

***Paying for College:
10 Questions to Ask Concerning Financial Aid***

1. What is the comprehensive cost of attendance, including tuition/fees, books/supplies, room/board, transportation, and personal expenses?
2. Does financial need influence admissions decisions? In other words, is a college need-blind or need-sensitive in the admissions process, or in making decisions about students on the wait list?
3. What percentage of demonstrated financial need does a particular college typically meet?
4. What types of financial aid does the institution provide? Is there merit-based aid in addition to need-based aid?
5. What forms are required to complete the financial aid application, and what is the priority deadline for applying for need-based financial aid?
6. Are there any other deadlines involved for specific merit-based scholarships?
7. When will families be notified about financial aid decisions?
8. If a college's financial aid package is insufficient to make it possible for a student to attend, under what conditions, if any, will the financial aid office reconsider its offer?
9. What amount of student loan indebtedness does the typical student borrower have upon graduation?
10. If a work-study job is included in a student's financial aid package, how many hours of work per week will be expected?