How Bowdoin determines your aid:
We identify the gap between the total cost to attend and a family’s ability to pay.

1. We take the total cost: $76,310 (tuition, fees, and room and board of $74,220 + indirect costs of $2,090)

2. And subtract a family’s financial share (Family share is based on income, assets, and household information.)

3. The difference is the student’s financial need, which is met with employment and need-based grants.
Bowdoin grants range from $1,090 to $75,000.

Here’s what you need to know:

- A family’s ability to pay is not a barrier to admission.
- Bowdoin meets the full demonstrated need of every student with grants, not loans.
- Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be paid back.
- Nearly half of all enrolled students receive aid.

Bowdoin has significantly increased the amount of financial aid available to qualifying students.

- Beginning in the 2021–2022 academic year, the College increased the student aid budget by roughly $3.5 million. This funding will be distributed across all levels of need with an emphasis on low- and middle-income families.
- For students whose combined calculated parental income is less than $75,000 (with typical assets), Bowdoin eliminated the summer work expectation (generally $2,300)—replacing it with equivalent grant support.
- Every incoming student is provided with an iPad pro to ensure an equitable digital/computing experience.

Bowdoin is one of only nineteen colleges in the country to offer a need-blind, meet-full-need, no-loan approach.

A wide range of family income brackets qualify for aid at Bowdoin:

Go to bowdoin.edu/student-aid to estimate your potential aid package.
Parents and families—we’re here to help.

We are committed to making Bowdoin affordable for your family. We’re ready to work closely with you on a one-on-one basis and do the best we can to ensure your financial circumstances allow your student to attend Bowdoin. We’re serious—just ask us.

Jeremiah Brown ’23

**Hometown:** Cabot, Arkansas  
**Intended Major:** Sociology and Education (coordinate major)  
**Intended Minor:** Economics and Finance

“When I visited Bowdoin, I fell in love with the College. Thinking I could attend felt like a dream, and when I met with my financial aid counselor I realized my dream could become a reality. Cost was the deciding factor in my college choice and I picked Bowdoin because they think about financial aid differently. When my family’s financial situation worsened, my aid increased. If you’re admitted, Bowdoin works to make sure the cost is feasible.

I come from a single-parent, low-income household in rural Arkansas. The Student Aid Office (SAO) has worked with me throughout the application process and during my time here to ensure that my education remains financially attainable. Financial aid is only one of the reasons I’m happy with my choice, but for my mother it’s the main reason—in large part because SAO has been committed to helping us.”