



NOTRE DAME

Financial Aid

Notre Dame offers need-based grants to help families access the faith-based, college-preparatory education we provide. While we are happy to assist families in making Notre Dame a reality, we do expect them to stretch their financial resources to meet a fair portion of the cost of tuition.

While income is the major factor in deciding financial aid awards, Notre Dame does consider the special circumstances of families (e.g., pay cut, job loss, medical crisis). In recent years, nearly 100 percent of applicants with incomes less than \$100,000 have qualified for financial aid. Families with incomes from \$100,000 to \$150,000 also have qualified in most cases. Families with incomes exceeding \$150,000 have qualified in many cases, but most have had multiple children enrolled at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame's financial aid resources are limited, and assistance cannot be guaranteed to every applicant. Though we strive to meet each qualifying applicant's full need, sometimes we cannot entirely bridge the gap. We first support to the best of our ability the students we believe understand the mission of our school and show the capacity to be successful in the rigors of a college-preparatory curriculum. In recent years, awards granted to students have ranged from 10 percent to as much as 50 percent of tuition.

Financial Aid Guidelines and Instructions:

1. Families hoping to qualify for financial aid are expected to register their student(s) at Notre Dame before beginning the aid process. Families interested in aid may, however, register for a reduced rate **if approved by the Office of Admissions**. Please contact Dean of Admissions Kathleen Offer at 248-373-1061 if you would like to discuss registration options.
2. Families wishing to be considered for aid from NDPMA must complete an application through Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST). Directions are provided below. As part of the application, families are expected to provide all 2018 tax documents. We require form 1040, as well as all additional forms applicable to an aid applicant's specific situation, including: W2; 1099; and Schedules A, B, C, D and E. In some cases, additional documents may be requested. *Complete information from both living parents, even if divorced or separated, must be provided.* We ask families to complete this process before **March 15, 2019**.
3. Families applying for financial aid are required to make monthly payments until financial aid decisions are announced. Once notified of the financial aid decision, families have 10 days to accept the financial aid award or withdraw their student's registration from NDPMA. In such cases, families will receive a full refund of tuition paid, including the registration fee.
4. Financial aid is awarded for one school year. Awards will be applied only to accounts that are up-to-date and in good standing with the NDPMA Business Office. Non-payment may result in the revocation of any award.
5. Unless previously arranged through the Admissions and Business offices, Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy scholarships, alumni awards, discounts and financial aid gifts are posted to student accounts beginning in September.
6. No student shall be excluded from participation in this financial aid process on the basis of race, creed, religion, national origin, gender or disability.

How to Apply for Financial Aid at Notre Dame through FAST

- Go to the NDPMA website and click on "Prospective Families," then "Affording Notre Dame."
The URL is: <http://www.ndpma.org/prospective-families/affording-notre-dame>.) Click on the FAST logo to begin the process.
- Before starting your application, please review the downloadable "Worksheet" and "User Guide" found in red type on the bottom left of the FAST site. Utilizing the worksheet and guide will save you a great deal of time.
- Start your application by clicking the "Start Application" button. Your user name and password will allow you to access your data until you have submitted your non-refundable payment of \$45. (FAST accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express.)
- Once you have completed your application, please upload to the site or mail all your applicable tax documents to:
FAST Processing
ISM
1316 North Union Street
Wilmington, DE 19806-2594

Your application is critical to our determination of your financial need. Should we require additional information, we will contact you via phone or e-mail. We will communicate our decision via e-mail.

If you have trouble with the FAST website, please contact FAST customer service (help@ismfast.com / toll-free 877-326-FAST).
If you have questions about financial aid at Notre Dame, please contact Ms. Offer (koffer@ndpma.org / 248-373-1061).