

## Common Questions You May Encounter

**Q:** *How do I make my gift count towards my reunion class gift?*

**A:** Simply by giving, your gift will automatically count towards your class participation and dollar goals.

**Q:** *Do I have to give to a certain fund?*

**A:** You don't have to give to a specific fund. Our class has chosen a specific project that represents the college's greatest need, however, a gift to any area you are passionate about will count toward our reunion goal.

**Q:** *What does the Annual Fund support?*

**A:** The Annual Fund support almost all areas of campus. It helps fund financial aid, scholarships, overseas programs, sports teams, academic departments, the library, student services, and much more!

**Q:** *How much is given out in financial aid?*

**A:** More than three-fourths of students receive financial aid. Last year, the average need-based aid award package for Whitman students was \$37,889. We also offer merit scholarships of up to \$20,000 to high-achieving students.

**Q:** *What is tuition this year?*

**A:** Current tuition and fees can be found at <https://www.whitman.edu/admission-and-aid/financial-aid-and-costs/costs>

**Q:** *When is the deadline to give?*

**A:** Whitman's fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, however, the fall milestone reunion classes have an extended counting period up until October 31<sup>st</sup> to accommodate gifts made during reunion weekend.

**Q:** *How much did I give last year?*

**A:** Easily access this information through Volunteer by EverTrue.

**Q:** *Why does the participation rate matter?*

**A:** Every gift reflects the Whitman community's support for a top notch liberal arts education. It's a way to gauge success beyond just total dollars raised. It demonstrates alumni satisfaction which influences rankings from evaluators such as the Princeton Review and U.S. News. It's also meaningful to corporations, foundations and other large donors, who see a high level of alumni support as a more sound investment for their gifts.