

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT FINANCIAL AID



	University of Notre Dame	School #2	School #3
What impact does applying for financial aid have on my application for admission?	Students are admitted to Notre Dame on the basis of their academic and personal records of achievement, not based on whether their family has the money to pay.		
How are students considered for non-need-based scholarships?	Your application for admission also serves as your application for our non-need (merit) scholarships.		
Does your school meet my full demonstrated financial need?	Notre Dame is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of each admitted student who completes the financial aid application process.		
What is the estimated total cost—including tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and meals, travel, and other personal expenses—for the current year?	Our estimated total cost of attendance for the 2020-21 academic year is \$76,883.		
If costs increase and my need stays the same, will my scholarship increase?	Yes, at Notre Dame, we will increase scholarship if costs increase.		
What applications do I need to complete for financial aid and is there a deadline?	Notre Dame requires the CSS Profile and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We have priority dates for submission which are posted on our website .		
What is the average need-based scholarship?	The average need-based scholarship given to our entering first-year students for the fall of 2020 was \$47,800.		
What is the average student loan debt at graduation (Federal Direct Loans)? What would my monthly payment be?	The students who graduated in May 2020 borrowed an average of \$21,758. This is less than 10% of the total cost of attendance for four years at Notre Dame. The monthly payment on this average is approximately \$230 per month.		
Will I receive the same financial aid decision each year?	The total dollar amount of financial assistance is based on demonstrated financial need. Changes in family circumstances, such as an increase or decrease in parents' or student's income, assets, family size, or number of dependent students attending college, may affect eligibility for financial aid. If the family's circumstances do not change significantly over the four years, financial assistance should be comparable each year.		
Can I ask for more financial aid?	If your family's circumstances change after receiving your Financial Aid Notification, you may request a review of your eligibility by completing the Change in Circumstances process outlined on our website .		



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