Every Step of the Way:  
Student Aid at Bowdoin

Student aid at Bowdoin isn’t something that you do one time. Our policies and financial support follow you through your entire college career.

- Our highest priority is making a Bowdoin education affordable for everyone. You can contact our student aid officers and use our aid estimators before you even apply.
- The application fee is automatically waived if you are applying for aid, or if you are the first in your family to go to college.
- Roughly half of all Bowdoin students receive aid.
- Bowdoin’s student aid is need-based. This means our scholarship and grant support is determined based on your individual family situation.
- Bowdoin is need-blind, which means that your ability to pay is never a factor or barrier to admission.
- Bowdoin meets your full calculated need using scholarships, not loans, which never have to be paid back.
- The average scholarship awarded to Bowdoin students is $54,350.
You’ll receive your student aid award with your admission letter, so you can make decisions and start planning right away.

For students whose combined parent income is less than $75,000, the summer work contribution of $2,300 is replaced with additional Bowdoin scholarship.

Your student aid award is calculated to include tuition, room, board, and a budget for indirect costs—to help you cover such costs as personal expenses, books, and travel.

Every Bowdoin student receives a MacBook Pro, an iPad, and an Apple Pencil—yours to keep upon graduation.

On-campus employment is available to all interested students with wages ranging from $12.75 to $15.00 an hour. Campus jobs are usually a commitment between five and ten hours per week, and are capped at twenty hours.

Your student aid award can be used to cover the cost of studying abroad.

If you are pursuing a summer internship in a field that can’t afford to pay interns—often areas like public service, education, arts, nonprofits, or legal aid—Bowdoin’s funded internship grants can provide you with a stipend up to $5,000.

Because Bowdoin scholarships never have to be repaid, you can expand your options for employment or graduate school—without navigating a mountain of debt.

Bowdoin offers more than $400,000 in graduate and medical school scholarships to seniors and alumni who are applying to or attending post-graduate programs of study.

Chat with a student aid officer or use one of our many tools at bowdoin.edu/student-aid.