

How to Finance a Pitzer Education

A Guide For Families

Financing a college education is a major investment. Many families face challenges meeting these costs from their current income and savings. As a result, they need assistance finding a way to pay these expenses. This information outlines the costs and describes some options available to families for financing a Pitzer College education. Many families, whether receiving financial aid from Pitzer, or meeting the costs on their own, may consider one or more of these options to meet the cost of education. We hope that you find this information helpful and encourage you to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Cost of Attendance

Costs for the 2014-2015 Academic Year Are:

Tuition and Fees:	\$47,020
Room (double)	\$ 8,500
<u>Board (16 meals)</u>	<u>\$ 6,230</u>
Total Cost:	\$61,750

Estimated

Books and Personal Expenses:	\$ 2,000
Student Health Insurance Plan:	\$ 1,794

Estimated personal expenses include books, supplies and miscellaneous personal expenses. Travel costs are not included in the estimate, and vary by student.

The College's medical insurance costs are estimates and additional information will be provided during the summer from the Office of Student Affairs regarding enrollment and final costs.

If you are not covered by an outside medical insurance carrier, you will be enrolled in the College's health insurance plan.

What Options Are Available?

Billing for Pitzer College is done on a semester by semester basis. Statements are made available electronically via CASHNet on the first business day of August for the Fall semester and the first business day of January for the Spring semester. Students and authorized users receive an email notification when statements are available for viewing. It is important that students add authorized users to the CASHNet system so that they are promptly notified when monthly statements are available. Families may pay the total amount due by August 20th (Fall) and January 20th (Spring), unless enrolling in our payment plan.

Information regarding the Pitzer College Payment Plan will be made available on the Student Account website by June 25th. To enroll in the payment plan, students must complete the **Pitzer College Payment Agreement, which is due no later than July 30th. Late enrollments will not be accepted.** Our monthly payment plan assists

those families that want or need to pay all or part of the students educational expenses over time. Pitzer College charges a \$50 (subject to change) per semester enrollment fee for the monthly, interest free payment plan. Delinquent accounts are subject to a \$50 monthly late payment fee. Returned items (check or ACH) are charged a returned item fee of \$25 for the first occurrence.

The amount owed to the College is based on the total cost of tuition, fees, room and board less the direct credits from grants, scholarships and loans. Earnings from work study are not included as credits on the student's bill as they are earned wages over the course of the academic year.

For additional information regarding electronic paperless billing (CASHNet), due dates or the payment plan, please visit the Student Accounts webpage at www.pitzer.edu/offices/student_accounts or contact the office directly at 909.621.8191 or 909.607.7832.

Federal Loan Options

Federal Direct Loans*

This program provides both subsidized and unsubsidized loans to students. Those students who demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and meet other eligibility requirements may qualify for a subsidized Federal Direct Loan. The subsidized Federal Direct Loan does not accrue interest while you are enrolled in school at least half-time. Once you leave school or drop below half-time status, you have a six month grace period before repayment and interest begins to accrue on your loan.

Students who do not qualify for a subsidized loan may still be eligible for an unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan. The unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan accrues interest while you are in school and during the six month grace period. Students are not required to make loan payments while in school, but may choose to make interest only payments.

Students who borrow from either loan program begin repayment on the principal six months after graduation, dropping below half-time status or withdrawing from school.

The interest rate on new Federal Direct Loans is set annually

and is based on the 10 year Treasury bond rate as of June of each year. Federal Direct student loan interest rates will be 2.05% plus the T-Bill rate, and will be capped at 8.25%. For the 2014-2015 academic year, the interest rate was 4.66%. Annual subsidized loan limits are \$3,500 for first year students, \$4,500 for second year students and \$5,500 for students in their third or fourth year. Dependent students may also be eligible to borrow an additional \$2,000 per year in unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan funding each year. First and second year students whose parents are denied a PLUS loan may be able to borrow an additional \$4,000 annually as an unsubsidized loan and juniors and seniors may borrow an additional \$5,000 annually through the unsubsidized loan program. From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the origination fee for Federal Direct Loans is scheduled to be 1.07%, which is deducted from the loan at the time of disbursement. All students must complete a FAFSA before applying for a Federal Direct Loan.

Federal Direct PLUS Loans*

The Federal Direct PLUS program enables parents with good credit history to borrow as much as the full cost of attendance, minus any financial aid, each year. Interest begins to accrue immediately and repayment begins 60 days after the final loan disbursement for the academic year. Parents may request in school deferment of payments until the student graduates or ceases to be enrolled at least half-time by making arrangements with the loan servicer. The standard repayment term is ten years. The interest rate on the PLUS loan is fixed; it is based on the 10 year Treasury bond rate as of June of each year plus an additional 4.6%, capped at a maximum of 10.5%. The interest rate for PLUS loans in 2014-2015 will be 7.21%. There is a 4.2% origination fee deducted from the loan prior to disbursement.

For further information contact the Pitzer College Financial Aid Office at 909.621.8208 or visit our website at www.pitzer.edu/admission/financial_aid/loans.

Private Loan Options For Students

Private or alternative loans are not federally guaranteed and should only be considered after your eligibility for all other types of aid, including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Direct Loans and Federal Direct PLUS Loans have been exhausted. The repayment terms of federal loan programs may be more favorable than the terms of private educational loans. Private student loans may not be included in Federal Direct Consolidation Loans and are not eligible for Federal Income-Based Repayment plans or for Federal Economic Hardship Deferments.

Interest rates and origination fees for these loans vary and are set by the lender. Most private lenders require a cosigner and interest rates are based on the credit-worthiness of the borrower and/or cosigner. The interest rate may be fixed, or variable, and may not have a maximum rate. Rules for repayment and deferment vary from lender to lender, although repayment generally

begins once the loan has been disbursed. Some lenders may postpone (defer) repayment during periods of at least half-time enrollment and economic hardship, however interest will continue to accrue on the loan from the date it is disbursed. We encourage you to compare loan programs carefully before selecting a lender and to borrow as little as necessary. We provide the following website to you to assist in choosing a lender: www.pitzer.edu/admission/financial_aid/loans/alternative.asp.

We believe the information presented on this site is unbiased, thorough and clearly presented but you may wish to choose any participating program or lender your wish. Please note that neither Pitzer College nor any of its employees have received benefits of any kind or any other compensation from Student Lending Analytics in exchange for providing this listing or from any of the lenders listed on the website. Pitzer College's Financial Aid Code of Conduct and Policy on Educational Loans may be found on our website at www.pitzer.edu/admission/financial_aid/code_of_conduct.asp.

As part of federal regulations, private educational loan borrowers are required to complete, sign and return to their lender a Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification form before loan funds can be disbursed. Your lender may send you this form to complete. It is also available on our Forms page at www.pitzer.edu/admission/financial_aid/loans/forms.asp.

You will be asked to provide your cost of attendance for the period covered by the loan and the amount of your estimated financial aid. If you applied for financial aid, you can get this information from your award letter. If you did not apply for financial aid, you can go to the following website to obtain the necessary information: www.pitzer.edu/admission/financial_aid/costs.asp.

**Federal loan programs require that borrowers be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and that the student meet specific enrollment criteria and make satisfactory academic progress towards a degree.*

The options listed here can help you with financing a college education. We recognize that an independent college education is expensive and we are committed to working with you to make your education at Pitzer more affordable. If you would like further information, please let us know.

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