

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The financial aid application process can be accomplished by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and completing the form electronically. Shimer College will provide computer access and assistance for those who do not otherwise have electronic access. Students should file as soon as possible after January 1 of each year.

1. Make application for admission to the College
2. Submit the Federal Aid Application (FAFSA) to the Central Processing Center.
3. Remember to include the school code (001756) on the FAFSA application. Inclusion of the school code allows the institution access to student's information electronically. If the student fails to include the school code on the application, the student must then contact the Central Processor and have the code added.
4. Submit all follow-up requests as soon as possible after Notification from the Financial Aid Office for completion of file.
5. Financial aid is not automatically renewed. Continuing students must reapply for aid each year. Therefore, items should be in the Financial Aid Office by May 1st each year for new and continuing students to receive priority awards. Students delaying past May 1st to complete their files will be provided aid to the extent that funds are available.

The Financial Aid Package

After Shimer College Financial Aid Office receives the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR), an award notification package is assembled for the student. The financial aid package is determined by the need of the student based on college costs and awarded based on the availability of funds. An award letter explains the package contents which may include scholarships, loan, work or grant assistance, depending upon the amount of need and the types of aid for which the student is eligible. The awarded funds are made available to the student prior to registration. If the amount of the award is not sufficient to cover total costs, the student must be prepared to pay the remainder at registration.

Shimer College will attempt to meet the need of every eligible aid applicant. All award, however, are contingent upon availability of funds.

All financial aid is awarded for legitimate educational costs.