

Questions to ask Financial Aid Officers

1. What's the average total cost — including tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, travel, and other personal expenses — for the first year?

2. How much have your costs increased over the last three years?

every year schools tend to raise the cost of Tuition, which affects the overall cost of attendance

3. Does financial need have an effect on admission decisions?

Schools that are not need blind may choose to admit less low income students because they do not have enough money in their scholarship fund

4. What is the priority deadline to apply for financial aid and when am I notified about financial aid award decisions?

Note: FAFSA and CSS Profile deadlines are typically different

5. How is financial aid affected if I apply under an early decision or early action program?

6. Does the college offer need-based and merit-based financial aid?

7. Are there scholarships available that aren't based on financial need **and** do I need to complete a separate application for them?

8. If the financial aid package the college offers isn't enough, are there any conditions under which it can be reconsidered, such as changes in my family's financial situation or my enrollment status (or that of a family member)?

9. How does the aid package change from year to year?

10. What are the terms of the programs included in the aid package?

11. Are there academic requirements or other conditions for the renewal of financial aid, including scholarships? If so, what are they?

12. When can I expect to receive bills from the college and is there an option to spread the yearly payment over equal monthly installments?