



International Student Admission Policy

Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS) desires to provide high quality theological education for called and qualified servant leaders. Our experience and tradition indicates that international (nonimmigrant) students can achieve their educational goals during their enrollment at WTS. The following guidelines pertain primarily to students applying for F1 student visas. Students who already possess a visa should contact the Admissions Office regarding specific enrollment guidelines.

1. Applicants need to have completed a secondary level education and a bachelor's degree program. Official copies (not photocopies) of transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office.
2. Complete a WTS application.
3. Demonstrate English Language competency by any of the following:
 - a. TOEFL score of 550 on the paper test, 213 on the computer based test, or 80 on the Internet based test (20 or better in speaking and 20 or better in writing).
 - b. IELTS score of 6.5 (with no single band below 6.5).
 - c. Successful completion of the Intensive English Language program at The University of Findlay or a similar program.
 - d. English is the student's native language or the student has earned a degree in an English speaking school.
4. Adequate financial support will need to be verified, stating adequate provision for the students living and educational expenses (books, fees, medical insurance, and computer accessibility), approximately \$27,000 per year, during their enrollment at WTS. Proof is required by the U.S. Government in order to ensure that during your stay in the U.S. you will be able to live and have your minimum needs met. Winebrenner Theological Seminary calculates yearly the funds required for financial support. A Statement of Financial Support (attached), signed by both the applicant and sponsor, and a bank statement (from the student's bank or the sponsor's bank) must be submitted. Students with F2 dependents must provide evidence for an additional \$2000 per dependent annually.
5. Official letter of recommendation is required from the sending agency, denominational judicatory, or church stating their endorsement of the student's demonstrated call and qualification for professional Christian ministry and the intended placement, goals, and purpose for educating the student for continued Christian ministry in their appropriate field of Christian ministry.
6. WTS will issue an I-20 form to the student upon acceptance to the seminary, which will enable the student to apply for an F-1 Visa at their local American

- Embassy. During their stay in the United States, students must abide by the provisions of their visa status.
7. Four half-tuition scholarships are available for international students in all graduate level programs. Upon successful admission to WTS, if a scholarship is available at the time, it will be awarded to the student for the duration of their program. If a scholarship is not available at the time of admission, the student may be awarded one in the future on a first come, first served basis. The student's total scholarship and waivers from WTS may not exceed more than 50% of the tuition rate in order to be eligible. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 to remain eligible for the scholarship. Students dropping below a 2.5 will be placed on academic probation and could lose scholarship eligibility. To continue to receive the scholarship, the student must submit an appeal letter to the Financial Aid Office within 30 days of being placed on probation. The Financial Aid Committee will notify the student of their decision within 30 days. Approved appeals will allow the student to continue receiving the scholarship, denied appeals would result in the loss of the scholarship for succeeding terms.
 8. Upon arrival at WTS each student is encouraged to find a support system within a local church that can provide a mentor, service opportunities, and emotional, social, and spiritual support.
 9. Students are responsible for securing their own room and board, transportation, and other needs as well as maintaining complete medical insurance coverage during their enrollment at WTS.
 10. Additional requirements or adjustments to these guidelines may be made by the Admissions committee on a case by case basis.