

# The Benefits of Fly-in Programs

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WILLAMETTE  UNIVERSITY



# Let's Get You on Campus!

## What we'll cover

1. Types of College Visits
2. Fly-in Programs
3. Visit Vouchers



# Get to Know Willamette

- Salem, OR | Founded in **1842**
- Four-year, private, national liberal arts institution drawing students and faculty from across the US.
- Graduate Programs + Art School

## College Visit Components

- **Common elements:** Tour, information sessions, interviews, briefings.
- **Special Elements:** Class visits, current student conversation, faculty/coach connections.





# Fly-in Programs

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# What is a Fly-in Program?

**Fly-in programs** offer a unique opportunity for prospective students to experience campus life firsthand. **Available for prospective students and admitted students.** Fly-ins or campus weekend visits allow students to connect with the community, build relationships and make an informed decision about college.

## Includes

- Overnight option
- Transportation
- Meals
- Special time with faculty, staff, students

Note: Fly-in does not exclude local students.



# Fly-in Program Details

## Intentionality

- Fly-in programs are historically designed to increase access to higher education for students who have been historically underrepresented. Students who have experienced hardships and/or overcome adversities which limit the access to higher education. This could include but is not limited to;
  - First-generation college students - those with parents or guardians who have not obtained a bachelor's degree.
  - Students eligible for the Pell Grant or who qualify for free or reduced lunch in secondary school.
  - Students who live in small towns or rural areas.
  - Students with DACA or undocumented immigration status.
- **Application Process**
  - Essay
  - Short answer
  - Preliminary college application

# ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

*Willamette University*

This is an access program designed to support a diverse array of students as a part of Willamette's dedication to intentional diversity of our student body.

Demographics: Students of color, pell-eligible, first gen, DACA, rural but also we attract queer and neurodiverse students through this program.

## A2E Travel Grant

- Willamette University will cover **all costs** associated with travel and participation in our A2E fly-in program. The travel grant can also cover costs for **one guest** to join the participating student. A guest may include, but is not limited to a parent, guardian, counselor, older sibling or any other individual who has been supporting the student's college search and decision process.
- The **\$500 enrollment deposit** is waived for participants if they choose to enroll for fall 2025 entry.

## A2E SCHEDULE

**Thursday** - Arrive

**Friday** - Bearcat Day & A2E dinner

**Saturday** - A2E

- Welcome with Dean of Admissions
- Breakout Sessions
  - Navigating a Predominantly White Institution through Community Building
  - Importance of Self-Care in College
  - Dear Future Bearcats (Parent Session)

Departure

*ALL EXPENSES PAID - ADMITTED STUDENTS - SPRING VISIT*



# WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

*Smith College*

- **Smith College** is a private liberal arts women's college located in Northampton, Massachusetts.
- Women of Distinction is a fully funded fly in program designed for students interested in learning more about the support Smith offers **students of color and/or first generation college students.**
- Fully funded-fly in for a large cohort of students.
- Prelim application process.



*ALL EXPENSES PAID - PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS - FALL VISIT*



# PREVIEW PITZER PROGRAM

*Pitzer College*

- **Pitzer College** is a small, liberal arts college based in Southern California.
- Bi-annual, all expenses paid fly-in program (fka Diversity Program) bringing students to campus for a weekend of activities, panels, and tours. All prospective students attending the fall program participate in interviews. All students attending the spring program have been admitted.
- Demographics: First-generation, low income students



*ALL EXPENSES PAID - PROSPECTIVE & ADMITTED STUDENTS - FALL/SPRING VISIT*



COALITION  
FOR COLLEGE

Amherst College (Massachusetts) - [Access to Amherst \(A2A\)](#): Sept. 28-30, 2024

Babson College (Massachusetts) - [Access Babson](#): Oct. 6-7, 2024

Barnard College (New York) - [Barnard Bound](#)\*: mid Sept. to end Oct.

Bates College (Maine) - [Prologue to Bates](#): Oct. 13-15, 2024

Bowdoin College (Maine) - [Explore Bowdoin](#): Sept. 19-21 or Oct. 24-26, 2024

Bucknell University (Pennsylvania) - [Journey to Bucknell](#): Oct. 3-5 or Oct. 24-26, 2024

CalTech (California) - [CalTech Up Close](#): Oct. 12-15, 2024

Claremont McKenna College (California) - [CMC Fall Preview](#): Oct. 6-8, 2024

Columbia University (New York) - [Small-Town and Rural Students \(STARS\)](#): Oct. 19-21, 2024

Denison University (Ohio) - [Dialogue with Denison](#): Oct. 27-29, 2024

Hamilton College (New York) - [Home at Hamilton](#): Oct. 6-7, 2024

Miami University (Ohio) - [Bridges Program](#): Oct. 20-21, Nov. 3-4, Nov. 10-11 or Nov. 17-18, 2024

Middlebury College (Vermont) - [Discover Middlebury](#): Oct. 20-22, 2024

Oberlin College (Ohio) - [Oberlin Overnight](#): Oct. 10-12 or Nov. 7-9, 2024

Olin College of Engineering (Massachusetts) - [Olin MIX & Mingle Fly-In](#): Nov. 10-11, 2024

Pomona College (California) - [Perspectives on Pomona \(POP\)](#)\*: Oct. 24 and 26, 2024





### Diversity Overnight

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Case Western Reserve U	Case Western Reserve ...	Cleveland	OH	Prospect

### Colgate in Focus (CIF)

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Colgate University	Colgate in Focus (CIF) ...	Hamilton	NY	Prospect

### Experience Colorado College (ECC)

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Colorado College	Experience Colorado C...	Colorado Springs	CO	Prospect

### Dialogue With Denison

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Denison University	Dialogue with Denison...	Granville	OH	Prospect

### ElonYOU

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Elon University	Prospective students ...	Elon	NC	Prospect

### Home at Hamilton

Host Institution	Description	City	State	Intended Audience
Hamilton College	Home at Hamilton is a...	Clinton	NY	BIPOC S

# Visit Vouchers

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# JUNIOR + SENIOR VISIT VOUCHER

*Willamette University*

## **Willamette College - Salem Campus**

- \$400 for all juniors and seniors interested in visiting Willamette University.
- Covers all modes of transportation, lodging/gas - excludes food.
- **Reimbursement**

## **Grand Canyon University**

- During this all-expenses-paid, overnight experience, you can explore campus, meet current students, participate in events and learn more about our programs of study.
- Apply and be admissible to GCU. Go through a common visit day, meet with your university counselor, select a date to attend and schedule your post-visit appointment.
- **Reimbursement**

## Here's the Tea...

I am going to send this presentation AND multiple fly-in programs to you via email!

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A photograph of a red brick building with a central entrance featuring a glass door and two large arched windows on either side. The building has a classic architectural style with stone accents around the arches. In the foreground, a group of people are walking up the steps leading to the entrance. The scene is set outdoors with some greenery visible in the lower corners.

THANK YOU!

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Questions?