



Financial Aid and Scholarships

HOW FINANCIAL AID WORKS

When you apply for aid - preferably by March 1 - we review your financial information to estimate how much you and your family can afford to pay for college.

If you can't afford the full cost, we help make up the difference with grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study. No matter your income, financial aid can help put UNC within reach.

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Grants and Scholarships

For low-income students, most aid comes from grants and scholarships - money that never has to be paid back.

LOAN

Loans

Some students will be offered modest, low-interest loans - money that has to be paid back after you leave school. Carolina students have some of the lowest debt among major universities.

WORK-STUDY

→ matches ←

YOUR INTERESTS

giving you unique experience in your field, from communications to biology

Laptop grants

UNC requires you to have a laptop. Aid applicants are automatically considered for grants to help cover the cost.

HOW TO APPLY

Aid applications are available in October. March 1 is the deadline for best possible awards, but earlier applications are strongly encouraged.

Mark Your CALENDARS →

FAFSA & CSS Profile **DEADLINE**

You'll need to fill out two forms:

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) fafsa.org | UNC code **002974**
- The CSS PROFILE (for UNC grants and scholarships) student.collegeboard.org/profile | UNC code **5816**

Each form covers detailed information about your family finances, which helps us calculate your financial aid.

Many families can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to link tax information directly to the FAFSA, saving time.

Extra documents are sometimes needed, so check your UNC email account regularly. Early aid applicants can expect an award offer shortly after admissions decisions.

THE CAROLINA COVENANT

THE CAROLINA COVENANT OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DEBT-FREE EDUCATION FOR ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

If your family's income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (\$47,100 for a family of four), you may be eligible for the Carolina Covenant. The program offers financial and academic support services to help scholars get the most out of their Carolina experience.

There is no separate application. Simply apply to Carolina and turn in your aid documents — the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE — by March 1.

Learn more at carolinacovenant.unc.edu.



“WITHOUT FINANCIAL AID AND HELP FROM UNC, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND THIS EXCEPTIONAL UNIVERSITY.”
— NICHOLAS, '17



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— MEGAN, '17



TUITION AND FEES

The figures below are our best estimate of what a year at Carolina will cost. Tuition and fees are set, but students make different decisions about where to live, what kind of meal plan to buy, and how to manage personal spending. To find out how much Carolina might cost for you, apply for aid by March 1.

Estimated Costs for 2017-2018

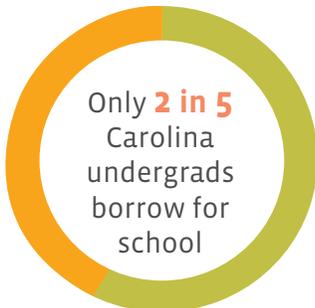
| | IN-STATE | OUT-OF-STATE |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| Tuition & Fees | \$8,898 | \$34,588 |
| Room & Board | \$11,556 | \$11,556 |
| Books & Supplies | \$1,604 | \$1,604 |
| Travel & Personal | \$2,274 | \$3,808 |
| Loan Fees | \$56 | \$56 |
| Health Insurance | \$1,488 | \$1,488 |
| Total Costs | \$25,876 | \$53,100 |



Sticker shock? Some costs listed above are rough estimates and won't apply to every student. We use this full estimated cost to calculate financial aid packages.

AFFORDABILITY

For 15 years in a row, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* has named Carolina the “Best Value” among public universities for its combination of academic excellence and affordability. Whether you're a North Carolina resident or arriving from out of state, we'll help put UNC within reach.



MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS



We are committed to strong

financial aid for eligible students

Carolina values talented, hard-working students. We offer a limited number of merit scholarships, with awards ranging from \$2,500 per year up to the full cost of attending Carolina.

There is no separate application for University merit scholarships. We review every admissions application for strong academic achievement, a commitment to service, and the promise of deep engagement in UNC's cultural and intellectual life.

Merit scholarship candidates will be notified by February or March. Visit scholarsprogram.unc.edu.

(The Morehead-Cain and Robertson Scholarships are run by independent foundations. Visit moreheadcain.org and robertsonscholars.org.)

WHAT TO KNOW WHEN APPLYING FOR AID

- 1. File Early.** Aid applications are available starting in October! March 1 is the main deadline, but applying earlier is helpful. The sooner you apply, the more time we have to work out any questions and the sooner you can get an aid offer.
- 2. Seek help for the FAFSA.** Ask your school counselor about help available in your community, and visit the College Foundation of North Carolina (cfnc.org) to learn about other resources. You can also reach us at aidinfo@unc.edu or 919.962.8396.
- 3. Double-check everything.** Avoid headaches and delays by making sure your personal information (Social Security number, birthday, legal name, etc.) is correct on all of your paperwork.
- 4. Be ready to answer questions.** Sometimes, we may need more information to calculate your financial aid. You will get a UNC email address once you're admitted — check it regularly!
- 5. Make copies.** Keep a record of everything you submit to our office.
- 6. Tell us if you move.** If your contact information changes, make sure to update us at connectcarolina.unc.edu.

RESOURCES

For questions about aid, feel free to contact the UNC Office of Scholarships and Student Aid. Counselors are available to help.

aidinfo@unc.edu | 919.962.8396 | studentaid.unc.edu

You can also learn more and get financial aid help from:

The Federal Student Aid Guide | studentaid.ed.gov

The FAFSA website | fafsa.gov/help.htm

The College Foundation of North Carolina | cfnc.org



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