Financial need is the difference between the estimated cost of attendance for a school year and the estimated family responsibility (expected family contribution). Because several factors in this evaluation are subject to change from one year to the next, this evaluation is made annually for each student who applies for financial aid.

Cost of Attendance
- Tuition and Fees
- Room and Meals

Financial Need

AVERAGE DIRECT COST FOR 2015-2016

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In addition to the direct cost, each student should plan for the cost of books, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses. Annual increases should be anticipated.
The CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) serve as the official applications for need-based financial aid at the University of Notre Dame, including University scholarship programs. Unless otherwise noted, no additional applications are required to be considered for all scholarship/grant programs that the Office of Financial Aid administers.

The University of Notre Dame participates in the College Board’s Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC) which allows students to submit supporting documentation to IDOC rather than mailing individual documents to each participating institution to which a student has applied for admission.

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE applicants will receive communication directly from IDOC in early February regarding the submission of supporting documentation. Families should be prepared to submit this supporting documentation to IDOC by Notre Dame’s priority submission date.

The Office of Financial Aid begins mailing Financial Aid Notifications in late March to admitted students who have completed the financial aid process.

Note: To be eligible for federal student aid, a student must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen of the United States with a valid social security number. In general, students must be degree seeking and be enrolled on at least a half-time basis. Additionally, students may not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan.