Applying for Financial Aid - International Students

All international students, regardless of their intention of applying for scholarships or financial aid, must complete and submit the International Student Certification of Finances at the time of application for admission, illustrating and documenting sufficient financial support to meet the projected cost of a Notre Dame undergraduate education. Admission to Notre Dame is need aware for non-U.S. citizens. Financial aid opportunities (need-based and merit) for first-year international students are limited and competitive.

Need-Based Financial Aid
Prospective first year students wishing to be considered for need-based financial assistance must first complete an International Student Certification of Finances along with the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE adapted for international students.

Candidates are evaluated based upon academic qualifications, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, as well as a student’s financial need.

Merit Scholarships
Notre Dame offers merit scholarships to a limited number of international students, accepted for admission as a first-time incoming freshman, who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment, leadership, commitment to service, and intellectual promise.

Notre Dame’s limited number of merit-based scholarship opportunities for international students are highly competitive. Ranging from $5,000 per year to the full cost of attendance, these scholarships are typically renewable for four years and recipients may be invited to participate in leadership development and enrichment opportunities as an additional benefit of their award.

Selections for all merit-based scholarships are made as part of the admission process and no separate application is required for consideration, however, eligible students may be contacted directly with a request for additional information (e.g. resume, phone interview, essay, etc.) prior to selection. Recipients of these awards are notified of their selection in early April.

2016-2017 Estimated Cost of Attendance
Tuition & Fees: $50,300
Room & Board: $13,900
Books & Supplies: $1,200
Personal Expenses: $1,100
Total Cost of Attendance: $66,500

Students also should be prepared to finance their health insurance and travel expenses from and to their home countries.

Four-Year Estimated Cost of Attendance
2016-2017: $66,500
2017-2018: $69,100
2018-2019: $71,800
2019-2020: $74,700
Total Cost of Attendance $282,100

For More Information
To learn more about the cost of attendance, scholarship programs, and other financing options, please visit financialaid.nd.edu.