The Brown Promise eliminates packaged loans from all initial undergraduate financial aid offers, helping to reduce potential debt and financial worry for students completing a Brown education.

Below are a few frequently asked questions about financial aid at Brown:

**Q:** How does Brown’s “need-blind” admission policy work?  
Need-blind means that an applicant’s ability or inability to pay the cost of tuition does not determine our admission decision. This applies to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, as well as DACA and undocumented students who attend high school in the U.S.

**Q:** How does Brown determine my financial need?  
Financial aid bridges the gap between what Brown costs and what your family can afford to pay. To figure this out, we review your financial aid application, calculate your expected responsibility and subtract that from the total cost of attendance. The result is your demonstrated financial need. To estimate your family’s responsibility please visit brown.edu/go/estimate.

**Q:** What types of financial aid are available?  
At Brown, all financial aid is based on need. We’ll meet your full demonstrated financial need with an aid package that can include many components, such as:

- Brown scholarship funds
- Federal grants
- Work-study employment

We also encourage applicants to explore non-Brown sources of aid, including state and private scholarship funds. Private scholarships will not reduce the amount of scholarship aid you receive from Brown unless those funds exceed the portion of your financial aid package represented by Work Opportunity and the minimum Student Responsibility.
Apply for admission to Brown
If you indicate that you are applying for financial aid and complete these subsequent steps by the corresponding deadlines, details on your financial aid offer will accompany your admission decision.

Early Decision, November 1
Regular Decision, January 5

Submit the FAFSA
Find it online at fafsa.gov.

Early Decision, November 1
Regular Decision, February 1

Submit the CSS/Financial Aid Profile
The College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile is another tool we use to determine financial need. Find the CSS Profile at cssprofile.collegeboard.org.

Early Decision, November 1
Regular Decision, February 1

Submit Additional Materials
After you submit your CSS Profile, you may be prompted to provide income tax forms or other materials to support your application for financial aid.

Learn more about financial aid at Brown: brown.edu/financialaid

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