Admissions and Finances

Every year the Johns Hopkins University enrolls a freshman class of approximately 1,300 men and women from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries. In addition, transfer students from other colleges and universities are admitted to the sophomore and junior classes.

Intellectual interests, academic performance, and institutional “fit” are of primary importance in the admissions decision. The Admissions Committee carefully examines each applicant’s complete scholastic record and aptitude test results. Essays and recommendations from secondary school officials and other sources about a student’s character, intellectual curiosity, seriousness of purpose, and range of extracurricular activities and leadership are also considered.

The cost of higher education is a major concern to students and parents in their selection of a college. The Johns Hopkins University welcomes all students of superior academic ability and provides need-based financial assistance to those who qualify.

Financial aid is based on the premise that parents and students are expected to contribute to educational costs to the extent that they are able. A family contribution, using a federal formula with institutional adjustments, consists of student and parent components. This family contribution is subtracted from the total college cost for the year. The net amount is the student’s financial aid eligibility or need. The student’s financial aid award will meet this eligibility on a funds-available basis, through a combination of grants, loans, and work opportunities.

A college education is a major investment. It is important that both the student and the family plan ahead, investigate funding alternatives, apply for aid carefully and on time, and, most importantly, ask questions. Applicants and their families should not hesitate to call the Office of Student Financial Services at 410-516-8028 or visit us at jhu.edu/finaid or email fin_aid@jhu.edu for more information.

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