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:** $73,800 (tuition, fees, and room and board of $71,710 + indirect costs of $2,090)

2. **And subtract a family’s financial share**
   (Family share is based on income, assets, and household information and includes the student’s contribution, which is typically $2,300 from summer earnings, savings, etc.)

3. **The difference is the student’s financial need**

4. **Bowdoin’s loan-free* aid packages—composed of an on-campus work expectation and grants—fill the gap**
   *Families may elect to use loans to help finance their share of the costs.

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 just over $47,500.
- Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be paid back.

CLASS OF 2023

- 50% of the class receives aid
- $49,250 average Bowdoin grant
- $5,250 average outside grant
- $1,900 typical campus employment contribution
- $2,300 typical student contribution
- $21,200 average family contribution

Employment is available to all interested students.

2,500+ campus jobs

Bowdoin grants range from $1,200 to $73,800.

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.

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

Call, email, or meet with us.
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Ray Tarango ’20

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“I come from a low-income family from the inner city. My parents had always told me that I could go to the college/university that I wanted as long as I received a good financial aid package. I visited Bowdoin in the fall of my senior year in high school—and I really liked it and the students. Despite this, I was unsure about applying because of my family’s income and the cost.

My financial aid package allowed me to come to Bowdoin. The Student Aid Office made college affordable for my family because of their no-loan policy and their commitment to meeting a family’s full demonstrated need. The counselors have always gone the extra mile to support my family through the process of applying for aid. Bowdoin has opened a door to so many opportunities for me, and the key to that door was financial aid.”