

Financial Aid Facts

Check Out Financial Aid Facts at Wellesley College

- ✓ Admission for U.S. students and permanent residents is need-blind. Although we are not need-blind for international students, we have doubled the number on aid.
- ✓ 55% of our students receive need-based financial aid. We don't have merit aid but, in 2007-2008, we are giving \$35 million in grant aid to students, using family-friendly policies in guiding our decisions.
- ✓ 13% of our student body receives Pell Grants. Students on financial aid are from all walks of life and represent a broad diversity of backgrounds.
- ✓ Our average grant in 2007-2008 is over \$28,000. Of the students with grants, 33% have grants that exceed our tuition.
- ✓ Generous financial aid, along with the ability of our students to finish in four years, means that our real cost is often the same as, close to, or less than costs at public universities.
- ✓ Our new loan policy for 2008-2009 will dramatically increase grant aid to students. For each loan eliminated or reduced, an equal amount of grant aid will be added to the aid package.
- ✓ Wellesley students are great workers. Students on aid work 6 to 10 hours per week all over campus. Many other students also work because they want to gain work experience and earn spending money. The fact that a student works on campus doesn't tell anyone whether she is on aid or not.
- ✓ Financial aid is portable to approved study abroad programs and domestic exchanges. The College is committed to insuring access to its educational programs for all students.
- ✓ Financial aid students are smart, earning many academic honors. At graduation, in the Class of 2007, they comprised
 - 55% of magna cum laude
 - 57% of Phi Beta Kappa
 - 57% of Sigma Xi
 - 64% of Honors in the Major
 - 57% of Senior Prizes
- ✓ Wellesley College was founded in 1870 to serve the student who dressed in "calico" – and we remain true to our heritage as a college welcoming students of modest means.
- ✓ Go to Financial Aid, the next section on our menu, and find out how to apply.