Swarthmore College offers strong financial support for a limited number of admitted foreign national students (that is, those who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents). Each year, we provide about $3 million to foreign national students in the form of scholarships and campus job opportunities. Although we believe that the primary responsibility for financing your education lies with you and your family, we stand ready to help when family resources are not sufficient to meet your educational expenses.

We have prepared the following information to help you to understand our financial aid policies, procedures, and opportunities. Since so many prospective students and their families have the same questions, we have answered the most frequently asked questions below.

Q: WHAT DOES A SWARTHMORE COLLEGE EDUCATION COST?

A: For the 2013-14 academic year, Swarthmore College charges total $57,870. This includes tuition, fee, room, and board while classes are in session. In addition to the direct charges, you should expect to spend $1,210 for books and supplies, and about $1,190 for personal expenses during the academic year. We expect College charges to increase about 5% each of your four years at Swarthmore.

Q: MY FAMILY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY $57,870 A YEAR. WILL I BE OFFERED FINANCIAL AID FROM SWARTHMORE COLLEGE?

A: We cannot determine your eligibility for our support until we have reviewed your Swarthmore Financial Aid Request form and the other required financial documents. These must be received during the admission application process. We will then do all that we can to help you.

If you wish to be considered for Swarthmore aid at any time during your Swarthmore career, it is very important that you apply for financial aid during the admission process and before admission is offered.

We are not able to consider a financial aid application submitted after your admission to Swarthmore.

Q: ON WHAT BASIS IS SWARTHMORE COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID AWARDED?

A: Your academic credentials and personal accomplishments influence the College’s admission decision but do not affect our financial aid decision. Our aid is offered to students only on the basis of their demonstrated financial needs. Our review of your family’s financial statements guide our decision. Family income, assets, tax liabilities, family size, etc. and standard living expenses influence our decision. We also consider educational costs for siblings (but we cannot consider their graduate school expenses).

Q: IF I AM OFFERED FINANCIAL SUPPORT, WHAT WILL MY AID AWARD INCLUDE?

A: Any aid award will include a campus job opportunity (about 7 or 8 hours of work each week), and then the remainder will be offered in scholarship. This year our scholarships range from $1,000 to $59,255. The average need of our foreign national students during the 2013-14 academic year is $47,000, but you are not average. We cannot determine your eligibility until we consider your aid application.

Q: ARE TRANSFER FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID?

A: No. Foreign national transfer applicants are not considered for financial aid.
**Q: WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?**

**A:** Prospective foreign national students must apply for financial aid consideration when they apply for admission to the College so that we can advise you of aid opportunities along with our admission decision. Financial aid application materials and instructions can be found on our website at swarthmore.edu/apply_for_financial_aid.

Current Swarthmore students who have been aided must reapply for financial aid each April. We will announce aid decisions for current students each June.

**Q: WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FROM FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?**

**A:** Our Swarthmore Financial Aid Request for Families Living Outside of the United States form is available on our website. Complete and return that form to us along with letters (in English) from each parent’s employer stating parent’s gross income (that is, before any deductions) for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (for aid consideration in the 2014-15 academic year). The letters must also detail the value of any perquisites, subsidies or benefits.

Parents who are self-employed or who have any interest or involvement in a business of any sort must also complete and return the Supplement for Business Located Outside the U.S. (available from our website).

Parents who are no longer together (whether they are separated, divorced, or were never married) must each complete a separate Swarthmore Financial Aid Request for Families Living Outside the United States form. We will consider their financial situations separately, but we must receive information from both parents.

**Q: IF MY FAMILY’S FINANCIAL SITUATION CHANGES ONCE I AM ENROLLED AT SWARTHMORE BUT I DID NOT APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID WHEN I APPLIED FOR ADMISSION, WILL THE COLLEGE CONSIDER ME FOR FINANCIAL AID?**

**A:** No. If you think you will need Swarthmore College support any time during your four years here, you must submit a financial aid application when you are applying for admission. An aid application after admission will not be considered.

**Q: WILL APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AFFECT MY CHANCES FOR ADMISSION TO SWARTHMORE?**

**A:** Perhaps. Foreign national students who request our financial aid assistance will be reviewed in the most competitive pool for which the rate of admission is about 1 in 21. If you are admitted, however, the College will meet your demonstrated financial need. That is, we will fill the gap between what your family is capable of paying and what we cost (including tuition, fees, room, board, books, and personal expenses).

Please contact the Financial Aid Office at Swarthmore College if you have any questions that are not answered here or not answered on our website, www.swarthmore.edu/financialaid. You are welcome to email us at: finaid@swarthmore.edu.

**Q: HOW DOES SWARTHMORE WISH TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION?**

**A:** Only financial aid application documents that arrive by regular mail will be considered. Do not fax or scan or email your documents, use regular mail only.

Our mailing address is: Financial Aid Office Swarthmore College 500 College Avenue Swarthmore, PA 19081 USA