



## SWARTHMORE AID & ACCESS

### A GUIDE FOR COUNSELORS, ADVISORS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Swarthmore is a private, co-educational, residential college offering a liberal arts and engineering curriculum. Located 11 miles southwest of Philadelphia, Swarthmore educates students to become leaders for the common good.

#### THE ADMITTED CLASS OF 2022\*

FIRST-YEAR ADMITS: 980 – TRANSFER ADMITS: 51

<b>183</b> QUESTBRIDGE STUDENTS	<b>93%</b> TOP TEN PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS (OF THOSE REPORTED)	<b>61%</b> DOMESTIC STUDENTS OF COLOR
<b>24%</b> FIRST GENERATION TO COLLEGE	<b>65%</b> GRADUATED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL	<b>33%</b> WORKED WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
<b>56%</b> RECEIVED APPLICATION FEE WAIVER	<b>48</b> RURAL AND SMALL TOWN STUDENTS	<b>25%</b> COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS **

\*AS OF MARCH 16, 2018 \*\*AS OF MAY 14, 2018

## WHY SWARTHMORE IS SPECIAL

A few things that make Swarthmore different from other institutions:

- **We're small (about 1,600 students), but we pack a punch.** Students can choose from 40 programs of study and more than 600 courses at Swarthmore, with even more classes available at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges through the Tri-College Consortium or at the University of Pennsylvania. Nearly 40 percent of our classes have fewer than 10 students enrolled.
- **Our students take academic risks.** A student's first semester at Swarthmore is pass/fail, meaning students can take courses outside of their comfort zone without worrying about their grades. We encourage our students to be exposed to ideas and disciplines with which they have no familiarity. Learning for learning's sake takes center stage.
- **Our Quaker heritage runs deep.** Swarthmore was founded in 1864 as a Quaker institution, and while we are officially independent, Quaker values of peace, integrity, and community continue to imbue life at the College.
- **We provide an idyllic home in the backyard of one of America's greatest cities.** We're easily accessible to Philadelphia via a 25-minute train ride straight from the campus train station. Students enjoy a residential campus and wide-open spaces in a 359-acre nationally accredited arboretum. They also have access to world-class public art, professional sports, great eateries, and a thriving music scene. Philadelphia and nearby New York and Washington, D.C., offer a wealth of positions for internships, research positions, and employment.

## ADMISSION TO SWARTHMORE

Admission is highly selective, but to remove barriers in the process for low-income and first-generation college students, the College offers:

- **Application fee waivers:** Students do not need to use NACAC or College Board Fee Waivers for Swarthmore. Counselors can certify students in need of a fee waiver via the Common Application or Coalition Application.
- **Self-reported test scores:** Students may self-report standardized test scores on the application for admission in lieu of submitting and paying for official scores from the testing agency.
- **Undocumented student policy:** Our Quaker heritage informs our work. That's one reason why we admit and fund undocumented and DACA-eligible first-year and transfer students the same way we do any domestic student.
- **Discover Swarthmore:** Each fall, we host a few hundred students on campus to explore life at Swarthmore. The program is an all-expenses-paid trip to the College, and we accept nominations from counselors and advisors.
- **Swatlight:** Each spring, we host another all-expenses-paid trip to Swarthmore for admitted students who are the first in their families to attend college, come from low-income backgrounds, or have been working with a community-based organization.
- **Enrollment fees:** Swarthmore automatically waives enrollment deposits for qualified students, and we do not ask for a housing deposit.

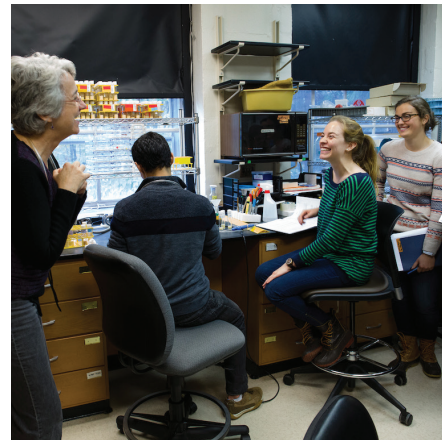
We accept the following applications:

THE COMMON  
APPLICATION



QUEST  BRIDGE

Students should choose only one application to apply to Swarthmore.



## STUDENT SUPPORT

We are committed to enrolling and supporting a diverse class by offering:

- **Cash-free campus and cash-free consortium:** There are no “additional fees” at Swarthmore. Nearly everything is included in the annual activity fee, so things like movie nights, laundry, printing, and athletic events are free to all students.
- **Campus spaces and programs:** Swarthmore’s campus includes programs and initiatives that support students from diverse backgrounds such as the Black Cultural Center, the Women’s Center, and the new James Hormel-Michael Nguyen Intercultural Center at Sproul Hall (which brings the Intercultural Center together with the Religious and Spiritual Life Office, the Interfaith Center, and the Office of International Student Services, along with programs and services that support the personal and intellectual development of LGBTQ+ students).
- **First in Family:** Students who are the first in their family to attend college may participate in this program, which gathers faculty, staff, and students to share stories, strategies, and fellowship.
- **Student Emergency Fund:** This fund provides support to students who find themselves facing an urgent financial shortfall for expenses not included already in the cost of attendance.
- **Support for undocumented students:** A member of the Dean’s Office staff works with undocumented students to provide support for their specific questions and concerns. In addition, a student-run organization focuses on advocacy and support.
- **Mentoring:** Initiatives like the Richard Rubin Scholar Mentoring Program and Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program provide thoughtful mentoring and significant funding.
- **Internship and summer research funding:** Students do not need to choose a paid internship over nonprofit or community work. The College provides funding programs for internships and summer research that are open to all students who wish to apply.



### SWARTHMORE SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM (S<sup>3</sup>P)

This five-week program, designed for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds, takes place during the summer before admitted students enter their first year at Swarthmore. S<sup>3</sup>P provides coursework in STEM and writing, along with mentorship from faculty and staff that lasts throughout the students’ time at the College. All expenses are paid for the summer program, and a stipend is provided.

# FINANCIAL AID

Swarthmore believes strongly that students should not be limited in their educational pursuits because of their inability to afford higher education.

## NEED-BLIND ADMISSIONS

Our admissions review does not take the ability to pay into consideration for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, eligible non-citizens (such as refugees), and undocumented students who graduate from a high school in the United States.

## 100% OF FINANCIAL NEED IS MET

Swarthmore adds up the costs of attendance (tuition, activity fee, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses), determines what the family can reasonably pay (from \$0 to total cost), and provides a financial aid award for the difference between the total cost of attendance and the family contribution.

## LOAN-FREE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

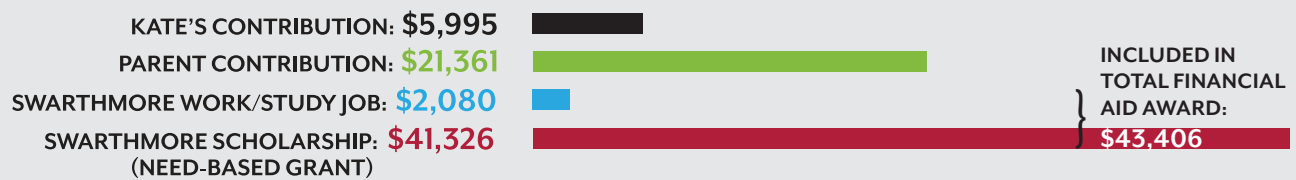
Swarthmore's financial aid awards do not require loans. While some families choose to take out loans to pay the family contribution, all Swarthmore financial aid awards are composed of grants (which do not have to be repaid) and an opportunity to earn money while working on campus.

## SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID AWARDS

John's parents earn about \$37,400 annually. John has no siblings. He was awarded a Federal Pell Grant of \$5,100. His parents will contribute \$352 toward the cost of Swarthmore, while John is expected to contribute \$176 from his summer earnings. John has no savings of his own. John's total family contribution is \$528. Swarthmore's total cost of attendance for 2018–19 is \$70,762. John's total financial aid award is \$70,234, which consists of a Federal Pell Grant, a Swarthmore Scholarship, and part-time work at a campus job.



Kate's parents earn \$111,424 annually. Her sister has graduated from college and moved out. Her parents will contribute \$21,361 toward the cost of Swarthmore, while Kate is expected to contribute \$2,000 from her summer earnings and \$3,995, a small portion of her assets. The total family contribution is \$27,356. Swarthmore's total cost of attendance for 2018–19 is \$70,762. Kate's total financial aid award is \$43,406, which consists of a Swarthmore Scholarship and part-time work at a campus job.



\* Sample aid awards are based on real Swarthmore students.

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