

Princeton's NO-LOAN FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM assists all qualified applicants with generous need-based grants, making the University affordable to low- and middle-income families.

Financial Aid for the Class of 2012

Family Income*	Average Grant**	What It Covers
		<i>tuition = \$34,290 room + board = \$11,405</i>
\$0 – 75,000	● \$45,800	Full tuition, room + board
\$75,000 – 100,000	● \$39,300	Full tuition, 44% of room + board
\$100,000 – 120,000	● \$35,750	Full tuition, 13% of room + board
\$120,000 – 140,000	● \$32,250	94% of tuition
\$140,000 – 160,000	● \$28,850	84% of tuition
\$160,000 – 180,000	● \$26,000	76% of tuition
\$180,000 – 200,000	● \$22,250	65% of tuition
\$200,000 and above <i>(most who qualify have 2 children in college)</i>	● \$16,000	47% of tuition

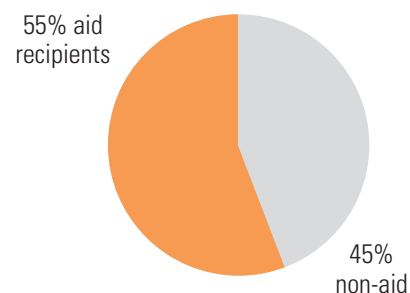
Of those who applied for aid:

● 100% qualify ● 98% qualify ● 82% qualify ● 42% qualify

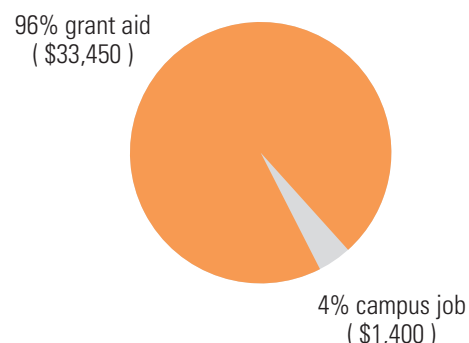
* For families whose assets (not counting the family home and retirement funds) do not exceed the average reported amount of \$100,000.

** A grant does not have to be repaid. Sometimes grants are referred to as "scholarships" or "gift aid."

Percent on aid



Average aid award
(\$34,850)



How the Aid Program Works

Students submit their family's information on the Princeton Financial Aid Application.

Every application is reviewed individually and many factors other than income are considered.

The chart above shows the average grant awarded by income range. However, families within each income bracket qualify for a range of grant amounts.

Some families receiving larger-than-average grants have:

- three or more children
- more than one child in college at the same time
- significant expenses such as medical, dental, private school, child care, elder care, or other special concerns

Some families receiving smaller-than-average grants have:

- family assets (other than home and retirement funds) that exceed the average reported level of \$100,000
- complex income situations in which the tax return is not an accurate reflection of a family's financial position
- divorced or separated parents, when a contribution from the non-custodial parent is expected

Students can estimate their eligibility for a specific amount of financial aid by using the Financial Aid Estimator <www.princeton.edu/aid>.