

Out-Of-Area Grant

Purpose and Philosophy

Walla Walla University realizes that students who live a significant distance from College Place have additional travel expenses. In recognition of this, WWU developed the Out-of-Area grant. There is no easy way to award this grant in total fairness - WWU realizes that some students in Southern Oregon may travel farther than students from Northern Idaho. WWU decided to use "outside of Oregon and Washington" knowing that some students who are closer will benefit from this grant when they don't have as long a distance to travel.

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 grant.

Awarding Requirements

The Out-of-Area Grant is awarded to undergraduate students from outside Oregon and Washington.

Determining residency:

- If dependent students have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the state of residence for the parent completing the FAFSA will be used.
- For independent students who have completed the FAFSA, the state of residence of the student will be used.
- For students who do not complete a FAFSA, the primary address of the student will be used.

The amount of the student's Out of Area Grant is locked in when they first enroll at WWU, and the amount does not increase because WWU increases the awards for later freshman classes.

Students who delay their enrollment at WWU after high school graduation will have their Out of Area Grant calculated based on the Scholarship program in effect for the school year when they first enroll (provided they haven't lost eligibility by attending another college or university.)

Student Financial Services (SFS) will include these scholarships in the student's WWU Financial Aid Award.

To be clear, these students are not eligible for the Out-of-Area Grant (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Students whose state of residence changes to Oregon or Washington
- Students who receive the Washington State Need Grant or College Bound Scholarship
- Students who receive a scholarship from the Oregon OSAC or other organization that requires Oregon State residence
- Students who receive a scholarship from Washington State Scholarship Foundation or other organization that requires Washington State residence

- Transfer students
- Returning Students
- National Merit Finalists (President's Scholarship)
- Graduate students
- Non-matriculated 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 Out of Area Grant.

If students change their state of residence mid-year and become eligible for the Out-of-Area Grant, the grant will be awarded if they notify Student Financial Services.

The Office of Admissions is responsible for notifying students of their Out of Area Grant. Student Financial Services (SFS) will include these Grants in the student's WWU Financial Aid Award.

Grant amounts and requirements are linked to the student's first quarter enrolled. Changes made to the grant program for future 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 until graduation in order to continue receiving the Out of Area Grant.

Taking college credit classes prior to graduating from high school does not disqualify the student from receiving the Out of Area Grant.

Taking college credit classes during summer sessions at any college does not disqualify the student from receiving the Out of Area Grant.

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 this grant. They will be considered transfer students and will be considered for the Transfer Scholarship.

Students who unsuccessfully attend schools elsewhere prior to attending WWU and come with zero transferrable credits are considered for the Out of Area Grant.

Students who attend an unaccredited college or university prior to attending WWU and come with zero transferrable credits are considered for the Out of Area Grant.

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 grant will **not** be reinstated and they will be considered a returning student.

Students who have a break in enrollment from WWU and do not enroll elsewhere will be eligible for the Out of Area Grant upon their return to WWU 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, provided WWU still offers the Out of Area Grant.

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 Grant. 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 Grant. 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 Grant, unless prior approval is given by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee.
 - This permission is not routine, and will require the student to show why they cannot take the class(es) through WWU.
 - 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 Grant.

Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) or Oxford:

- Students cannot receive the Out of Area Grant 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 Out of Area Grant when they enroll as a regular WWU student if their cumulative high school GPA and their ACA GPA is 3.0 or better when they enroll at WWU.
- Students who attend ACA or Oxford through WWU other than their first year will be considered for the Out of Area Grant when they return to WWU as a regular student.
- Students who attend ACA or Oxford through another school their first year will forfeit the Out of Area Grant, but will be considered for the Transfer Scholarship.
- Students who attend ACA or Oxford through another school other than their first year will forfeit the Out of Area Grant, and will not be eligible for the Transfer Scholarship, when they return to WWU.
- 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 an Out of Area Grant, with the exception the student must be meeting WWU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, which is reviewed each quarter.

Disbursement & Duration of Scholarships

Grants are disbursed 1/3 each quarter, fall/winter/spring.

Grants do not apply toward summer school.

The Out of Area Grant is renewable. Students may receive a maximum of 12 quarters, including the initial year.

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

- If the student is taking 1-5 credits, they forfeit the Grant for the quarter
- If the student is taking 6-8 credits, they will be awarded 50% of the quarter's Grant
- If the student is taking 9-11 credits, they will be awarded 75% of the quarter's Grant
- In determining the 12 quarters of eligibility, 6-8 credits count as 50% of a quarter; 9-11 credits count as 75% of a quarter.
- Graduating seniors in their last 3 quarters of attendance can have their full grant for one quarter while taking 6-11 credits of classes required for their degree, if they show eligibility.

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 Grant beyond 12 quarters.
- Appeals for summer Out of Area Grants have been approved for Biology majors required to spend one quarter at the Rosario Marine Station. This counts as one of the student's 12 quarters of Grant eligibility. Only one summer exception is allowed. Appeals have not been approved for non-Biology majors.
- No appeals have been approved for an exception for students not meeting the 3.0 cumulative GPA requirement (for example, a student receiving a 2.99 GPA)

Fraud and Deception

Students who are awarded this Grant based on fraudulent or deceptive data will lose their Grant retroactively. For example, students who falsely claim their parents live in a state other than Oregon or

Washington. When this deception is discovered, the Out of Area Grant 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 10th 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.