

# FINANCIAL AID OFFER EXPLANATION

Investing in you is the single greatest investment you'll ever make. That is why we want to make sure you have all the information you need to make an informed investment for your future.

Here is what you need to know:

- 1 INITIAL COST** of tuition, fees, housing and meal plan before any aid is applied.
- 2 FREE MONEY** that does not need to be repaid. This can consist of Bluffton scholarships and grants, federal and state need-based grants.
- 3 TOTAL AFTER GIFT AID** is what you pay after all federal, state and Bluffton aid has been applied and before any loans.
- 4 OPTIONAL FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS** that do have to be repaid after you leave college. Other documents are required to receive the loans and will show in the missing items section (see #9).
- 5 TOTAL NET PRICE** that is owed after all aid is applied. This does not include any additional outside scholarships that the student may receive.
- 6 IMPORTANT MESSAGES** includes information about campus employment, payment plans and additional loan options for paying the balance (see #5).
- 7 ADDITIONAL COST CONSIDERATIONS** are not paid directly to Bluffton, but are costs associated with attending college.
- 8 DOCUMENTS** that are needed to finalize financial aid. Offers are subject to change until these documents are submitted.

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1 Estimated Direct Cost for 2025-2026		\$52,954 /yr
Tuition and fees		\$39,990
Housing and meals		\$12,964

Scholarships and Grants (Gift Aid)			\$32,700 /yr
	Fall	Spring	Total
Institutional Scholarship(s) and Grants(s)			
Academic Hon w/Distinction	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$22,000
Alumni Grant	\$500	\$500	\$1000
County Connect Grant	\$500	\$500	\$1000
Federal Grant(s)			
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$3,700
State Grant(s)			
Ohio College Opp Grant	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
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Total Grant(s)	\$16,350	\$16,350	\$32,700

3 What you will pay after gift aid		\$20,254 /yr
(Direct cost minus total grants/scholarships)		

Federal Student Loan options		\$5,500 /yr	
Loans are borrowed aid and must be repaid			
	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
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Total Loan(s)	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$5,500

5 What you will pay after total aid		\$14,754 /yr
(Direct cost minus total grants/scholarships and loans)		

The balance shown is for two semesters, fall and spring. This balance can be paid in full by semester, by payment plan per semester, or via student loan options. For information about Bluffton's 5-month payment plans for a semester, see [www.bluffton.edu/paymentplans](http://www.bluffton.edu/paymentplans). For more information about student loans, visit [www.bluffton.edu/loans](http://www.bluffton.edu/loans)

You may earn up to \$2,000 by working through our campus employment program, Learn and Earn. You must apply and obtain a position, as well as fill out employment paperwork, to earn these funds.

This financial aid offer is based on living on campus. Should you decide to commute, this offer is subject to change.

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OFFER**

## Other Important Information

### Direct Cost Breakdown

Tuition (based on 12-17 credit hours per semester): \$38,790  
Fees (Activity, Tech, and Becoming a Scholar): \$1,200  
Housing (standard room): \$6,382  
Meal Plan (15 meals per week): \$6,582

### Additional Cost Considerations

Books/Supplies/Computer: \$1,600  
Transportation: \$925  
Personal/Miscellaneous: \$2,241

## Missing Items?

If an item is listed in the purple box directly below this one, financial aid needs that item to finalize your aid. Items listed in the box and instructions for those can be found at [www.bluffton.edu/admission/forms](http://www.bluffton.edu/admission/forms), or on your financial aid student portal.

Please note that aid is estimated and may change based on missing documents.

## Questions? Please reach out!

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