



H A M P S H I R E C O L L E G E

FINANCIAL AID

U.S. CITIZENS/PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Hampshire's financial aid program is designed to supplement the family's contribution toward the costs of a Hampshire education. Aid awards are packaged to include a work-study opportunity, a student loan, and grant assistance. You must apply for financial aid at the same time that you apply for admission and provide all of the application materials by the deadline to be considered for an award. Applicants who do *not* receive aid when they are admitted must pay for the first two semesters of enrollment on their own.

Financial aid awards are renewable each year you are enrolled as long as you continue to demonstrate need and are making satisfactory progress. You have to reapply for aid each year; if your family's financial situation remains the same, you can expect a similar award annually. Each year we will also reevaluate the amount you are asked to contribute from your income and through loans and on-campus employment. This portion of your award will increase each year.

ELIGIBILITY

You must demonstrate need to qualify for financial assistance. Need is the difference between the cost of a Hampshire education and the amount you and your family can reasonably be expected to contribute. Hampshire's total cost includes tuition, room and board, and an allowance for fees, books and supplies, personal expenses, and two round-trips home. The family contribution is calculated using a methodology used by many private colleges and universities. We consider such factors as the number of family members attending college or private school, unusual medical expenses, and other circumstances affecting your parents' ability to pay. You are expected to make a contribution from your own savings and assets as well as from your income.

Separated, Divorced, or Never-Married Parents

Hampshire requires that the financial circumstances of each separated, divorced, or never-married parent be reviewed to determine the parent's fair share of educational expenses. If a parent is capable of making a financial contribution, this is expected, regardless of marital status. We recognize that a parent's remarriage may complicate a student's financial situation, and we attempt to be responsive to extenuating circumstances in determining eligibility for assistance.

Independent Status

To apply as an independent student for fall 2012, you must be 24 years old by December 31, 2012. In addition, you must show evidence (including tax returns) that for the 2011 calendar year: you were not listed as an exemption on any other tax return; and you did not receive U.S. \$1,000 or more in support; and you did not live with parents, legal guardians, or any relative. Orphans, veterans, or wards of the court may apply as independent students. If you enter Hampshire as a dependent student, you will be considered a dependent student, for financial aid purposes, throughout your Hampshire career.

Homeschooled Students or Students without a High School Diploma

Students must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent to be eligible for financial aid. The equivalents are:

- a GED
- official college transcript(s) showing successful completion of at least two full years of college credit acceptable toward a bachelor's degree
- a passing score on a Department of Education approved ability-to-benefit test. A listing of approved tests is on our website: <http://financialaid.hampshire.edu>.
- evidence of completion of a homeschool program. These students must provide a formal certificate of completion of a homeschool program, certified by your state or local board of education, or a statement from you self-certifying that you have completed or will be completing a secondary school program in a home setting.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Hampshire College offers financial aid (grant) assistance to international students who demonstrate financial need. Students who receive grant assistance are responsible for any remaining cost of tuition, as well as the expense of room, board, fees, transportation, supplies, and personal expenses. This grant is renewable each year, provided the student is enrolled and is making satisfactory academic progress. Financial assistance is not available to international students who did not receive aid upon admittance.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Hampshire College affirms publicly its moral and legal commitment to equal opportunity in education. Hampshire does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, or sexual preference in the admission of students or administration of its educational policies, scholarships, and loan programs, or athletic and other college programs. No qualified disabled person shall be excluded from participation in any activity or program of the college on the basis of his or her disability. This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Should you enroll at Hampshire, your faculty advisor and deans of advising will have access to all materials you submit as part of your admission application.



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FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

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A completed financial aid application serves as your application for all types of aid available from Hampshire. This includes Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Work-Study, Perkins Loans, and Direct Ford Loans as well as Hampshire grant assistance. For assistance in preparing the forms or to discuss your personal situation, please contact the financial aid office at 413.559.5484. More detailed information, forms, and links are available on our website: http://financialaid.hampshire.edu.

You and your parents must provide all of the following forms. Apply promptly and keep a copy of everything you submit. Remember that different forms are submitted to different places, and you must allow sufficient processing time to meet deadlines.

- 1. PROFILE. This form determines eligibility for institutional aid. It is a two-step process: 1) register to get a customized application and 2) complete and submit the PROFILE. This is an online-only process available at http://profileonline.collegeboard.com or from the link on our website. Hampshire's code is 3447. We recommend that you and your parents use your best estimates to complete the PROFILE as early as possible, even if tax returns have not been prepared.
2. Noncustodial PROFILE. If your parents are separated, divorced, or never married, the parent with whom you reside completes the PROFILE mentioned above. The other parent completes the Noncustodial PROFILE at http://ncprofile.collegeboard.com. Each parent will have separate passwords to access their separate forms and to maintain the confidentiality of the information. Both PROFILES are required to complete your aid application.

Items 1 and 2 must be submitted by the deadline indicated below. Please be aware that we use only the information of your biological parents even though the forms include stepparents' information.

The following items are required as soon as they are available:

- 3. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form determines your eligibility for federal aid. For fall 2012 admission, complete and submit this form after January 1, 2012. The FAFSA is available online at http://fafsa.ed.gov. Hampshire's code is 004661. If your parents are separated or divorced, the parent with whom you reside completes the FAFSA. If that parent has remarried, your stepparent's information must be included.
4. IRS 1040 tax returns. You and each of your parents must submit a signed copy of all pages and schedules of your federal IRS 1040 tax returns. Use 2010 return for spring admission and 2011 for fall. Please be sure that the return is signed by a taxpayer (even the Telefile) and that it includes all pages and W-2 forms submitted to the IRS. Do not send state forms or your worksheets. If you are not required to file a return, you must submit a Non-tax Filer form available on our website. We require the tax form or the notarized statement as the verifying document.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are a non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you must submit the College Board's International PROFILE at http://profileonline.collegeboard.com and the Certification of Finances form, which can be found on our website. International students applying for fall 2012 should use the deadlines reflected below.

The student's correct Social Security Number must be reflected on the PROFILE and FAFSA. The student's name used on all application materials must match the name on the Social Security card.

Table with 3 columns: ENTRY PLAN, DEADLINE, AID NOTIFICATION. Rows include Spring 2012 (First-Year and Transfer, All International) and Fall 2012 (Early Decision I, Early Decision II, Early Action, Regular First-Year, Regular Transfer) with corresponding deadlines and notification dates.

These are the dates by which your forms must be received, not postmarked. Allow sufficient processing or mail time to meet deadlines. We try to accommodate late applications, but financial aid funds may no longer be available.