

Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded to domestic, international and undocumented students on the basis of financial need. During the 2020–21 academic year, approximately 44% of students received some sort of assistance, including need-based scholarships, grants, private scholarships, student loans and parent loans.

How Much Does it Cost to Attend Pitzer?

The total cost of attendance for a full-time student includes tuition, fees, room, board, and an allowance for books, supplies and personal expenses. Below is an estimate of these costs based on 2021–22 figures:

Tuition	\$57,686
Fees	\$292
Housing & Meals	\$19,180
Books	\$1,100
Personal Expenses	\$1,300
Transportation	varies*
Total	\$79,558

*Varies from \$100–\$1,000 based on home residence.

How is Financial Need Determined?

Pitzer’s Office of Financial Aid uses the information supplied on the FAFSA, CSS Profile and tax documents to determine the amount your family can contribute toward the cost of your education. Financial aid eligibility is determined by many factors, and no two families’ circumstances are exactly the same. Some factors that determine the amount of aid you receive include income, savings and investments (including real estate), household size and the number of siblings attending an undergraduate college or university. Other factors and special circumstances may be considered on an appeal basis.

Am I Eligible for Aid?

We are committed to meeting 100% of a student’s demonstrated financial need to ensure that Pitzer remains an affordable option for our families. We encourage all families who are interested in receiving assistance to apply for financial aid.

Parent Income	Percent Eligible for Aid	Average Package	Grant Range
\$0–\$39,999	100%	\$76,000	\$29,000–\$82,000
\$40,000–\$79,999	100%	\$63,000	\$28,000–\$71,000
\$80,000–\$119,999	100%	\$54,000	\$25,000–\$64,000
\$120,000–\$159,999	81%	\$34,000	\$5,000–\$52,000
\$160,000–\$199,999	65%	\$32,000	\$7,000–\$41,000
\$200,000+	23%	\$30,000	\$5,000–\$44,000

*Table includes data for students who applied for aid and are enrolled full-time for the 2021–22 academic year.**

Use our online calculators to estimate your potential aid package. Our MyinTuition Calculator takes 5 minutes and gives you a ballpark of your aid eligibility. For a more detailed analysis, use our Net Price Calculator, which takes 20 minutes to complete.

- Net Price Calculator: <https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/pitzer>
- MyinTuition Calculator: <https://www.pitzer.edu/financial-aid/myintuition/>

Please keep in mind, these calculators are estimating tools and are only as accurate as the information you provide.

What Types of Financial Aid are Available?

There are three types of financial aid offered at Pitzer College:

- 1. Grant/scholarships:** gift aid that is based on financial need rather than merit
- 2. Loans funds:** funds you borrow and must repay after leaving Pitzer
- 3. Work-Study:** funds you earn by working on campus during the academic year

These financial aid funds come from Pitzer College and the state and federal governments. Most financial aid packages combine these different types of aid. Pitzer students graduate with less debt than the national average. The average student loan indebtedness of students who received financial aid for four years at Pitzer and graduated in May 2020 was approximately \$21,032.

Aid Programs	Annual Amounts*	Who is Eligible?*
Grants		
Pitzer Scholarship	Amount varies	All Students
Federal Pell Grant	\$672–\$6,495	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens
Federal SEOG	\$200–\$4,000	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens
Cal Grant	\$9,220	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens/ Undocumented Students from CA

Loans		
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$3,500–\$5,500	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$2,000	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens
Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan	Amount varies	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens

Work		
Federal Work Study	\$2,500–\$3,250	US Citizens/Eligible Non-Citizens
Institutional Work Study	\$2,400	International Students

*Amounts based on 2021–22 academic year. Amounts subject to change each year.

**To be considered for aid programs, students must complete financial aid application process as outlined below.

How and When Do I Apply for Financial Aid for 2022–23?

All domestic applicants are required to complete both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile. Undocumented students only need to complete the CSS Profile. International students only need to complete a Pitzer financial aid application.

Domestic and undocumented applicants must also submit 2020 federal income tax returns, including all schedules, statements, W-2/1099 forms and business tax returns to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC) by the deadlines stated here. Once admitted, international students must submit 2020 tax or income documents to verify information reported on their aid application.

Application Cycle	Deadline
Early Decision I	November 15
Early Decision II	January 7
Regular Decision	January 7
Fall Transfer	April 1
New Resources	April 1
Spring Transfer	October 10

Helpful Links

- FAFSA: www.fafsa.gov: Pitzer's federal school code number is 001172.
- CSS Profile: www.collegeboard.com: Pitzer's CSS code number is 4619.
- Pitzer International Financial Aid Application: <https://www.pitzer.edu/admission/pifaa/>
- IDOC: www.collegeboard.org/idoc: You will only be able to sign in after you submit the CSS Profile and receive a notification from the College Board.