

Welcoming students from every background, Penn is a community of openness and exchange. The Penn community—a unique mix of cultural identities, socioeconomic backgrounds, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, and many other factors—allows students to be who they are and to learn and grow from the identities of others, all while developing the tools and perspectives they need to thrive in an increasingly complex world. This deliberate inclusion facilitates ideas, discussion and solutions from the widest perspective, enabling the entire Penn community to grow and develop. Penn's mission is to educate the very best and brightest students from around the world, regardless of their citizenship status.

Financial Aid Statement

If an applicant is able to meet Penn's rigorous admission standards and is admitted, Penn's aid program will meet the admitted student's full demonstrated need, as determined by Student Financial Services, regardless of citizenship.

Applicants should indicate their intention to apply for aid at the same time they apply for admission. Applicants who do not indicate an intention to apply for aid at the time of admission, and are subsequently admitted to Penn, will not receive need-based institutional assistance during any part of their Penn enrollment.

As a private university, Penn uses its own funds to provide financial aid to eligible students who are not US citizens or eligible noncitizens, as federal aid is only available to US citizens and eligible non-citizens. If a noncitizen student becomes a US citizen or eligible non-citizen while at Penn, he/she will be able to apply for federal financial aid.

Q&A's

Q. I am not a citizen of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico. Will applying for aid affect my chances of admission?

A. If your family has the financial means to afford educational costs, we urge you not to apply for Penn-sponsored financial aid, as the offer of admission for noncitizens of these three countries is directly linked to the ability to meet expenses.

If your family cannot afford the total cost of Penn, you should apply for financial aid. Please note you will be in competition for very limited funds. In recent years, we have offered an average of 45 aid awards to admitted freshmen, and one or two to admitted international transfer students.

Q. May I apply for financial aid at any time during my undergraduate career?

A. If you foresee a need for financial aid at some point during your undergraduate career, you should apply for assistance as an incoming freshman or transfer applicant.

Q. How do I apply for financial aid?

A. Please follow the instructions on the [Financial Aid Application Checklist for Undocumented Residents](http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/finaid-checklists/checklists-pro-undocumented.htm) at: <http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/finaid-checklists/checklists-pro-undocumented.htm>