Leadership Awards

Purpose and Philosophy

Walla Walla University has a desire to attract students with demonstrated leadership abilities to the University. Leadership during the Junior and Senior years are one strong indicator of leadership potential. WWU developed the Leadership Award to recognize this potential talent.

WWU wants students to start with WWU as a freshman, and stay with WWU until graduation. WWU also realizes students will sometimes take classes at home during the summer break. Because of this philosophy, students who do not start as a freshman, or take classes at other institutions (other than during the summer) will lose their eligibility for this scholarship.

Awarding Requirements

When the student applies for Admission to WWU, the student can list any leadership positions they have held during their Junior and Senior years in high school. Students may update their leadership list by contacting the Office of Admissions.

Each year WWU prepares a list of eligible leadership positions, the award value for each position, and a maximum Leadership Award per student.

Only leadership positions held during the student’s junior or senior year in high school are considered.

Students may have multiple leadership positions, but the amount of their Leadership Award cannot exceed the maximum amount defined for that freshmen class. For example, if a student had 2 leadership positions, one worth $1,000 and one worth $750, but the maximum Leadership Award was $1,500, their Leadership Award will be $1,500 even though the sum of their positions is $1,750.

The Office of Admissions is responsible for notifying freshmen of their Leadership Award. Student Financial Services (SFS) will include these scholarships in the student’s WWU Financial Aid Award.

Students who delay their enrollment at WWU will have their Leadership Award calculated based on the Leadership Award program in effect for the school year they first enroll (provided they haven’t lost eligibility by attending another college or university.) If the Leadership Award program has been discontinued by the time they first enroll, they will not receive this Award.

These students are not eligible for the Leadership Award:

- Graduate students
- Non-matriculated students
- Transfer students
- Returning Students
- Students receiving free or discounted tuition
- Students working on a second degree
- Students who are not meeting WWU’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
Students are not required to be U.S. citizens to qualify for the Leadership Award.

**Award amounts and requirements are linked to the student’s first quarter enrolled. Changes made to the Scholarship program for future freshmen classes are not retroactive to previous recipients unless specifically stated.**

**Attendance Requirements:**

Once students start at Walla Walla University after graduating from high school, they are expected to remain at WWU their freshman year in order to continue receiving the Leadership Award.

Taking college credit classes prior to graduating from high school does not disqualify the student from receiving the Leadership Award.

Taking college credit classes during summer session at any college does not disqualify the student from receiving the Leadership Award.

Students who attend another college or university after graduating from high school (for one or more credits, other than summer quarter) and then attend WWU will permanently forfeit the Leadership Award.

Students who unsuccessfully attend schools elsewhere prior to attending WWU and come with zero transferrable credits are considered for the Leadership Award.

Students who attend an unaccredited college or university prior to attending WWU and come with zero transferrable credits are considered for the Leadership Award.

Students who attend WWU after graduating from high school, then leave WWU, attend another school (for one or more credits, other than summer quarter) and return to WWU, their Leadership Award will not be reinstated, and they will permanently forfeit the Leadership Award.

When students who qualify for the Leadership Award first enroll at WWU winter or spring quarters, they may receive the balance of their leadership award the following year, provided they do not attend another college (other than summer quarter) in between. These students can also defer the remainder of their Leadership Award if they enroll for ACA through WWU, or go as a Student Missionary.

Students who have a break in enrollment from WWU before receiving 3 quarters of their Leadership Award, if they do not enroll elsewhere (except during the summer), will be eligible for the Leadership Award upon their return as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. They will be under their original scholarship program, not the scholarship program for new students when they return.

**Concurrent Enrollment:**

- Students enrolled full time at WWU may take class(es) at other colleges or universities, including online courses, without affecting their eligibility for this Scholarship. No permission is required.
- Students enrolled part time at WWU summer quarter may take class(es) at other colleges or universities, including online courses, without affecting their eligibility for this Scholarship. No permission is required.
• Students enrolled part time at WWU (other than summer quarter) who take class(es) at other colleges or universities, including online courses, will lose their eligibility for this Scholarship, unless prior approval is given by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee.
  o This permission is not routine, and will require the student to show why they cannot take the class(es) through WWU.
  o Requests for permission after completing the class(es) at other colleges or universities, including online courses, will usually be denied and the student will lose their eligibility for this Scholarship.

Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) or Oxford:

• Students cannot receive the Achievement Scholarship to attend an Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) school or Oxford, even if they are a Modern Languages major.
• Students who attend ACA or Oxford through WWU their first year will be considered for the Leadership Award when they enroll as a regular WWU student.
• Students who attend ACA or Oxford through another school their first year will forfeit the Leadership Award.
• There is no special exception for attending Avondale College, which is not part of the ACA program.

GPA Requirements

There are no GPA requirements for the Leadership Award, with the exception the student must be meeting WWU’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.

Disbursement & Duration of Scholarships

WWU’s awards are disbursed in one-third increments each quarter, fall/winter/spring.

The Leadership Award does not apply for summer enrollment.

The Leadership Award is not renewable. Students may receive a maximum of 3 quarters.

Students need to be enrolled in at least 12 credits hours as of the census date to receive the full Award. For students taking less than a full load of 12 credit hours as of the census date:

• If the student is taking 1-5 credits, they will forfeit the Scholarship for the quarter
• If the student is taking 6-8 credits, they will be awarded 50% of the quarter’s Award
• If the student is taking 9-11 credits, they will be awarded 75% of the quarter’s Award
• In determining the 3 quarters of eligibility, 6-8 credits counts as 50% of a quarter; 9-11 credits count as 75% of a quarter.

Students must be meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
Appeals and Exceptions

Appeals for exceptions are handled by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Petition forms are available online.

- No appeals have been approved for students requesting the Award beyond 3 quarters.
- No appeals have been approved for students requesting to receive the Award during the summer.

Fraud and Deception

Students who are awarded Leadership Award based on fraudulent or deceptive data will lose their scholarship retroactively. For example, students who report fictitious leadership positions. When this deception is discovered, the Award will be revoked retroactively to their first quarter enrolled.

Glossary of Terms

**First enrolled at Walla Walla University:** For purposes of this award, this refers to the first quarter enrolled at WWU after graduating from high school, not including summer quarters. Students who first enroll during a summer quarter are awarded this scholarship based on the Scholarship guidelines for the following school year (not the prior school year.)

**School Year:** For purposes of this award, the school year refers to fall, winter and spring quarters. When summer is referenced, it is included as the first quarter (“header quarter”) of the school year.

**Transfer Student:** For purposes of this award, a transfer student is any student who successfully takes one credit hour or more of classes at another college or university after graduating from high school, other than during the summer, and then transfers to Walla Walla University.

**Returning Student:** For purposes of this award, a returning student is any student who successfully takes one credit hour or more of classes at Walla Walla University after graduating from high school, other than during the summer, and then transfers to another college or university where they successfully complete one or more credit hours, other than during the summer. If they return to WWU, they are a returning student and not a transfer student.

**SFS:** Walla Walla University’s Student Financial Services Office.

**Census Date:** WWU normally uses the end of the 10^th^ day of instruction as its census date.
Other Circumstances

Circumstances not covered by the above criteria will be submitted to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee for determination. If a specific situation comes up regularly, the decision will be added to the guidelines if appropriate.

Program requirements are subject to change.