

Financial Aid

Accessible, Approachable, Affordable for Everyone

With need-blind admissions and no-loan financial aid packages, Bowdoin makes an exceptional education accessible to students from all financial backgrounds. Nearly half of all enrolled students receive grant assistance from Bowdoin.

NEED-BLIND ADMISSION

A family's ability to pay is not a barrier to Bowdoin admission.



Bowdoin meets the full demonstrated need of any student applying for financial aid.

HOW IS NEED-BASED AID DEFINED?

By identifying the gap between total cost to attend and a family's ability to pay.

Comprehensive fee: \$65,980
(+ \$2,090 indirect costs = \$68,070 total cost)

— **Family's financial circumstances**
(income, assets, other college enrollment, etc.)

— **Student contribution**
(campus and summer jobs, non-Bowdoin grants)

— **Student's Financial Need**
Bowdoin aid packages fill the gap...

And that = **ZERO LOANS**



Requiring student loans is not part of Bowdoin's aid packages. However, some families may elect to use loans to help finance their share of costs. Go to bowdoin.edu/studentaid/estimate-aid for your potential package.

THE CLASS OF 2021 TRUTH IN NUMBERS

262 of 500 students are on aid—52% of the class

\$43,431 = Average Bowdoin grant

\$4,760 = Average outside grant

\$1,900 = Typical campus employment contribution

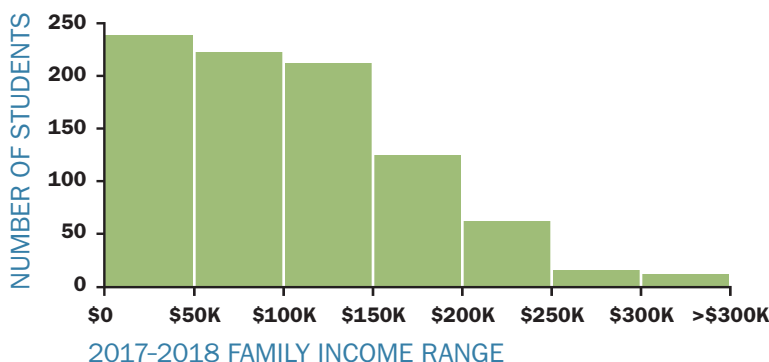
\$2,300 = Typical student contribution

\$21,320 = Average family contribution

**BOWDOIN GRANTS RANGE FROM
\$1,000 to \$66,200**

WHAT TYPES OF FAMILY INCOME BRACKETS QUALIFY FOR NEED-BASED AID?

Here's the breakdown by income across all aided students:





Bill De La Rosa '16

Hometown: Tuscon, Arizona

2015 Truman Scholar, 2016 Hispanic Scholar of the Year, 2016 Marshall Scholar; pursuing a master's in migration studies at Oxford University

"Bowdoin awarded me full tuition, room, and board. All I had to do was apply and be accepted to receive my financial aid award. Once in college, **I didn't have to worry about how I was going to pay for school** the following semester because I knew that Bowdoin wanted me to be there.

There was no way my family could have afforded my college education. When I found out that Bowdoin was awarding me full financial aid it was truly unbelievable.

The aid that I received allowed me to pursue my dreams and with that, I believe, comes a lot of responsibility.

Financial aid is important because it is an opportunity to create more opportunities. It enables students to pursue their dreams. Thanks to the financial aid I received, **I graduated debt-free from Bowdoin**, and because of this, I have changed the trajectory of those who will come after me.

Bowdoin's need-blind admissions policy and commitment to meet 100 percent of demonstrated financial need is absolutely amazing. **Bowdoin's financial aid philosophy goes hand-in-hand with the College's commitment to the common good.**"



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Mid-November

Early Decision I Applicants

Early January

Early Decision II Applicants

Mid-February

Regular Decision Applicants

Mid-February

Continuing Students*

*Bowdoin requires aid applicants to reapply each year to ensure aid packages are appropriate.

THERE ARE 2,500+ CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Employment is available to all students who are interested.

PARENTS

We are committed to helping you and your children make Bowdoin affordable. We will work with you and do the very best we can to ensure that your financial circumstances allow your son or daughter to attend Bowdoin.

Want to talk financial aid with a real person?

Call, e-mail, or meet with us.

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