

# Financial Aid Information for New Students and Parents

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## General Policies

Oberlin generally awards financial aid packages on the basis of both full-time enrollment and on-campus residence for a full academic year.

Students are eligible to apply for eight semesters of financial aid and are responsible for ensuring their normal progress toward graduation. Double-degree students are eligible to apply for 10 semesters of aid.

Students are responsible for the costs of books, travel to and from Oberlin, and personal expenses.

In general, the amount of aid a student receives stays the same from one year to the next. However, changes to family income, a sibling's entering or leaving undergraduate studies, and other factors may alter a student's financial aid eligibility. Students must reapply for aid each year.

## Outside Awards and Scholarships

Students must notify the Office of Financial Aid of any outside scholarship assistance they receive. A form for this purpose is sent to all first-time aid recipients; it is also available on the office web site at [www.oberlin.edu/financialaid](http://www.oberlin.edu/financialaid).

Outside scholarships based totally or in part on merit will not affect aid received from Oberlin sources, provided that the total amount of aid received does not exceed the cost of tuition and fees. These scholarships will replace self-help (loans and employment) offered in the original aid package.

Need-based grants, entitlements, and benefits from federal, state, or other sources (including tuition benefits from student/parent employers) will replace Oberlin College grants and or scholarships dollar for dollar.

Financial aid from federal, state, and other sources will be adjusted in response to receipt of outside scholarships and awards in accordance with eligibility rules established by the Department of Education or other program-administering bodies.

## Housing Choices and Financial Aid

Financial aid awards are based on the assumption that students live in multi-occupancy rooms in College-owned housing or co-op housing. Students who live in more expensive single-occupancy rooms in College-owned housing will not receive an increase in financial aid. The choice of meal plan does not affect financial aid awards.

The College does not charge students who live or dine in a co-op for the services provided by the co-op. Students pay

the co-op directly. No adjustment is made to the financial aid of students who live and or dine in co-ops.

Students who live off campus or commute to campus will have their aid reduced. This adjustment is finalized at the start of each semester based on housing and dining status as reported by the Office of Residential Education and Dining Services.

## If You Don't Receive Aid

Students who do not receive financial aid are still eligible to apply for certain loans. Several loan programs offer educational loans for parents paying for their child's tuition. In addition, payment plans are available to help families fit tuition payments into their budgets more easily. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information.

## Oberlin's Costs

The table below lists Oberlin's costs for 2009-10.

Tuition	\$ 39,686
Fees	\$ 318
Board	\$ 5,030
Room	\$ 5,450
* Green Edge Fund	\$ 40
Total	\$ 50,524

Estimated costs include \$830 for books and \$978 for personal expenses. Travel costs vary from student to student.

\* *The Green Edge Fund charge can be waived. For more information, visit [www.oberlin.edu/stuacct/termbill](http://www.oberlin.edu/stuacct/termbill).*

## Notification of Aid Awards

Notices of financial aid eligibility were sent near the end of March to students admitted for the fall semester.

The Office of Financial Aid regularly sends letters to applicants who have not yet completed all application requirements. If you receive such a letter, please send the requested information immediately. This will help prevent delays in processing your application.

## Billing and Payment Information

Fall semester bills are sent out in July. Prepayment for the upcoming semester must be made prior to enrollment, or the student must be enrolled in a monthly payment plan through Oberlin College or through an external agency. Payments must be current. For more information about term bills and payment options, visit the Student Accounts Office web site ([www.oberlin.edu/stuacct](http://www.oberlin.edu/stuacct)).