

“A very comprehensive financial aid package was the confirmation that an education at UChicago is within any family’s reach, regardless of their financial status.”

— Jorge M., father of Valeria M., UChicago student

FINANCIAL AID

The University of Chicago

UChicago provided **over \$200 million** in financial support to its students in 2022, ensuring all students can attend UChicago free from financial burden. Streamlined financial aid and application processes, generous need-based and merit-based financial aid, and personalized career guidance grant you the freedom to fully immerse yourself in the enriching academic environment at UChicago.

FREE APPLICATION

Families who apply for financial aid do not have to pay a college application fee to UChicago. You are welcome to visit campus in person or attend a virtual session online anytime to learn more about applying to college.

LOAN FREE

UChicago’s need-based financial aid is packaged as grants, which do not need to be repaid. Students can graduate without debt influencing their plans for the future.

FREE TUITION

Families earning less than \$60,000 per year attend UChicago for free. Families earning less than \$125,000 per year will receive free tuition.

WORRY FREE

Career support starts with your personal career adviser, continues through four years of professional development, and becomes real experience through over 4,400 paid internships annually.

THE ODYSSEY SCHOLARSHIP

A key program for students receiving our guaranteed free tuition and many first-generation students at UChicago, the Odyssey Scholarship was established in 2007 with a \$100 million gift from an anonymous donor. The Odyssey Scholarship has brought a world-class opportunity within reach of students who might not otherwise seek it—over 50% of our Odyssey Scholars are the first in their family to attend college.

In addition to receiving our comprehensive need-based financial support, Odyssey Scholars have unparalleled enrichment opportunities to complement their transformative education. All first-year Odyssey Scholars at UChicago are guaranteed a research experience or a Metcalf internship, each with a \$5,000 stipend, to allow them to integrate classroom lessons into a real-world environment.

“When I think back to a year ago, I never would have imagined myself in my current position. Because of the University of Chicago’s **Odyssey Scholarship**, I see myself becoming the person I have always wanted to be—researching cellular biology by day and cultivating community by night. **Odyssey has inspired me, encouraged me and compelled me to do my best and have fun in the process.**”

Gabe B., Odyssey Scholar,
Class of 2020



NEED-BASED AID

With approximately 50% of students receiving financial support, our goal is to make sure all students are prepared for lifelong success, no matter their chosen major or background prior to enrolling in The College. UChicago College students who receive need-based financial aid will receive aid packages containing grants instead of loans. **We meet 100% of your family's demonstrated financial need.** Next year, UChicago will provide approximately **\$210 million** in financial aid. Though UChicago financial aid packages have no loan expectation, federal loans are available should families wish to use them. UChicago provides enhanced financial aid guidance to help students and families make informed enrollment decisions.

MERIT AID

In addition to comprehensive need-based financial aid packages, the University of Chicago is one of the few highly-selective universities in the country that also offers substantial merit scholarships to admitted students. Every first-year student admitted to UChicago is automatically considered for merit aid without consideration of financial need, and merit scholarships are usually funded for four years of undergraduate study.

Students are selected to receive University merit scholarships on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to their communities.

Merit scholarships include:

- Chicago Police and Fire Scholarship
- Chicago Public Schools Educators Award Scholarship
- Chicago Public Schools Scholarship
- Emerging Rural Leaders Scholarship
- Evans Scholarship
- First Phoenix Scholarship
- National Police and Fire Scholarship
- UChicago Charter School (Woodlawn Campus) Scholarship
- University Scholarship

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS, POLICE, AND FIREFIGHTERS

UChicago ensures that Veterans have access to resources and programs that empower them in the college application process. Our holistic approach centers around a “one-stop shop model” that provides admission support and access – a customized application process, dedicated career counseling and programming, academic advising, social programming, tailored financial aid, unique housing, and student support services.

To honor our nation's public safety officers, the National Police and Fire Scholarship offers up to full-tuition, four-year scholarships to the children of professional, active-duty or killed on duty municipal, county, and state police and firefighters. Each scholarship is guaranteed for up to four years of undergraduate studies.

FIRST PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are the first in their families to attend college will receive a \$20,000 scholarship over four years at UChicago. This scholarship will complement any need-based aid for which they are eligible. First-generation college students at UChicago will also be guaranteed a paid internship opportunity during the summer following their first year in the College.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Over \$45 million in grants and scholarships have been offered to international students at UChicago over the past four years, and a recent gift of \$35 million for international financial aid has strengthened the University's commitment to enrolling a diverse and talented student body from around the world.

To learn more about international financial aid, please visit: collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/costs/international-aid

Financial Aid Materials

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The 2024-2025 FAFSA will be available in December 2023 at studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa (use UChicago's school code 001774). We strongly encourage families to submit all of these materials to maximize their funding options, including aid from UChicago. However, if you wish to be considered only for federal student aid, the FAFSA is the only document you must submit.

The University of Chicago Worksheet

This is a short, free online worksheet available through your UChicago Account once you have applied for admission. The College Board's CSS Profile can be substituted for this worksheet.

Federal Tax Return

This is a signed copy of your parents' federal income tax return, as used to file the FAFSA. Include all schedules, business returns, and W-2 forms.

For the most up-to-date financial aid deadlines, visit: financialaid.uchicago.edu/undergraduate/apply-aid

