

Dear Prospective Wheaton Applicant:

I'm glad that your interest in Wheaton is strong and that you are planning to become an applicant for the Wheaton Class of 2016! Since financial assistance is often an important factor in the college selection process, I want to provide you with some important information about Wheaton financial aid application requirements and processing deadlines. The chart on the back of this letter details all of the deadlines and required forms for need-based financial aid. Merit scholars are selected from the applicant pool by the Office of Admission; no additional application is required if you wish to be considered for merit scholarship only.

First and foremost, financial aid at Wheaton is a partnership. Although Wheaton, like other private colleges, assumes that the primary responsibility for paying college costs lies with the family, the college continues to provide generous financial assistance in recognition of both financial need and academic promise. Your financial aid eligibility is determined through an analysis of your income and assets as reported on your FAFSA, PROFILE, and federal tax returns. Each application is analyzed individually, and in relation to the overall applicant pool. A Wheaton financial aid package may be composed of grants and/or scholarships, student loans, and student employment. Each package is offered based upon eligibility and high school performance, and is intended to supplement your ability to pay. Since there are college budgetary constraints placed on financial aid funding, it is *essential* that you adhere to all stated deadlines. We cannot ensure that institutional grant funding will be available for late applicants.

We realize that standardized application forms may not convey a true picture of your particular financial circumstances. Therefore, we encourage you to provide any supplemental information you would like us to consider when evaluating your aid eligibility. The Wheaton financial aid and admission staff is always available to assist you should you need additional help or clarification as you complete your application.

Please take the time to carefully review the chart on the back of this letter. Following these financial aid guidelines will help reduce the normal stress and confusion that can be associated with considerations of how to pay for college.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable senior year. Remember that we are available to help you explore your education and financing options at Wheaton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Beard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan E. Beard
Director of Financial Aid

Admission Application Type	FAFSA, PROFILE and 2010 Tax Returns Due	Copy of Completed 2011 Tax Returns Due
• Early Decision	November 15 (PROFILE only, FAFSA after Jan. 1 st)	April 20
• Early Action*	February 1	April 20
• Regular Decision	February 1	April 20
• Transfer	April 15	April 15

*Please note that financial aid notification will be sent to accepted Early Action applicants in late March.

Required Forms:	Obtain form from:	To be completed by:	Mail to:
PROFILE	Registration and completion must be done on the internet at: http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp . Click on PROFILE 2012-13.	You and your parents. If your parents are divorced or separated, the PROFILE application should include data from the parent that you live with (your custodial parent). If your custodial parent is remarried, the information should include his/her spouse.	N/A, must be completed via the Internet. Please use Wheaton's CSS Profile code, 3963.
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	Student applicant and at least one parent must apply for a secure PIN# first at www.pin.ed.gov . Then apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov .	You and your parents. If your parents are divorced or separated, the FAFSA application should include data from the parent that you live with (your custodial parent). If your custodial parent is remarried, the information should include his/her spouse.	Electronic filing is recommended. Our federal code for FAFSA is 002227.
Parent Federal Tax Return and W-2's	Parent(s)' copy of 2011 Federal tax return, if available by the filing deadline. If a 2011 Federal tax return has not been filed, you may submit your 2010 Federal tax return. See deadline for 2011 tax returns above.	Parent or tax preparer. Make sure you are submitting a complete, signed copy, including all pages, schedules and W-2's.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College
Student Federal Tax Return and W-2's	Your copy of your 2011 Federal tax return, if available by the filing deadline. If a 2011 Federal tax return has not been filed, you may submit your 2010 Federal tax return. See deadline for 2011 tax returns above.	You, your parent, or tax preparer. Make sure you are submitting a complete, signed copy, including all pages, schedules and W-2's.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College
Noncustodial Parent's Statement	When you complete the PROFILE, you will be given instructions for the on-line Noncustodial Parent's Statement. If you cannot access this form, please call and request one from our office.	Your noncustodial parent. This is the parent with whom you do not live.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College
Business/Farm Supplement	You should print out a copy of this form from our website: http://wheatoncollege.edu/sfs/forms/ if your parents own a business or a farm, or are self-employed. If you cannot access this form, please call and request one from our office.	The parent who owns the business or farm.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College
Corporate or Partnership Tax Returns	Copy of corporate or partnership return for most recent tax year.	Parent's copy, or tax preparer.	Office of Student Financial Services, Wheaton College

Important Tips:

- ✓ Apply for a PIN# from the Department of Education early: www.pin.ed.gov/
- ✓ Be sure all required signatures are provided on paper applications, or signature pages are printed and mailed in absence of PIN#.
- ✓ Keep a checklist and copies of all forms submitted. Put the applicant's name and Wheaton ID# on all forms submitted.
- ✓ Call before the deadline to confirm our receipt of your aid application materials.
- ✓ Ask all questions you may have. Request any additional information you may need.
- ✓ Use your best estimates of 2011 income information when completing the FAFSA and PROFILE if your federal returns have not been completed by the filing deadline. Submit your complete 2011 federal tax returns to our office by April 20, 2012.
- ✓ If you are not required to file a federal tax return and will not be filing, please notify us in writing.