

EFC Calculator

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Here's your expected family contribution (EFC) for 2016-17, based on the information provided. Your EFC is a measure of your family's financial strength and helps colleges determine how much financial aid they will offer you.

Federal Methodology (FM) Results

Parents' Contribution for Student = \$2,581

Student's Contribution = \$0

Total Estimated FM Contribution = \$2,581

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If the amount you're expected to contribute is less than the cost of the college you plan to attend, the difference is the student's estimated "financial need" during the 2016-17 academic year. Colleges try to meet all or some of this need (depending on their policies) with grants, loans and student jobs.

Keep in mind that the estimate of financial need shown can vary significantly among the colleges to which you are applying for aid.

This is because each college sets its own policy about how to determine eligibility for their private funds. Therefore, your final offer of financial aid may be higher or lower than is indicated by this calculator.

Those differences in aid policies will also affect your net price, which is the full cost of attendance at a college minus the amount of grants and scholarships ("free money") you receive from the college. If you know which colleges you're interested in, you can get a better estimate of your net price by visiting their websites and using their net price calculators. These tools give you a personalized estimate of what it will cost to attend a particular college.

[Learn more about net price or about the relationship between EFC calculator results and net price calculator results.](#)

Please note that the EFC Calculator provides an estimate of financial need for one academic year. Students must reapply for financial assistance each year based on their most current economic circumstances. Therefore, the EFC displayed above represents the approximate contribution for one academic year and not the entire four years of college.

The EFC Calculator is not intended to provide investment advice nor does it reflect all the various institutional aid policies that may affect the student's final aid award package.