

Student Aid

Here's what you need to know:

- A family's ability to pay is not a barrier to admission.
- Demonstrated financial need is met in full for all students admitted to Bowdoin.
- Nearly half of all enrolled students receive aid, with the average grant totaling \$44,887.
- Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be paid back.

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: \$70,710**
(tuition and fees of \$68,620 + indirect costs of \$2,090)
- 2 Subtract a family's financial share**
(based on income, assets, etc.)
- 3 Subtract the student's contribution**
(campus/summer jobs, savings, etc.)
- 4 And arrive at a student's financial need**
- 5 From here, Bowdoin's loan-free* aid packages—composed of grants—fill the gap**

*Families may elect to use loans to help finance their share of the costs.

CLASS OF 2022

50%

of the class receives aid

\$46,950

average Bowdoin grant

\$5,271

average outside grant

\$1,900

typical campus employment contribution

\$2,300

typical student contribution

\$20,339

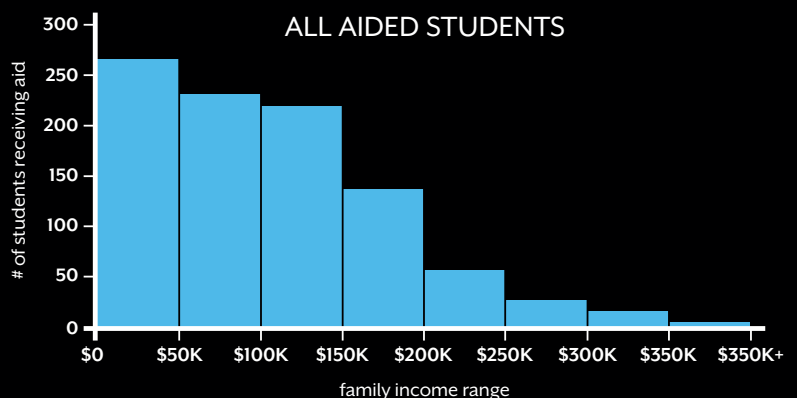
average family contribution

Employment is available to all interested students.

2,500+ campus jobs

Bowdoin grants range from \$3,810 to \$70,650.

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



Go to bowdoin.edu/studentaid to estimate your potential aid package.

IMPORTANT STUDENT AID DEADLINES

Mid-November	Early Decision I Applicants
Early January	Early Decision II Applicants
Early February	Regular Decision Applicants
Mid-January	Continuing Students*

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

Parents and families— we're here to help.

We are committed to helping you make Bowdoin affordable. 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 son or daughter to attend Bowdoin. We're serious—just ask us.

We're here when you're ready to talk about student aid.

Call, email, or meet with us.
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For more information, go to
bowdoin.edu/studentaid



Sarah Cartwright '19 **economics major, computer science minor**

Sarah is from Portland, Pennsylvania, a rural community in the Pocono Mountains. Her hard work got her admitted to Bowdoin, and her financial aid package made it possible for her to attend. During her first semester, her father suffered a stroke and became permanently disabled, leaving her family with no source of income. She credits Bowdoin, particularly the Office of Student Aid, for always remaining supportive. She is spending the summer before her senior year working as an analyst with Barclays Investment Bank in the Natural Resources/Chemicals group.

“Need-blind admission, meeting full demonstrated need, and a no-loan policy set Bowdoin apart.

The College's aid policy transcends all aspects of student life—from room and board to extracurricular activities to studying abroad. This all-encompassing approach allows students to immerse themselves completely in life at Bowdoin and truly live up to what being a Bowdoin student is all about. Because of Bowdoin's student aid policies, **I can just focus on being a student.**

Financial aid can be confusing and overwhelming, especially for someone whose family is new to college. **Bowdoin's student aid counselors go out of their way to help students and families navigate the process.** I truly do not think that I would be as successful as I am here without all the help they've given me and my family. The most important thing that is included in a student's financial aid package is opportunity.”