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Greetings from the Office of Financial Aid!

I am delighted to learn that your student is interested in the University of Notre Dame. I know the college application process raises many questions, not least of all the question of affordability.

Enclosed you'll find our guide to financial aid at Notre Dame. In it, we outline the average amount of scholarship funding recently awarded to first-year students at all income levels and explain the application process and deadlines.

I want to draw your attention to three important points:

- Notre Dame is need-blind in the admission process. This means students are admitted to the University on the basis of their academic and personal records of achievement, not their financial circumstances.
- Notre Dame is one of only 66 colleges nationally that is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of our undergraduate students for all four years. Demonstrated need is determined by taking the cost of attendance and subtracting the calculated family share.
- What a family may pay (net price) is often less than the published or "sticker price" of tuition and fees. The chart on page four shows how we worked with families whose students received need-based scholarships in the fall of 2016.

Your student's college education is one of the most important investments your family will ever make. And the returns on your investment will be many. At Notre Dame, our students learn from renowned professors, conduct research, study abroad, and become ethical leaders prepared for a career—and a life—they love. We believe real value is four years of education that last a lifetime.

The Office of Financial Aid is here to help you get started. When you have questions, please reach out via phone or email through the contact information listed in the guide.

We look forward to working with you and we are honored to be part of your student's college search.

Sincerely,



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