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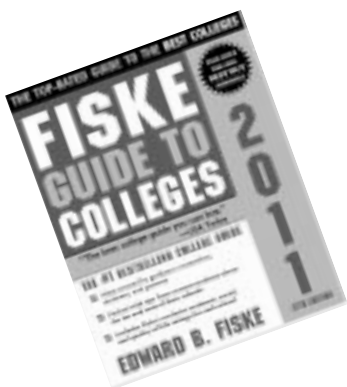
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Financial Aid and Scholarships

2011-2012 Application



Among a handful of schools where students combine academics, service, and on-campus work... with a strong international and environmental orientation give Warren Wilson its unique flavor.

Fiske Guide to Colleges

A college education is valuable for many reasons, but for some, the cost seems to make it unattainable.

At Warren Wilson College, we understand the challenge in meeting the costs associated with obtaining a quality higher education. Therefore, we consider a variety of information before we put together a student's financial aid award.

In this brochure, we describe how our financial aid program helps many qualified students enroll. . . and graduate.

FINANCIAL AID 2011-2012

A student and family are responsible for contributing to the cost of college. Financial aid is a supplement to the family contribution. Eligibility for federal and state aid is determined by the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA, in combination with the Warren Wilson Financial Aid and Scholarship Application (WWFASA), is used to determine eligibility for institutional need-based aid. All students living on campus must help pay for their education through our Work Program. We will consider you for all forms of federal, state, and institutional (Warren Wilson) aid programs, in addition to your participation in our Work Program.

HOW TO APPLY FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

1. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web at www.fafsa.gov after January 1, 2011.

Prior to completing the FAFSA on the web, you and one parent may apply for your PIN online at www.pin.ed.gov, or you may have the PIN assigned at the same time as you complete the FAFSA. This is a Personal Identification Number (electronic signature). The same PIN will be used each year to complete the FAFSA, make FAFSA corrections online, and as your electronic signature for educational loans. As such, your PIN should be safeguarded for use in subsequent years.

It is important that you complete the FAFSA as accurately as possible using information from a completed 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. (Keep a copy of your and your parents' Federal Tax Return as it may be required at a later date by the Financial Aid Office at Warren Wilson College.) If at all possible, file the FAFSA by mid-February. List Warren Wilson on the form as one of your selected institutions. The address and code are Asheville, NC – 002979.

2. Complete the attached Warren Wilson Financial Aid and Scholarship Application (WWFASA) at the same time and return it to the Admission Office by March 15, 2011 to be considered for scholarship. (Admission Fax: 828-298-1440).

A financial aid award will be sent to you within three weeks of receiving the SAR (FAFSA results), our WWFASA, and all verification materials (if requested.) Awards are made only to accepted students. For more information, go to www.warren-wilson.edu/~finaid. Awards begin around March 1 and continue through the Spring.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR AWARD

To validate the Financial Aid Award, you must sign and return one copy of the Financial Aid Award letter within three weeks. If you are accepting the loans you must also complete a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling (www.studentloans.gov). If you wish to decline the offered student loan, cross off the item and initial it.

Warren Wilson College participates in the Federal Direct Loan program (www.direct.ed.gov). Federal education loans are no longer available through banks or credit unions.

NOTE: Any financial aid offered is contingent upon the College's receipt of all final official transcripts (high school and any college previously attended.)

WARREN WILSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Warren Wilson College is unique in its mission of academics, work and service. The philosophy behind our scholarship program is to recognize achievement in one or more of these areas. Therefore, need is not a factor when considering these scholarships. If you are chosen for a scholarship, and you applied for need based aid, it will be combined with your financial aid package.

Warren Wilson offers a number of scholarships each year. **All scholarships are awarded by the Admission Office. All materials for these scholarships must be submitted and received by March 15, 2011. (Fax: 828-298-1440)**

Scholarships Available

Scholarships for first year students only include:

Valedictorian / Salutatorian Scholarships of \$4,000 per year will be given to students who graduate first or second in their class.*

National Merit Scholar Finalists will receive \$4,000 per year. Students must be selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and show proof of their selection.*

NC Presidential Scholarships of \$3,000 per year will be given to North Carolina residents who graduate in the top 20% of their graduating class, and have SAT Critical Reading/Math scores greater than 1100 or ACT scores greater than 24. These scholarships will automatically go to the first 30 qualified students when they are accepted.*

Work Scholarships

Work Scholarships of \$2000 per year will be given to two students who bring special, needed skills to the Work Program.* Funded in part by the Norm Propst Work Scholarship.

Service Scholarships

Service Learning Scholarships of \$2000 per year will be given to two students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in service.* Funded in part by the Ohler Service Scholarship.

Sustainability Scholarships

Sustainability Scholarships of \$2000 per year will be given to two students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in both awareness and action towards a healthier planet. Funded in part by the Shelley Eatherly Sustainability Scholarship.

Honor Scholarships

Several scholarships are awarded based on a scholarship competition and come in varying amounts. The names of these scholarships, application process, and their amounts are listed on page three.

*Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA, continuous attendance and pass at least 12 credit hours each semester in order to retain each scholarship from year to year for a maximum of 5 years (10 semesters). If a scholarship is lost due to not maintaining these requirements, it cannot be reinstated.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

To be considered for competitive honor, work or service scholarships, the Warren Wilson Financial Aid and Scholarship Application (WWFASA) must be received in the Admission Office **by March 15. Please include the specific scholarship materials requested below with your Financial Aid and Scholarship Application.** The Scholarship Committee will meet shortly thereafter, and **scholarship winners will be notified by April 1.**

Specific Scholarship Requirements:

Academic Honor Scholarships - These scholarships are awarded based on a variety of criteria. To be considered, we recommend at least the following: a GPA of 3.80 or higher (transfer scholarships are awarded based on college grade point average and a minimum of 16 hours transfer credit), an advanced or college prep curriculum, two written recommendations attesting to your academic ability, and an essay of no more than 250 words. We would like for you to address your academic goals in your essay. Recommendations used for admission may also be used for scholarship consideration.

Work Scholarships - These are awarded to students who have demonstrated a particular skill (i.e. locksmithing, computer repair) and who will contribute greatly to our Work Program. To be considered, please provide us with a log of your work skills, two written recommendations attesting to your work ethic, and a 250 word essay citing why you feel you deserve the work scholarship.

Service Scholarships - These are awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and who have been involved in some form of volunteer activity (i.e. Habitat for Humanity, Food Not Bombs). To be considered, please provide us with a log of your activities, two written recommendations attesting to your volunteerism, and a 250 word essay citing why you feel you deserve the service scholarship.

Sustainability Scholarships - These are awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in both awareness and action towards a healthier planet. To be considered, please submit a 250 word essay citing why you feel you deserve the scholarship. Supplemental materials (pictures, videos, newspaper articles, awards, recommendations, etc...) may also be considered, but are not required.

The WWFASA scholarship application, materials, and references may either be mailed or faxed to the Admission Office and must be received by March 15. (Please plan accordingly.)

Warren Wilson College Office of Admission, PO Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815-9000 FAX (828) 298-1440.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH THE ADMISSION OFFICE

Name of Program or Award	Source	Number	Amount	Requirements
Wilson Honor Scholarship	College	1	\$8,000/yr.	Academic Merit
Warner Honor Scholarship	College	2	\$7,000/yr.	Academic Merit
Transfer Honor Scholarship	College	2	Varies	Academic Merit (3.8 college GPA)
Sutton Honor and Achievement Scholarship	College	20	Varies	Academic Merit and Achievement
WWC Work Scholarship	College	2	\$2,000/yr.	Extraordinary Work
WWC Service Scholarship	College	2	\$2,000/yr.	Extraordinary Service
WWC Sustainability Scholarship	College	2	\$2,000/yr.	Extraordinary Sustainability
National Merit Scholar	College/NMSC	Varies	\$4,000/yr.	National Merit Scholar (Finalist)
Valedictorian / Salutatorian Scholarship	College	Varies	\$4,000/yr.	Number 1 or 2 in a class of at least 50
NC Presidential Scholarship	College	30	\$4,000/yr.	NC Resident, Top 20%, and 1100 SAT CR/M and/or 24 ACT

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE OFFERED THROUGH THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

NC Legislative Tuition Grant	North Carolina	Unlimited	Up to \$1,850/yr.	NC Resident
NC State Student Incentive Grant	North Carolina	Varies	Up to \$700	NC Resident, need, early applicants
NC Contractual Grant	North Carolina	Limited	Varies w/need	NC Resident, need, early applicants
NC Lottery Grant	North Carolina	Limited	Up to \$3,400/yr.	NC resident, high need, early applicants
Presbyterian Scholarship	College/PCUSA	3	Up to \$1,400	Designated by PCUSA
Presbyterian Matching Grant	College	Unlimited	Up to \$500/semester	Matches grant from a Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Minister Grant	College	Unlimited	\$1,000/yr.	Dependent of a Presbyterian minister
Federal Pell Grant	Fed. Govt.	Unlimited	Up to \$5,550	High need
Federal SEOG	Fed. Govt.	Limited	Varies	Pell recipients with high need, early applicants
Federal Direct Stafford Loan - Subsidized, Unsubsidized or combination	Fed. Govt.	Unlimited	\$5,500 First yr. \$6,500 Soph yr. \$7,500 Jr, Sr yr.	Repay over 10 years Unsubsidized accrues interest
Federal Perkins Loan	Fed. Govt.	Very Limited	Up to \$4,000	Pell recipients with high need, very limited
Federal PLUS Loans	Fed. Govt.	Unlimited	Up to COA	Parent Loan
Work Program Compensation	College	Unlimited	\$3,480/yr.	Full time enrolled residential student

All government funded programs are subject to change.

2011-2012

Warren Wilson College Financial Aid and Scholarship Application

This application, (WWFASA) and the FAFSA should be completed by all students who wish to be considered for Warren Wilson College need-based financial aid. The FAFSA is not required for scholarship only applicants.

Return this form with the specific scholarship materials requested to the Office of Admission, Warren Wilson College, PO Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815-9000. Materials must be received by March 15. (Please plan accordingly.) Fax: 828-298-1440

This application is for: (please check one)

Need-Based Only
Fill out all Sections

Need-Based and Scholarship
Fill out all Sections

Scholarship Only
Fill out Sections 1,3-5

Scholarships: (check all that apply)

Honor **Work** **Service** **Sustainability**

Art (Submit 5-10 slides)
or a CD of jpegs

Creative Writing (Include 3-5 samples)
or a CD of text files

Deadline: Must be received by
March 15
for scholarship consideration

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Semester Entry

Fall

Spring

Entry Type

First Year _____

First Year w/ Transfer _____

Transfer _____

Early Decision _____

Readmit _____

Dual high school enrollment in 2010-2011? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, name of college or university & dates attended. _____

Early admit to WWC in 2011-2012? Yes ___ No ___

(Completing high school diploma while enrolled at WWC)

When did you /do you plan to file the FAFSA? (Date) _____ State of permanent residence _____

Name _____
Last First Middle Preferred First

Gender: Female ___ Male ___ Date of Birth ___ - ___ - ___ Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____

Permanent Home Address _____
street address required apartment number

_____ *city state zip*

Email: _____

Telephone (_____) - _____ State _____ County of Residence _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen ___ Resident Alien ___ (if other, do not use this form, contact the Office of Admission)

High School Name _____ State _____ High School Graduation Date _____
month / year

Please list ALL colleges and universities that you have previously attended. Include a college even if you did not complete the semester/quarter/term. (Attach an extra sheet if needed.) Please have academic transcripts from each of these colleges forwarded to the Warren Wilson College Admission Office.

Name, City and State.

Attended from - to:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Scholarship-Only applicants stop here and skip to Section 3. Need-Based applicants continue on with Section 2.

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What is the value of your parents' (or your) home? \$ _____ (If you or your parents rent, please answer "0".)

How much is still owed on the balance only? \$ _____

Did your family receive foreign income tax exclusion in 2010? Yes ____ No ____ Amount \$ _____

Who lives with and is financially supported by you or your parents? (Include your parents, spouse and **yourself** in the chart below.)

Full name of family member	Birth Date Month & Year	Relationship	In the 2011-12 school year, will attend college for at least one term		Name of school or college this person will attend in the 2011-12 school year	Year in college 2011-12 Ex. Fr. Sr.	Employer/Profession & Job Title
			FULL	*HALF			
1 You - the applicant		self			Warren Wilson College		
2							
3							
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5							
6							

*Half-time is a minimum of 6 credit hours; full-time is a minimum of 12 credit hours.

If your natural or adoptive parents are divorced, separated or remarried, please provide information on the parent who is not listed on the FAFSA.

Other Parent's Name _____ Date of permanent separation or divorce _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Employer and Profession _____

How much did this parent pay to your family for child support in 2010? _____

How much does this parent plan to contribute to your education in 2011-12? _____

Please staple a separate sheet to explain any special circumstances due to hardship that might affect your financial aid. This may include extra medical costs not covered by insurance in 2010 or recent layoffs/job losses.

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Official transcripts are required. To receive federal student financial aid a student must be qualified to study at the post secondary (college) level. Which of the following best describes your academic background? (*Check one*)

Diploma from an accredited public/private high school GED State-registered home-school Other (attach brief explanation)

SECTION 4: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) RECIPIENT

If you are a new recipient of VA benefits, the WWC Financial Aid Office will require a copy of your Application for Benefits and a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility. If you have previously received VA benefits, the WWC Financial Aid Office will require a copy of your Request for Change of Program or Place of Training and a copy of your new Certificate of Eligibility.

Name of program: (Chapter 35/dependent; Chapter 30/Montgomery GI Bill; Chapter 33/Post 9/11 GI Bill; Reserves) _____

SECTION 5: CERTIFICATION

Please sign and return this form to the address listed below. Include scholarship materials outlined on page three of the Financial Aid and Scholarship brochure.

Your signature authorizes the Financial Aid and Registrar's Offices to release your class schedule and cumulative GPA along with biographical information to any grant/scholarship donor from whom you are applying or receiving an award. This certification continues to be effective throughout your enrollment at Warren Wilson College unless you rescind permission in writing to the Financial Aid Office. An incomplete or unsigned form will be returned to you for correction causing delays in processing.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 6: OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Some donors attach restrictions to certain grants. Providing this optional information may help us match you with some of these resources.

Ethnic Group: _____ Religious Affiliation: _____

If Native-American, are you eligible for BIA or tribal funds? ____ Yes ____ No Amount \$ _____

Are you the first in your family to attend college? ____ Yes ____ No

Send completed form and any additional materials to:

Warren Wilson College
Office of Admission (800) 934-3536
PO Box 9000 FAX (828) 298-1440
Asheville, NC 28815-9000

Title IV Code:
002979

***All materials must be received by March 15 for scholarship consideration. (Please plan accordingly and send directly to the Office of Admission.)**

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When should I apply for aid?

As soon as you can accurately complete the FAFSA (after January 1). Ideally, you should do your taxes first, but that is not always possible. Student Aid Reports (SAR's) received from admitted students before April 1 receive priority.

How do I apply for aid?

Accurately complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. The WWC code is **002979**. Next, send us the completed WWFASA.

Where can I get the forms I need?

The FAFSA is available on the web at www.fafsa.gov. The WWFASA is attached to this brochure **or may be printed from our website at www.warren-wilson.edu**.

Who determines how much aid I get?

First the federal government. They have established the basic formula called Federal Methodology. When we receive your FAFSA results, it will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). We subtract your EFC from the total cost of attending Warren Wilson. This gives us your federal need and allows us to put together your financial aid award or package.

What is a "Financial Aid Package"?

Your financial aid package is the different types of financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, and work) put together to form your award. Most Warren Wilson students have a combination of grants, loan and work in their packages. The amount of institutional gift aid in proportion to loan is determined primarily by your level of need and loan eligibility, your successful application for non-need-based grants/scholarships (church/community) and your academic performance. Even with a high need, a WWC need-based grant may not be awarded to a student with poor academic performance in high school or at a previous college.

What happens after my first year?

You will reapply for aid each year by filing the FAFSA. Aid changes year to year based upon changes in the family situation and increases in college expenses. Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards will also apply.

Who do I go to with questions?

Your admission counselor is trained to answer the majority of your financial aid questions. However, when a question is particularly technical, it will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Office. The number for the Admission Office is (800) 934-3536 or email us at admit@warren-wilson.edu. You may email the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@warren-wilson.edu.

Where can I find more information on Financial Aid?

Go to Financial Aid's website at www.warren-wilson.edu/~finaid.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 15	Early Decision application deadline
December 1	Early Decision notification
December 20	Early Decision deposit deadline
February 1	Acceptances mailed
February 15	Regular Decision application deadline (WWFASA)
March 15	Scholarship application deadline (you are encouraged to file your application early)
April 1	Financial aid priority handling deadline
May 1	Deposit deadline (received by)

USEFUL WEB SITES

www.warren-wilson.edu/~finaid
www.fafsa.gov (electronic FAFSA form)
www.studentaid.ed.gov (General information site)
www.pin.ed.gov (apply for electronic signature)
www.studentloans.gov
www.cfnc.org (for North Carolina Students)

FINANCIAL AID GLOSSARY

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Form required by the federal government that helps determine your aid eligibility.

Gift Aid - money you do not repay - scholarships, grants or entitlements.

Need - The difference between the college tuition and how much you can afford, calculated annually, based on the FAFSA and WWFASA analysis.

SAR - Student Aid Report. You receive this after filing the FAFSA.

Scholarship - Money that is awarded to a student based on merit (usually academic merit). Need is not considered when awarding scholarships.

Self-Help Aid - Money the student earns or repays.

Student Loan - Money that is borrowed to help pay for your education and must be repaid. (Normally at low interest rates after you leave college.)

Work Program Compensation - All residential students attending Warren Wilson can earn up to \$3,480 per year for the work they do at the College.

WWFASA - Warren Wilson Financial Aid and Scholarship Application. This form is required if you want to be considered for institutional aid from the College. It is attached.

COSTS FOR 2011-2012

Tuition and Fees	\$26,675
Room and Board	\$8,213
Total Cost	\$34,888
Minus Work Compensation	- 3,480

Cost after work compensation \$31,408

Fall Orientation Fee	\$260
Security Deposit	\$200
Lab fees, field trips, private lessons.	Varies

(Off-Campus Day Student Fee is \$500 per semester)

All residents of North Carolina are eligible to receive up to \$1,850 from the State upon completion and approval of a NCLTG application.

Warren Wilson College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, or financial aid programs. The tuition refund policy can be found in the Warren Wilson College Catalog.