

Questions to ask the financial aid office

Be prepared when you meet with financial aid officers at the schools you are interested in. Use this list of questions to guide your conversation.

1. What is the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board at your college?

2. How much has that figure increased annually over the last three years?

3. What scholarships are available and how do I apply for them?

4. Are additional scholarships available to upperclass students continuing into their sophomore, junior and senior years?

5. What types of financial aid are available?

6. What financial aid applications do I need to complete and when are they due?

7. What determines whether or not I will receive financial aid?

8. Do you meet the full need of every admitted student?

9. Do I have to apply for financial aid every year?

10. How and when will funds be disbursed to me?

11. What is the refund policy for students who withdraw?