

Western Seminary Cohort Student FAQ

Boise & Portland Cohorts

Welcome!

Congratulations on your admission to Western Seminary! We're excited to have you join a cohort community—whether in Boise or Portland. This FAQ outlines key financial aid and church partnership details to help you begin your program with confidence.

1. What is the Church Matching Grant?

Western Seminary offers a Church Matching Grant that matches contributions from your church toward tuition.

- Cohort students are eligible for a higher match of up to 20% of tuition
- This is an increase from the standard 15% match
- Your church contributes financially, and Western matches that amount (up to the cap)

Examples:

- If your church contributes 10% of your tuition, Western will match 10%
- If your church contributes 15%, Western will match 15%
- If your church contributes 20%, Western will match 20% (maximum cap)

Churches may give more, but Western's match will not exceed 20%.

2. How do I qualify and ensure I receive the Church Matching Grant?

Initiating the Match:

- Ask your church leadership to contact finaid@westernseminary.edu to begin the process
- The church must complete and sign the agreement (executive leadership only)

Enrollment & Academic Requirements:

- Enroll at least half-time
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Deadlines:

New students: April 15, August 15, December 15

Returning students: April 1, August 1, December 1

Church payments must be received at least 10 days prior to your billing due date.

Missing deadlines or late payments will result in the loss of the matching grant.



3. What should I do next?

1. Contact your church leadership
2. Have them email finaid@westernseminary.edu
3. Follow up with church leaders to ensure paperwork has been completed.
4. Follow up with church leaders to ensure payment is received 10 days prior to payment deadline.
5. Maintain enrollment and academic progress
6. **Contact** Financial Aid Office: finaid@westernseminary.edu

Final Encouragement

We are honored to partner with you, your church, and your cohort as you pursue your calling.
Congratulations again on your admission!