

# Investing in Your Future

Financing a Gettysburg Education



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# The Value of a Gettysburg Education

- **The Princeton Review** named Gettysburg College both a *Best Value College* and a *College that Creates Futures*.
- **Kiplinger's Personal Finance Best College Values** ranked Gettysburg College #52 among liberal arts schools across the nation, based on factors that include the total cost of a Gettysburg education, need-based and non-need based financial aid, and four-year graduation rates.
- Within one year after graduation, 98% of new alums are employed or in graduate school. Extensive career networking opportunities are readily available.
- Eighty percent of the class of 2015 graduated within four years, compared to the national average of 39%.

It's your chance to

**Do** GreatWork

## Financial Aid Application Process

Step 1

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)  
*Gettysburg College FAFSA code: 003268*

**Deadlines** — ED 1: Nov. 15, ED 2: Jan. 15,  
Regular Decision: Jan. 15

Step 2

Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE at [student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile](http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile)

*Gettysburg College PROFILE code: 2275*

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Step 3

**If accepted to Gettysburg**, review your financial aid award included with your admissions acceptance packet. Access your financial aid award online through myGettysburg.

Step 4

**Once enrolled at Gettysburg**, follow the necessary steps to finalize your financial aid package.

### How is Need-Based Financial Aid Determined?

The FAFSA and PROFILE analyses consider all sources of taxed and untaxed income as well as necessary family expenditures such as taxes, standard cost of living, and extraordinary medical expenses.

Other important variables include family size and the number of children enrolled in post-secondary education. The student's income and assets are also evaluated.

Financial aid awards typically remain consistent from year to year. However, a decrease in the number of siblings in undergraduate study or increases in income or assets may cause a decrease in need-based financial aid eligibility.

### Academic Merit Scholarships

The selection process for these scholarships is competitive with awards going to top-ranking applicants based upon grade point average, class rank (if available), and SAT or ACT scores.

A separate application is not required; decisions on merit scholarship recipients are made as part of the admissions process under Early Decision and Regular Decision. For more information, contact the admissions office at 800-431-0803.

- **Abraham Lincoln Scholarships:** \$25,000 annually
- **Presidential Scholarships:** \$15,000 annually
- **David Wills Scholarships:** \$10,000 annually
- **1832 Founders Scholarships:** \$7,000 annually

For students also receiving need-based aid, merit scholarships are not awarded on top of grant dollars but are awarded in conjunction with grant funds.

### Sunderman Conservatory Scholarships

The Sunderman Conservatory of Music combines Gettysburg's superb music tradition with one of the nation's leading liberal arts and sciences colleges. Music scholarships are valued at \$10,000 annually (audition required). For more information, visit [gettysburg.edu/Sunderman](http://gettysburg.edu/Sunderman).

### Financial Aid Facts at Gettysburg

- **Gettysburg College awarded \$50.5 million in scholarships and grants for the 2015-16 academic year, benefiting 66% of the student body.**
- **Gettysburg's need-based financial aid awards include a combination of grants and/or scholarships, loans and on-campus jobs. In 2015-16, the average first-year total financial aid award was \$38,146.**
- **For 2015-16, the average first-year student grant and/or scholarship award was \$33,314.**
- **For the Class of 2015 who borrowed, the average federal student loan debt was \$21,240, lower than the national average.**

## Net Price Calculator — Personalized Financial Aid Estimate

Since every student and family has different financial circumstances, this tool will allow you to see how a Gettysburg education can fit into your family's finances. Test drive your cost of attendance at Gettysburg with our online net price calculator at [gettysburg.edu/calculator](http://gettysburg.edu/calculator).

Have questions after completing the Net Price Calculator? Contact your financial aid counselor to review your information.

### Need-based Financial Aid Eligibility for Enrolled First-Year Students: Fall 2015

Family Adjusted Gross Income	# who applied	# eligible
< \$40,000	70	68
\$40,000 – \$79,999	60	58
\$80,000 – \$119,999	81	80
\$120,000 – \$159,999	71	70
> \$160,000	166	146

### Cost of Attendance (2016 – 17)

Tuition: \$50,860

Standard Room and Board: \$12,140

Total Cost: \$63,000

### Other Expenses

The following items are part of the financial aid budget and are added when determining a Gettysburg financial aid award:

Books and supplies: \$1,000

Transportation: \$1,500

Personal and miscellaneous expenses: \$1,210

### Things to Remember

- Meet all deadlines- file early if you can!
- Keep all financial aid materials together and keep copies of what you submitted.
- Use your official name from your Social Security Card or birth certificate when submitting materials.

## Paying for College — A Family Endeavor

Students and their families should approach decisions about financing college costs together. Along with financial aid administrators, students and families can work together to determine the most effective way to use their resources as well as understand the grants, scholarships, loans and jobs which may be available. Having conversations early in the college search process about expectations of how students can contribute to their undergraduate education is one way to include students in this important decision.

### Making up the Difference

After financial aid or scholarships are subtracted from your bill, there are several options to help manage your payments to Gettysburg.

- An interest-free payment plan, dividing out-of-pocket costs over ten months
- Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loans
- Alternative Education Loans
- On-campus employment (nearly 45% of students have an on-campus job)
- Outside scholarships from your local community as well as national-level awards

### Our Commitment

Gettysburg is committed to providing a competitive need-based financial aid program for a student's four years on campus.

If family financial circumstances change at any time during a student's enrollment at Gettysburg, the Office of Financial Aid is available to help students and their families locate funding sources and understand additional options which may be available.

### Gettysburg College Office of Financial Aid

We welcome students and families to visit our office for personal appointments or contact us with questions.

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