



2020 Urban Leadership Scholars Program

2 Four-Year Westmont Scholarships Available!

Guidelines

Westmont College and Young Life are pleased to announce the **Urban Leadership Scholars Program**. Through the generous support of donors, each year, two (2) emerging leaders from the Greater LA region will attend Westmont College on **Full Need Met Scholarships— covering tuition plus room and board expenses for four years**. The scholarship is intended to provide access to an excellent Christian liberal arts education at Westmont then launch these graduates back into the Los Angeles area, equipped to lead and make a difference in their community.

The Urban Leadership Scholars Program is coordinated through the Young Life Greater LA Region Office, The two recipients selected and awarded must be high school seniors attending any high school in the Greater Los Angeles Region.

Program Priorities and Candidate Criteria:

- Graduating seniors demonstrating evidence of service to the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- Demonstrate leadership experience in high school, a church, organization or company during years prior to 2020.
- Have a minimum 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 show 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.

Program Process:

Nominations will originate with Young Life. Applicants must have the endorsement of their local Young Life Area Director on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. The local Area Director is instructed to send their applications to their corresponding Regional Director's office no later than February 29, 2020. **Young Life strongly suggests that each area present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines. Only two applicants per region are eligible to be submitted by the Young Life Greater LA Regional Office.** Application deadline is **March 13, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.** to be received by the Young Life Greater LA Regional Office. Late applications are not accepted.

Applicants should email one copy of a completed typed application package to: Young Life Greater LA Regional Office. This includes scholarship application with signoff by Regional Director, essay, resume, and school transcript. All applications will be reviewed and qualified nominees selected by the Young Life Greater LA Regional Leadership Team. All qualified applicants will be forwarded to Westmont for their official review. 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. Westmont's Office of Admissions will review the eligibility of applicants recommended by Young Life. 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. 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.

Prior to enrollment, scholarship recipients are highly encouraged to attend a one-week Trailhead program in June 2020 at Westmont College. 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.

While enrollment at Westmont College, scholarship recipients are expected to participate in Urban Leadership Scholars cohort meetings once every week. Additionally, during their sophomore, junior or senior year, scholars are highly encouraged to enroll in a ministry intern class, the purpose of which is to prepare them to advance kingdom work wherever God leads them throughout their lives.

Westmont is delighted to partner with Young Life in this effort to reward academic achievement 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.

Please submit any questions to Westmont College Office of Admissions (admissions@westmont.edu).

**URBAN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM
APPLICATION 2020**

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) <small>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.</small>		SAT/ACT: _____ <small>Attach copy of score(s).</small>
6	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___		
7	Name and location of High School attending:		
8	<p>(On a separate sheet(s) please provide answers to question 8, and please attach.)</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school, including years of participation.</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities.</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored leadership activities in your school, church, community, organization or company.</p> <p>D. Share a short testimony of how you came to begin a relationship with Jesus.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>F. Describe the kind of support you would appreciate from Young Life during your academic year?</p>		
9	<p>A. Please list the name of your local Young Life Leader or Area Director:</p> <p>B. Please ask them to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf.</p>		
10	<p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2018 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$ <small>(If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income is under \$75,000 by supplying pg. 1 of their 2017 IRS Income Tax Form)</small></p>		
11	<p>Is your <u>parent or legal guardian</u> an employee of Young Life? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>Is your parent in any full-time ministry? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A below (and B, C if applicable). If your answer is 'no' go to item 13.)</p>		
12	<p>A. His/her full name: _____</p> <p>B. Name of Young Life Office: _____</p> <p>C. Mission Unit Number: _____</p>		

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 the greater LA 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 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 to the Young Life Greater LA Region Office for the Urban Leadership Scholars Program..

Name of Student Applicant:

Name of Regional Director submitting the application:

High School: _____ City, State: _____

Contact information (Name, email and phone):

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

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 Area Director
- Guidance Counselor Statement of Support
- School Transcript
- Application to Westmont's Office of Admissions
- File FAFSA

EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO: **Urban Leadership Scholars Program**

Young Life Greater LA Regional Office
Angel Ruiz, VP of Field Ministry and National Latino Director
P.O. Box #748, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
(408) 483-0418
aruiz@sc.younglife.com

REMINDER:

**The deadline for this application to be received by the Young Life Greater LA Region Office is:
March 13, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!