

# Investing in Your Future

**Financing a Gettysburg Education**

What will inspire you to be  
**Gettysburg**  
great?

“The money we spent on our daughter’s education at Gettysburg was the best investment we’ve ever made. We couldn’t be more pleased with the opportunities which were provided to her, the independence she has gained and the successful future Gettysburg has prepared her to lead.”

— *Parent, Class of 2013*

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The Value of a

# Gettysburg Education

Gettysburg continues to uphold a long-standing tradition to place the College within reach of each accepted student.

- Recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance as a "Best Value" among private colleges based upon academic quality and affordability, a Gettysburg education is an investment worth making.
- Gettysburg students have consistently earned Rhodes, Marshall, and Goldwater scholarships, Fulbright grants and teaching assistantships and National Science Foundation fellowships.
- Within one year after graduation, 93% of new alums are employed or in graduate school. Extensive career networking opportunities are readily available.
- Over 80% of Gettysburg students graduate within four years, compared to the national average of 37%.
- Ninety percent of first-year students return as sophomores.
- Developing global citizens is a College goal — nearly 60% of Gettysburg students spend a semester abroad.

## Financial Aid Application Process

### Step 1

Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE at collegeboard.org

*Gettysburg College PROFILE code: 2275*

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

### Step 2

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov

*Gettysburg College FAFSA code: 003268*

**Deadlines** — ED 1: after Jan. 1, if admitted, ED 2: Jan. 15, Regular Decision: Feb. 15

### 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.

## Things to Remember

- Meet all deadlines- file early if you can!
- You do not have to file your taxes before completing the FAFSA or PROFILE. It's better to use accurate estimates than file late.
- 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.

**"The Gettysburg education is more than just an education. It is a comprehensive experience that will cultivate your personal strengths to prepare them for use in the world."**

**— Grace Madland '14, Fall City, WA**

## 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

## 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 (auditions required). For more information, visit [gettysburg.edu/Sunderman](http://gettysburg.edu/Sunderman).

### Financial Aid Facts at Gettysburg

- Gettysburg College awarded \$47.1 million in scholarships and grants for the 2012 – 2013 academic year, benefiting 67% of the student body.
- Gettysburg's need-based financial aid awards include a combination of grants and scholarships (which do not need to be repaid), loans and on-campus jobs (work-study).
- The average first-year student financial aid award for 2012 – 2013 was \$35,056.

**“The thing that inspires me to be Gettysburg great is our students — who are engaging and respectful but are always taking intellectual risks.”**

**— Stephen Stern, Professor of Religion,  
coordinator of Judaic Studies**

“Gettysburg has given me the tools to succeed after graduation. From the challenging and rewarding classes to the Center for Career Development’s programs, I feel that I am on the right track after graduation.”

— **Caitlin Kaltenbach '12, Freehold, NJ**

## Net Price Calculator

### — Personalized Financial Aid Estimate

Test drive your cost of attendance at Gettysburg with our online net price calculator at [gettysburg.edu/calculator](http://gettysburg.edu/calculator). 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.

An Overview of Need-based Financial Aid Eligibility		
Family Income	# who applied	# eligible
< \$40,000	80	77
< \$40,000 – \$79,999	88	80
< \$80,000 – \$119,999	108	107
< \$120,000 – \$159,999	84	78
< \$160,000	179	61

## Cost of Attendance (2013 – 2014)

Tuition: \$45,870

Standard Room and Board: \$10,950

Total Cost: \$56,820

## 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

“My Gettysburg education has given me the confidence, in myself and my capabilities, to be a leader in whatever I do.”

— **Kallen Decato '12, York, ME**

## **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 parents 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. For many students, the family contribution remains about the same from year to year.

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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