

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.
- ✓ 56% of our students receive need-based financial aid. We don't have merit aid but, in 2008-2009, we are giving \$40 million in grant aid to students, using family-friendly policies in guiding our decisions.
- ✓ In addition to the \$40 million awarded by Wellesley, students won almost \$1.5 million in outside scholarships.
- ✓ 14% 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 (not including outside scholarships) in 2008-2009 is \$31,500. Of the students with grants, 40% have grants that exceed our tuition.
- ✓ 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 has increased grant aid to students. For each loan eliminated or reduced, an equal amount of grant aid was added to the aid package.
- ✓ Financial aid travels with students to approved study abroad programs and domestic exchanges.
- ✓ Financial aid students are smart, earning many academic honors. For example, at graduation, in the Class of 2008, they comprised almost 60% of the students earning the highest honors, 60% of the honors in the sciences, and half of the honors in the major.
- ✓ **Grant Aid, 2008-2009, to Dependent U.S. Students, by Parent Income**

<u>Income Bands</u>	<u>% in Band</u>	<u>Average Grant</u>	<u>Range of Grants</u>
\$0-\$29,999	10%	\$42,968	\$0-\$51,090
\$30,000-\$59,999	19%	\$41,333	\$9,279-\$49,400
\$60,000-\$89,999	22%	\$33,581	\$0-\$48,161
\$90,000-\$119,999	20%	\$25,906	\$0-\$45,404
\$120,000-\$149,999	14%	\$17,832	\$0-\$39,079
\$150,000 and above	15%	\$10,413	\$0-\$41,881
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