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# Pomona College

*For students entering Fall 2012*

## AFFORDABLE EXCELLENCE

*A Commitment to Need-based Financial Aid*

**P**omona College remains committed to admitting outstanding students from diverse backgrounds, regardless of family resources. Approximately 53 percent of all Pomona students receive need-based aid in the form of scholarship assistance, and over 70 percent receive financial aid or participate in the College's payment plan or take advantage of parent loan programs. Students who feel they will need financial assistance to attend Pomona are encouraged to apply to the College for need-based financial aid. Pomona does not offer merit scholarships.

Our goal in admissions and financial aid is clear: We want to bring the best people to Pomona, regardless of their ability to pay—and we do.

Pomona evaluates each need-based financial aid application according to these guiding principles:

- The student and his or her family have the primary responsibility for college costs, to the extent of their ability.
- Financial ability may be determined through assessment of information provided on the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in addition to supplemental documents such as federal tax returns.
- Financial need is the estimated annual cost of attending Pomona minus the family's estimated annual contribution.
- One hundred percent of financial need is met with aid packages which typically include a combination of grants, scholarships and student employment.

## AFFORDABLE EXCELLENCE

### A Commitment to Need-based Financial Aid

**P**omona College is committed to offering need-based financial aid meeting 100 percent of demonstrated need. Loans are not packaged but are made available to help families finance their expected contribution.

### Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid, students and their families must complete and submit the following forms and documents:

**FAFSA:** submit online [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**CSS Profile:** submit online <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>

**2010 Federal Tax Return, schedules and W-2 statements:** mail directly to Financial Aid

**2011 Federal Tax Return, schedules and W-2 statements; IDOC:** [idoc.collegeboard.com](http://idoc.collegeboard.com)

**Non-Custodial Profile:** A secure email link will be sent to the student.

#### AWARDS

Once the Office of Financial Aid determines the student's eligibility for aid, Pomona awards a combination of scholarships, grants and student employment to meet 100 percent of the student's financial need. Our standard level of student employment for all students is \$2,400. The remaining financial need is met with scholarships and grants.

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| Students Receiving Scholarships   | 53%          |
| Average Financial Aid Package   | \$39,250     |
| Total Scholarships and Grants Offered to All Pomona Students in 2011-12 | \$31,584,420 |

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### Typical Financial Aid

The following chart groups the recipients of need-based financial aid packages by family income range and shows an average aid amount awarded in each group. Approximately 53% of students will receive financial aid awards in 2011-2012

| Range of Family Income | Average Aid Package |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| \$0 – 20,000           | \$53,100            |
| \$20,001 – 40,000      | \$51,300            |
| \$40,001 – 60,000      | \$47,300            |
| \$60,001 – 80,000      | \$45,300            |
| \$80,001 – 100,000     | \$40,300            |
| \$100,001 – 120,000    | \$36,700            |
| \$120,001 – 140,000    | \$28,200            |
| \$140,001 – 160,000    | \$22,800*           |
| \$160,001 +            | \$19,300*           |

A typical financial aid package includes aid in the form of work-study, which is considered self-help. The remaining need is met with grants and scholarships, which are gifts to the student. Students qualifying for aid whose family income are above \$140,000 tend to be from families with more than one child in undergraduate study at similar cost institutions. In addition to income, family assets such as home equity, rental property and investments not in designated retirement funds are used to determine a student's financial aid package. This chart is compiled with information representative of the 2011-2012 aid recipients.

#### TREATMENT OF OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Because Pomona College meets 100 percent of financial need, all outside scholarships are coordinated with Pomona financial aid. Before the College reduces Pomona Scholarship assistance with the outside scholarship, the student's standard summer expectation is reduced first, then the campus employment student work award is reduced. If the outside scholarship exceeds the standard summer expectation and the work award, it will then reduce the Pomona College scholarship.

#### RENEWAL OF FINANCIAL AID

Each year the Office of Financial Aid reviews eligibility for financial assistance according to our policy of awarding aid based on financial need. Students must complete a new financial aid application each year. If a family's financial circumstances change from year to year, eligibility for financial aid will reflect changes in the family's financial resources.

#### A WORD ABOUT LOANS

Since Fall 2008 all financial aid awards made by Pomona College have been a combination of gift aid (scholarships and grants) and student employment. Loans are not packaged but are made available to help families finance their expected contribution.

# Schedule of Deadlines

Each financial aid applicant is responsible for submitting application materials outlined in this brochure by the **postmark** deadlines summarized in this schedule. Failure to meet the postmark deadlines will jeopardize consideration for College-funded aid. Priority will be given to students who meet the appropriate deadline for limited federal funding administered by the College. Application for Federal Direct Loans may be made throughout the year, providing the FAFSA has been properly filed.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

| <b>Applicant</b>                            | <b>Deadline</b> | <b>Notification</b> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Early Decision I                            | November 1      | December 15         |
| Early Decision II                           | December 28     | February 15         |
| Regular Decision & International Applicants | January 2       | April 5             |
| Transfer Applicants or Returning Students   | March 15        | May 15              |
| Returning Students                          | April 15        | June 15             |

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Profile Application - CSS Code: 4607
- FAFSA - U.S. Citizens and U.S. Permanent Residents file after January 1
- 2011 Tax Returns & W-2's - submit to IDOC after receiving notice from College Board
- 2010 Tax Returns & W-2's directly to Financial Aid if 2011 Forms are unavailable by March 1
- ED I & ED II: Most recent 2011 pay stub directly to Financial Aid
- Business/Farm Supplement (required for non custodial parent business owners or partners)
- Non-Custodial Parent Profile Application
- International Students submit Certification of Finances & a translated copy of tax documents

Special Note: Students, and Parents where applicable, must use the same name that appears on their Social Security card for all applications. Your legal name is the name on your Social Security card, and if you are a naturalized citizen, this should match the name that appears on your Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization.

Non-Custodial Parent Profile Application: Applicants who report on the Profile application that their biological or adoptive parents are separated, divorced or were never married will receive an email from the College Scholarship Service requesting their non-custodial parent complete the electronic Non-Custodial Parent Profile Application. This is separate from the Profile filed by the applicant and the custodial parent. Supporting tax documents or other supporting documents may be sent directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

For students whose family's income is less than \$40,000 and whose parents are eligible to file the 1040A or 1040EZ tax form, Pomona will waive the Profile application. Early decision applicants must file the Profile if they wish to receive a financial aid determination at the time of admission to the College.

# Applying for Financial Aid

Please refer to our Website for direct links to the various applications for aid. (<http://www.pomona.edu/administration/financial-aid>)

Every application to Pomona College for financial aid begins with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students and parents are also required to submit copies of their most recently filed federal tax returns—including all schedules and copies of W-2 statements. The CSS Profile is required of all families seeking financial aid who have filed a Form 1040 federal tax return. However, if your family files a 1040A or 1040EZ and your family's income is less than \$40,000, the Profile requirement may be waived.

## USE OF LEGAL NAME

Applicants for financial aid must use their legal name as it appears on their Social Security card when completing all forms, including the FAFSA and Profile. This is your legal name, and it should match the name on your birth certificate. If you are a naturalized citizen, this is the name that appears on your Certificate of Citizenship/Naturalization. **Failure to use your legal name will cause a problem with your FAFSA.**

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

All aid applicants must file a 2012-13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is free to file the FAFSA, and the FAFSA is required to establish eligibility for Federal grants and loans and the Cal Grant Program (see Sources of Financial Aid Funds for Federal Aid Program information). Students can complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The U.S. Department of Education Pomona College FAFSA Code 001173 must be reported on the FAFSA in order for Pomona to receive the necessary information. Be sure to use your legal name. Families are encouraged to use the IRS data retrieval when completing the FAFSA.

## PROFILE APPLICATION PROCESS

Register via the Internet at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). List Pomona College, CSS Code 4607, as a recipient.

Early Decision I candidates should file the CSS PROFILE by November 1. Early Decision II candidates should file the CSS PROFILE by January 2. Regular Decision candidates should file the CSS PROFILE by February 1.

There is a fee for filing the CSS PROFILE which will vary given the number of schools listed by the applicant.

For those applicants seeking a waiver of the processing fee, the online CSS PROFILE application has an automated fee waiver process built into its system. Fee waivers will be granted automatically to those who qualify based on the parents' reported income, assets and household size.

## FEDERAL TAX RETURNS, W-2 AND STATEMENT OF NON-FILING TAX STATUS FORMS

All applicants for financial aid must submit copies of their own and their parents' 2010 and 2011 federal tax returns. If a student or parent did not and/or will not file a tax return for the years noted, a Statement of Non-Filing Tax Status should be requested from the Financial Aid Office or downloaded at the Pomona Financial Aid Website.

**2010 Federal Tax Returns:** All applicants must send completed, signed copies of their own and their parents' 2010 federal tax returns (including all W-2 forms) directly to the Pomona Financial Aid Office. The deadline for submitting 2010 tax returns is November 1, 2011 for Early Decision I; January 2, 2012 for Early Decision II; and February 1, 2012 for Regular Decision candidates.

**Special Note to all Early Decision Applicants:** In addition to submitting the 2010 federal tax returns by the deadlines stated above, all Early Decision candidates must also submit copies of their parents' most recent 2011 paycheck stub.

**2011 Federal Tax Returns:** All applicants (Early Decision and Regular) must also submit completed, signed copies of their own and their parents' 2011 federal tax returns (including all W-2 forms) to the College Board's Institutional Documentation Service, IDOC. Applicants can visit the IDOC Website at <http://idoc.collegeboard.com> for more information on this process. All 2011 tax documents should be sent to the IDOC service as soon as they are available but no later than April 15, 2012.

## INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

Because the student and the student's family have the primary responsibility for college costs, Pomona collects parent information for its students. The CSS Profile Application should be completed with student and parent information. A few Pomona students may be considered independent on the FAFSA application, but this does not mean the parents of those students are exempt from providing their information on the Profile application or providing copies of their tax documents. Please contact our office if you have questions.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR MERIT AID?

The College does not have a merit aid program; however, students can research merit aid possibilities through a variety of Internet sites, including [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.fastweb.org](http://www.fastweb.org).

## WHAT IF I NEED MORE FINANCIAL AID THAN I AM AWARDED? OR WHAT IF I APPLY FOR BUT AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NEED-BASED AID, YET MY FAMILY NEEDS SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE?

The alternatives for students who do not qualify for need-based aid or whose families need assistance meeting their contribution are discussed in the section Financing Options (page 5).

# Sources of Financial Aid Funds

**P**omona College provides funds from various institutional, state and federal programs. The amount and type of aid in a student's aid package depends on their demonstrated financial need and the specific requirements governing each separate fund.

## POMONA EXPENSES FOR 2011-12

If you were to live on campus during the current academic year, 2011-12, your budget would be \$55,160.

For the financial aid recipient, the cost to the family for attending Pomona is computed as the "family contribution."

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| Tuition           | \$39,572 |
| Fees              | \$311    |
| Room and Board    | \$13,227 |
| Books             | \$900    |
| Personal Expenses | \$1,150  |
| Total             | \$55,160 |

## POMONA RESOURCES

During 2011-12, the following amounts of aid will be distributed to students attending Pomona College:

Financial aid funds are derived from many sources; Pomona College, state and federal funds constitute the largest part of the financial aid program. A brief description of the programs providing these funds can be found in the section Sources of Financial Aid Funds (page 4).

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| Scholarships       | \$31.5 million |
| Student Employment | \$2 million    |

## PROGRAMS FUNDED BY POMONA COLLEGE

Pomona College funds include grants, loans and work.

**Pomona College Scholarships:** Pomona College has income available from its endowment and from annual gifts to the College to fund College scholarships.

**Pomona College Loans:** An interest-free loan program is available on a restricted basis to graduates of California high schools. Recipients must be U.S. citizens, enrolled full time and in good academic standing. In past years, there has been a family income ceiling for these programs. This policy is reviewed annually, as is the maximum loan amount available. The application for this program will be provided to eligible students with their offer of Financial Aid.

**Pomona College Campus Employment:** Campus Employment is a need-based work program packaged in financial aid awards. The minimum Campus Employment award is \$1,150.

## FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

Information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal awards.

To be eligible, students must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens, demonstrate financial need (except for the unsubsidized Federal Direct and PLUS Loan Programs), meet specific enrollment criteria and make satisfactory progress toward a degree. The following is a brief summary of the federal aid programs.

**Federal Pell Grant:** Grants from this program provide the foundation of financial aid to which other aid is added. The federal government, through its own methodology, determines these awards. To apply, a student must file a FAFSA. During the 2011-12 award year, Federal Pell Grant awards for full-time students range from \$555 to \$5,550.

**Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** The FSEOG grants range from \$100 to \$4,000 per award year. In general, students with Federal Pell Grants are awarded FSEOG if they have additional need under the federal methodology; however, not all Pell recipients receive FSEOG.

**Federal Verification:** Students who complete a 2012-13 FAFSA may be selected for verification, which is a process that requires the Financial Aid Office to verify that the information on the FAFSA matches the IRS data. Students are required to complete the Federal Verification Worksheet and to submit IRS tax information. For 2012-13, tax information may be submitted in one of two ways. Students and parents may request IRS Data retrieval, a process by which the IRS sends the College the tax information that has been filed, including adjusted gross income, federal taxes paid and other data. Students and parents may instead request that an IRS transcript be sent directly from the IRS to the College.

**Federal Perkins Loan:** Pomona College expects to participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program for 2012-13. The program is expected to be available but it may be available as an unsubsidized loan, where interest accrues while the student is enrolled in school.

## STATE AID PROGRAMS

State Grant programs offer assistance based on residency, financial need and academic performance. For students from California, the Cal Grant Program offers assistance to eligible students pursuing a bachelor's degree.

**Cal Grant A:** These awards, based on need, are made to undergraduate students to be used at any approved California college or university. All California residents seeking aid are required to apply. The California Student Aid Commission determines eligibility. During the 2011-12 award year, these grants ranged from \$600 to \$9,708.

**Cal Grant B:** These awards are awarded to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. During 2011-12, awards ranged from \$1,551 to \$11,259. The application required for Cal Grant consideration is the FAFSA. Students are also required to file a GPA Verification Form. The application deadline is March 2, 2012, but we suggest students apply by the Pomona College deadline of February 1, 2012.

# Financing Options

Financing a college education is a major investment. Many families are unable to meet these costs with current income and seek alternative ways to pay these expenses. This section will outline a variety of options available to families to finance a Pomona College education. All families,

whether receiving need-based financial aid or meeting costs on their own, may use the programs described here. We encourage families to explore federal loan options prior to pursuing alternative private loans. Please contact the Pomona College Office of Financial Aid for assistance in your college financial planning.



## POMONA COLLEGE PAYMENT PLAN

The Pomona Student Accounts Office administers the Pomona College Payment Plan. This plan allows families to pay their annual share of expenses in eight installments. The plan begins in August with four monthly payments for fall. There is no payment due in December. Spring payments begin in January and end in April. There is a nominal fee for this plan.

## FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN

The Federal Direct Loan Program is available to students and parents who file a valid FAFSA for 2012-13. For details on eligibility for the subsidy on the Federal Direct Stafford student loan, or on interest rates for the student or parent PLUS loans, please visit [www.dlenote.ed.gov](http://www.dlenote.ed.gov).

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in 1887, Pomona is a coeducational undergraduate college offering distinguished instruction in the natural sciences, social sciences, fine arts and humanities. Emphasis is placed on close interaction between faculty and students. Pomona's enrollment is approximately 1,550 students. (including 100 on study abroad/exchange programs each semester). The student to faculty ratio is 7 to 1, and the average class size is 15 students.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

Pomona College complies with all applicable state and federal civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in education and the workplace. This policy of non-discrimination covers admission, access and service in Pomona College programs and activities, as well as hiring, promotion, compensation, benefits and all other terms and conditions of employment at Pomona College.

## A Typical Pomona College Class

Here are a few facts about recent entering classes at Pomona College.

### Middle 50% of SAT-I scores:

Critical Reading: 680-780  
Math: 690-770  
Writing: 680-780

### Middle 50% of ACT scores:

Composite: 31-34

### High school class rank:

Of students from high schools that provide rank, 90% were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class.

### Percentage of class receiving Pomona College scholarships:

56%

### First generation in college:

16%

### Geographic distribution:

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|---------------|-----|
| California    | 33% |
| Northwest     | 10% |
| Midwest       | 16% |
| Other West    | 10% |
| Northeast     | 16% |
| South         | 6%  |
| International | 7%  |