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Lauren Whitfield
Wheaton College
CIC/UPS Scholarship

When Lauren Whitfield was searching for a college to attend, her friends encouraged her check [Wheaton College](#) in Wheaton, Illinois. Whitfield was interested in attending a Christian college. Her campus visits were positive, convincing her that the college was a good fit. Plus, Wheaton College had an excellent history program, her major, and she liked the idea of attending a college focused on the liberal arts. "I like the idea of a liberal arts education," she says. "I like the idea of learning these different elements, so they could come together and form more a whole person."



Whitfield, from Tinley Park, Illinois is now a senior, and she's considering using her history major and English minor for specific careers. "I have been thinking primarily about either museum-related work, either as a curator or archivist, or possibly working in the world of books or publishing," Whitfield says.

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Whitfield is the recipient of an CIC/UPS Scholarship through ACI, which she says helps relieve the stress of financing her college education. The scholarship and other grants and scholarships are "a blessing," she says. "I can focus on my schoolwork and doing well while I'm here because of the blessing of the scholarship. It really has allowed me to focus and eases my mind. I thank God for it," Whitfield says.

Whitfield is appreciative of the generosity of donors who have made scholarship funds available to students such as her. "It is really helping the next generation be able to get through college and be able to go out and change the world," she says. "It shows much love for others."

At Wheaton College, Whitfield is a student leader through the Office of Multicultural Development, and she participates in the William Osborne Society, the Black Student Union on campus. She also interested in a newly formed film society at Wheaton.

As she prepares to graduate, Whitfield is grateful for her time at Wheaton College. "I've enjoyed my major, I've enjoyed the friends and the relationships I've built here, and the way I've grown and the way I continue to grow here. To be able to stay here all four years -- it has been amazing and a God-send," she adds.