

# DEAR STUDENTS

**You can afford Harvard.**



Congratulations on your admission to Harvard College! We understand it may be daunting to think about financing four years of college, and want to assure you our financial aid program is designed to make Harvard affordable.

Our financial aid is awarded exclusively on the basis of demonstrated financial need—there are no academic, athletic, or merit-based awards, and we meet the full need of every student, including international students, for all four years. Only through the long-standing support of our alumni/ae is Harvard able to have one of the most generous need-based undergraduate financial aid programs in the world.

We understand that you may be considering other college opportunities that offer attractive financial options, and encourage you to contact us if you have questions or concerns about your financial aid decision, or if you have additional information that may be helpful to us in understanding your family's financial situation. It is our intention to make need-based financial aid offers that are supportive and responsive to the unique financial circumstances presented by each of our incoming families.



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Again, please accept my congratulations on your offer of admission. We hope very much that you will decide to join us in Cambridge.

Warmly,  
Sally Donahue  
Griffin Director of Financial Aid



*Now that you have been admitted, you may be wondering how you're going to afford your Harvard education. **We're here to help.***

#### **Viewing your letter**

If you have already applied for aid, you can view instructions for accessing your financial aid letter on the Admitted Students' Website: [college.harvard.edu/admitted-students](http://college.harvard.edu/admitted-students).

#### **Completing your application**

If you didn't initially apply for aid, but wish to now, first go to the Applicant Status Portal and (if necessary) change your status to 'Applying for Aid'. Then, follow the application instructions on our website to apply by February 1. You'll receive your financial aid letter electronically in early April.

#### **Other options**

You can view other financing options, such as parent or student loans, payment plans, and tuition prepayment on the Bills & Payments section of our website. You can also read more about how outside awards and scholarships affect financial aid and learn about student employment opportunities.

#### **Questions?**

Visit [college.harvard.edu/financial-aid](http://college.harvard.edu/financial-aid), call 617-495-1581, or email [faoweb@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:faoweb@fas.harvard.edu).