

Transfer Scholarship

Purpose and Philosophy

Walla Walla University wants students to start with WWU as a freshman, and stay with WWU until graduation. Walla Walla University also realizes that students sometimes start elsewhere, and then decide to transfer to Walla Walla University. Since these students are no longer eligible for the Freshman Scholarship Program, WWU developed the Transfer Scholarship. The amounts of these scholarships are purposely lower than the freshmen scholarships, because WWU wants to encourage students to start with WWU as a freshman.

Once a student starts at WWU, we want the student to remain with us until they graduate. WWU also realizes students will sometimes take classes at home during the summer break. Because of this philosophy, students who take classes at other institutions after they transfer to WWU (other than during the summer) will lose their eligibility for this Scholarship.

Definition of a Transfer Scholarship-Eligible Student

Students who transfer one or more college credits which have been earned after graduating from high school, other than during the summer and before enrolling at WWU are considered transfer students.

Students who go to Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) or Oxford through another school after graduating from high school, but before attending WWU (other than during the summer), they will be considered transfer students.

Students who attend WWU (other than summer) after graduating from high school, then leave, attend another school (for one or more credits, other than summer quarter) and then return to WWU, they are considered returning students, not transfer students, and are not eligible for the Transfer Scholarship.

Students who unsuccessfully attend school elsewhere prior to coming to WWU and come with zero credits, they will be considered for the Freshmen Scholarship Program instead of the Transfer Scholarship.

Awarding Requirements

Students with 1-11 accepted college transfer credits earned after high school graduation will be awarded a Transfer Scholarship based on their cumulative high school GPA.

Students with 12 or more accepted college transfer credits earned after high school graduation will be awarded a Transfer Scholarship if their cumulative college GPA meets the GPA requirement of the Transfer Scholarship.

To be clear, these students are not eligible for the Transfer Scholarship (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Graduate students

- Non-matriculated students
- Returning Students
- Students receiving free or discounted tuition
- Students who have previously received a Bachelor's or Master's degree from WWU
- Students who are not meeting WWU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
- Students with a WWU Cumulative GPA of less than 3.00, measured at the end of spring quarter

Students are not required to be U.S. citizens to qualify for the Transfer Scholarship.

Transfer students are eligible to receive the Transfer Scholarship for a maximum of 12 quarters or until they have met the maximum number of hours allowed by the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.

Academic Records Office will review the student's official transcripts, determine which classes are accepted for transfer, and calculate a cumulative transfer GPA. Based on the cumulative transfer GPA, Student Financial Services will award the Transfer Scholarship and include it in the student's WWU Financial Aid Award.

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

Attendance Requirements:

Once students transfer to Walla Walla University, they are expected to remain at WWU until graduation in order to continue receiving the Transfer Scholarship.

Taking college credit classes during summer sessions at any college does not disqualify the student from receiving this Scholarship.

Students who leave WWU, attend another school (for one or more credits, other than summer quarter) and then return to WWU, their Transfer Scholarship will not be reinstated. This also applies if the reason they did this was to bring their GPA up to 3.00.

Transfer students who have a break in enrollment from WWU and do not enroll elsewhere will be considered for the Transfer Scholarship upon their return, provided WWU still offers the Transfer Scholarship and they meet all other eligibility requirements. They will be under their original scholarship program, not the scholarship program for new transfer 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.
 - 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 Scholarship.

Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) or Oxford:

- Students cannot receive the Transfer Scholarship to attend an Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) school or Oxford, even if they are a Modern Languages major.
- Transfer students who attend ACA or Oxford through WWU, either before or after transferring to WWU, they will be considered for the Transfer Scholarship when they enroll as regular students, provided they meet all other requirements.
- Transfer students who attend ACA or Oxford through another school their first year will be considered for the Transfer Scholarship, provided they meet all other requirements.
- Transfer students who attend ACA or Oxford through another school after transferring to WWU, they will forfeit the Transfer Scholarship.
- The GPA earned while attending an ACA program cannot be used to increase the WWU GPA.
- There is no special exception for attending Avondale College, which is not part of the ACA program.

GPA Requirements

Students must be meeting WWU's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, which is reviewed each quarter.

Recipients of the Transfer Scholarship must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at WWU to renew this award.

The GPA that is used is calculated using the student's WWU class history, and is based on their cumulative GPA at the end of spring quarter each year.

Students whose cumulative GPA at the end of fall or winter quarter is less than 3.00 will continue to receive the Scholarship for the school year as long as they are otherwise meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

Students may petition for their GPA to be calculated using all of their college credits, including classes taken prior to enrolling at WWU and summer classes.

For the purposes of scholarship eligibility, students can attend another accredited institution during the summer to improve their cumulative GPA and have the scholarship reinstated. This is provided:

- the students notify SFS
- official transcripts are submitted to the Academic Records Office as soon as available
- the courses taken are accepted for transfer, apply towards the student's degree and improve the student's cumulative GPA to the minimum required
- the students meet all other Scholarship requirements.

SFS will use the spring quarter cumulative WWU GPA to determine eligibility for the Scholarship for the subsequent year.

- In order to avoid a delay in the financial aid award notice for the subsequent year, a preliminary award for the following year will be made after fall grades are reported.
- SFS may check the cumulative GPA at the end of winter quarter, and award or withdraw the Scholarship for the subsequent year based on winter quarter's cumulative GPA.
- The GPA will be checked again the end of spring quarter; and the scholarship awarded or withdrawn based on the spring quarter cumulative WWU GPA.

Students who lose their Scholarship and then bring their cumulative GPA up to 3.0, the Scholarship will be reinstated for future quarters if the students notify SFS, provided they meet all other requirements.

Students who lose their scholarship for a quarter or more because of a low GPA, but then raises their GPA up to at least a 3.0, and need to take more than 12 quarters to receive their degree, they may still receive the scholarship for 12 quarters maximum. (The quarters they are not eligible because of a low GPA are not included when counting their 12 quarters of eligibility.)

The GPA earned while attending an ACA program cannot be used to increase the WWU GPA.

Disbursement & Duration of Scholarships

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

Scholarships do not apply toward summer school.

These Scholarships are 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 Scholarship. For students taking less than a full load of 12 credit hours as of census date:

- Students who are taking 1-5 credit hours will forfeit the Scholarship for the quarter
- Students who are taking 6-8 credit hours will be awarded 50% of the quarter's Scholarship
- Students who are taking 9-11 credit hours will be awarded 75% of the quarter's Scholarship
- For purposes of determining pro-ration, "credit hours" includes classes students are taking which may not be required for their degree.
- 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 Scholarship for one quarter while taking 6-11 credits of classes, if they otherwise show eligibility.

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 Scholarship beyond 12 quarters.
- Appeals for summer Scholarships 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 Scholarship. 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 Scholarship based on fraudulent or deceptive data will lose their scholarship retroactively. For example, students who fail to report on their applications for admissions they have previously attended another college or university. When this deception is discovered, the Scholarship 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.