 8:00 a.m.** 

NO EXCEPTIONS!