



Beginning Fall 2024, the following changes have been implemented:

1. Grant Stacking Restrictions:

- Students receiving the Calvary Global grant, Venture Church Network grant, Antioch Movement Grant, Bay Area Cohort grant, Cru Parachurch Grant, or Navigators Parachurch grant will not be able to stack their grant with the need-based grant or any other financial aid from Western outside of loans.

2. Partnership Grant Assessment:

- Students who have received any partnership grant will not be permitted to stack the partnership grant with the need-based grant.

3. Named Scholarship Restrictions:

- Students receiving a named scholarship will not be able to stack their named scholarship with the need-based grant or partnership grant.

4. Veteran Benefit Limitations:

- If you are a veteran receiving VA benefits covering your tuition, you are not permitted to stack grants or scholarships on top of VA benefits. Loans are federal funds and veterans may receive loans and VA benefits.

5. Tuition Waivers, Audit Credits and Cohort Discounts

-If you receive tuition waivers from Western, Financial Aid will not combine any other form of financial aid with your tuition waivers for that term. Students enrolled only in audit courses are not eligible for financial aid. For students in a California cohort receiving cohort benefits, financial aid will not combine any other aid with your discount, except for loans.

6. Church Match Stacking

-Students receiving church match grants cannot stack their church match grant with need based grants or other partnerships. Please see exemptions for students in the Portland MAML cohort.



7. Exemptions

Students receiving the International Student Scholarship can combine it with tuition waivers, subject to tuition waiver limits. We strongly encourage international students wishing to use both waivers and the International Student Scholarship to contact Twi Tish in Payroll and Benefits to ensure proper use of the waivers. Twi can be reached at ttish@westernseminary.edu.

Students participating in the Portland MAML cohort are eligible for a 20% church match once approved, and may also receive the need-based grant up to 15% of tuition if eligible.

We understand that these changes may come as a surprise to some students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@westernseminary.edu or 503-517-1818. Your inquiries will be addressed promptly.

We hope that these guidelines, along with the FAFSA information, provide clarity as you navigate through the open enrollment period and the upcoming Financial Aid application process.

Warmly,

Your Financial Aid Team