The Culinary Institute of America is famous for its commitment to excellence. As a result, some prospective students may assume that a CIA education is financially out of reach, and don’t even apply for admission. Please don’t make this assumption. You’ll find that our costs are comparable to similar colleges, but the enduring value of a CIA education is extraordinary.

We think the best approach to making your higher-education decision is to put aside any initial financial hesitations and go for your first choice. That’s the college that will foster your growth and develop you in surprising ways. And it’s the one that will pay back your investment throughout your career and, indeed, your life.

Then it’s time to run the numbers. Our caring and professional financial aid staff will do everything possible to help you realize your dream of a CIA education. Today, approximately 90% of our students receive aid. So no matter what your individual circumstances, apply for financial aid. We’ll work with you to determine your true costs and make a CIA degree an affordable investment in your future.
4 Easy Steps | The Process

We know the process for securing aid can be confusing at first. We’re here to guide you through the financial planning process, from your very first question all the way to graduation.

1. **Apply for admission** to the CIA’s Associate in Occupational Studies (A.O.S.) degree programs in culinary arts or baking and pastry arts, Accelerated Culinary Arts Certificate Program (ACAP), or Accelerated Wine and Beverage Certificate Program (AWBP) using the appropriate application or online by visiting www.ciachef.edu.

2. **Check into the financial aid programs available.**
   We offer several types of financial aid—including scholarships, grants, loans, and Work-Study—and can help you locate external funding opportunities.

3. **Review the costs**, including tuition, fees, and residence hall rates.

4. **Apply for financial aid.**
   File your FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The CIA’s federal code is 007304. When you have received a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processing center, you’ll know that your application has been processed and the review procedure can begin. The CIA’s Financial Aid Office, located at the main campus in Hyde Park, NY, may request additional documentation, such as the Institute Supplemental Form and a copy of your and/or your parents’ federal tax returns. All documentation should be sent to the Hyde Park Financial Aid Office.

   Upon completion of the financial aid forms and receipt of the requested documentation, the CIA will develop an aid package for which you qualify. You’ll receive an award letter in advance of your entry date.

   If you are seeking a Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan and/or a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, you must complete an electronic Master Promissory Note, as well as an Entrance Counseling Form. Instructions will be included with your award letter. An electronic Master Promissory Note is not required in subsequent years.

   If you have any questions along the way, we’ll help you find the answers. Start by checking the Frequently Asked Questions page on our Web site. And our staff is just a phone call (707-967-2510) or e-mail (financialaid@culinary.edu) away.
We Help Close the Gap | What Aid is Available?

The Culinary offers a full range of financial aid programs that can help you afford CIA excellence. Qualified students—approximately 90% of current CIA students—receive aid. For complete details, please the CIA Web site at www.ciachef.edu/admissions/finaid/cabranch.asp.

Federal Programs
The CIA participates in the following programs, which are funded wholly or in part by the U.S. government. A.O.S. degree students may apply for the Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, Academic Competitiveness Grant, Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal PLUS, Federal Work-Study, and veteran’s benefits. ACAP and AWBP students can apply for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, and/or the Federal PLUS, as well as Federal Work-Study and veteran’s benefits.

Federal Pell Grant
If you have not yet earned a bachelor’s degree, you may be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, which is awarded to students on the basis of need as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. A confirmed Federal Pell Grant is credited to your CIA student account in two equal installments.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
Similarly, if you have not yet received a bachelor’s degree, you may be considered for a Federal SEOG. Grants are awarded on the basis of exceptional financial need. A confirmed Federal SEOG is credited to your CIA student account during the semester in which it is awarded.

Academic Competitiveness Grant
Students who have completed a rigorous academic high school program and are eligible to receive a Pell Grant may qualify to receive this federal grant, which is $750 for freshmen and $1,300 for sophomores. Applicants will be notified of possible eligibility through the FAFSA process.

Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan
Degree program students who demonstrate financial need may borrow up to $3,500 in their freshman year and up to $4,500 in their sophomore year. Certificate program students may borrow up to $3,500. Loan proceeds are disbursed in two equal installments credited to your CIA student account. The repayment period does not begin, and interest does not accrue, until six months after you leave the CIA. The minimum payment is $50 per month.

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
Dependent students in the degree programs may borrow $2,000 per year in addition to the amount awarded in a Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan. Those dependent students in the degree programs who do not qualify for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan may borrow up to $5,500 in their freshman year and $6,500 in their sophomore year. Dependent students in the certificate programs who do not qualify for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan may borrow up to $5,500.

Independent students in the degree and certificate programs may borrow up to $6,000 a year in their freshman and sophomore years, in addition to the amount awarded with the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan. Bachelor’s degree students may also borrow up to $7,000 per year in their junior and senior years, in addition to the amount awarded with the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan. Independent students in the degree programs who do not qualify for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan may borrow up to $9,500 in the freshman year and $10,500 in the sophomore year. Independent students in the certificate programs who do not qualify for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan may borrow up to $9,500.
Under this program, you are responsible for the interest during in-school and deferment periods. Interest accrued during these periods may be paid or capitalized.

**Federal Perkins Loan**
The Financial Aid Office determines eligibility, giving priority to students with the greatest financial need. Priority is also given to students who have first applied for the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan and the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan or Federal PLUS. Students who have completed the financial aid application process by the start of the academic year will be considered. The amount will be determined at the beginning of the academic year and will be paid in two installments.

**Federal Work-Study**
You may apply for a Federal Work-Study position on campus if the Financial Aid Office determines you are eligible. The dollar amount of the award, however, is only an estimate of your expected earnings and is not deducted from your bill by the Bursar’s Office. As a Work-Study-approved student, you find employment by applying for one of the jobs at the CIA, which are posted in the Human Resources Office, and you receive a paycheck each week. While preference for on-campus employment is given to Work-Study-approved students, jobs are based on availability and are not guaranteed. There are also opportunities to work off campus in community service positions. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information regarding Work-Study.

**Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)**
Parents of dependent students may borrow up to the total cost of the student’s CIA education, less any other financial aid awarded. The interest rate is fixed and payment can begin after the student leaves school. Loan proceeds are disbursed in two equal installments.

### SAMPLE STUDENT PACKAGE A

The amount of aid varies based on each student’s unique financial situation and the time of entry to the college. All figures listed are for one academic year.

**18 years old, degree program**

- **Fall entry date**, living on campus
- Expected Family Contribution=$7,288

  - High-Impact Leader Scholarship..............$2,500
  - CIA Grant .............................................$3,500
  - SAT/ACT Achievement Scholarship..............$2,000
  - External Scholarship ..................................$1,000
  - Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan .............$3,500
  - Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan .............$2,000

- **Eligible for Federal Work-Study**

**Total Aid.............................$15,500**

### SAMPLE STUDENT PACKAGE B

The amount of aid varies based on each student’s unique financial situation. All figures listed are for one academic year.

**24-plus years old, certificate program**

- **Already holds a bachelor’s degree**
- Expected Family Contribution= lower than cost of attendance

  - Alumni Referral Grant ..............................$500
  - Deans Scholarship .....................................$2,000
  - Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan .............$3,500
  - Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan .............$6,000

**Total Aid .............................$12,000**
Veterans’ Benefits
Veterans, and surviving family members of veterans whose deaths or disabilities were service-connected, are eligible for educational benefits while attending the CIA. Forms and information are available at all Veterans’ Administration offices. The Registrar’s Office may be contacted for further information.

State Programs
State Grants
Several states, including California, offer need-based and/or merit grants to CIA students who are residents of these states. Students should contact their state education departments to determine availability and eligibility.

Cal Grant
Residents of California enrolled at the CIA at Greystone campus are eligible for this grant. To be considered, you must complete your FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 2 of the year you will enter the program. To learn more, visit www.calgrants.org.

Vocational Rehabilitation
If you have a disability, you may be offered assistance by your state’s Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, depending on the state’s criteria. If you are offered financial assistance through this program, please have your rehabilitation counselor contact the CIA’s Financial Aid Office in Hyde Park, NY.

SAMPLE STUDENT PACKAGE C
The amount of aid varies based on each student’s unique financial situation and the time of entry to the college. All figures listed are for one academic year.

25 years old, degree program
Spring entry date, living on campus
Expected Family Contribution=$104

Winter/Spring Edge Grant .........................$2,500
Alumni Referral Grant ............................$500
High-Impact Leader Scholarship ...............$2,500
CIA Grant .............................................$4,000
Federal Pell Grant ..................................$5,400
Federal SEOG .............................................$200
State Grant .............................................$500
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan ............$3,500
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan ........$6,000

Eligible for Federal Work-Study

Total Aid .................................$25,100

For more information about any of the available scholarships, visit www.ciachef.edu/scholarships.
We Help Close the Gap | What Aid is Available?

CIA Financial Aid (Degree)

Need-based Grants and Scholarships
Grants and scholarships from the CIA can be based on financial need, or a combination of financial need and merit. To be considered, file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. When awarding need-based grant and/or scholarship aid, the college gives priority to those who will receive the Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or the Federal PLUS. In most instances, a GPA of 3.0 or better is expected in order for the grant or scholarship to be continued in subsequent years.

Merit-based Scholarships

High-Impact Leader Scholarships
The CIA seeks students who have demonstrated academic excellence and will go on to become foodservice leaders. High-Impact Leader Scholarships will be awarded to students identified through the admissions process. A separate scholarship application is not necessary. These scholarships will be renewable annually with a grade point average of 3.2 or better.

National Student Organization Scholarships
Students who compete and place first in national culinary or baking and pastry arts competitions sponsored by SkillsUSA will be offered a full-tuition scholarship to attend The Culinary Institute of America. Students who place second or third in culinary or baking and pastry arts will be offered scholarships of up to $16,000 ($3,500–$4,000 per year). Students who compete and place in national culinary or baking and pastry arts competitions sponsored by Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) will be offered scholarships of up to $16,000 ($2,500–$4,000 per year). Students competing and placing in ProStart national competitions in culinary arts or management

For more information about any of the CIA’s merit-based scholarships, please visit www.ciachef.edu/california/degree/finaid/merit/asp.
SAT/ACT Achievement Scholarships
Scholarships of $2,000 will be awarded to students achieving SAT scores of 550 or better in Math and 550 or better in Critical Reading or ACT scores of 20 or better in Math and 20 or better in English. Official scores must be submitted with the admissions application.

CIA Financial Aid (ACAP)
ACAP Select Programs Referrals
Students from select hospitality baccalaureate programs who are recommended to ACAP by their program dean, director, or faculty member are eligible for a $2,000 merit-based scholarship. Students will be automatically selected for this award based on their letters of recommendation. For a listing of eligible select programs, please call 707-967-2496.

Classic Residence by Hyatt Endowed Scholarship
The Classic Residence by Hyatt Endowed Scholarship in the amount of $5,000 is available to graduates of accredited undergraduate nutrition, dietetics, food science, or hospitality programs. CIA at Greystone admissions staff and faculty will review student applications by August 1 and make recommendations based on academic records, extracurricular activities, and the personal essay portion of the program application. Final selection will be made in consultation with Classic Residence by Hyatt.

Applying to college is an exciting experience. However, it’s possible to get so caught up in the admissions process that you miss valuable financial aid opportunities. We recommend that you do a little extra research to identify scholarships from additional sources or to be fully prepared to apply for an alternative loan.

Research External Scholarships
A variety of sources outside the CIA offer private grants and scholarships. While you are in the process of applying for admission, you should look on the Internet, in public libraries, and in high school guidance offices for information about external scholarship opportunities. Don’t limit your search to your planned field of study (culinary arts or baking and pastry arts). Scholarships are offered based on where you live, where you work or worship, your ethnic background, your gender, and other criteria. Check www.ciachef.edu/admissions/finaid for links to external scholarship sources.

Contact Your Lender
In addition, if you and your family know that you will be borrowing under either the PLUS or alternative loan programs, you should contact your lender at the time of application for admission so that you will understand the procedure and the time frame required to have a loan in place by your entry date. The CIA Web site has links to our preferred lenders. Please note that you cannot apply for a PLUS or alternative loan more than 90 days prior to your entry date.
CIA Financial Aid (AWBP)

**AWBP Select Programs Referrals**

Students from select hospitality baccalaureate programs who are recommended to AWBP by their program dean, director, or faculty member are eligible for a $2,000 merit-based scholarship. Students will be automatically selected for this award based on their letters of recommendation. For a listing of eligible select programs, please call 707-967-2496.

**Robert M. Parker, Jr. Wine Advocate Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Merit-based scholarships are made available annually to AWBP students via funds raised at an annual on-campus tasting led by Mr. Parker. Interested students should complete the application available online at www.ciaprochef.com/winestudies or by contacting the financial aid assistant at Greystone.

**The CIA’s Alumni Referral Scholarship**

The college offers this scholarship to prospective students who are encouraged by a CIA graduate to apply for admission. Qualifying students will receive a one-time, $500 scholarship for their first semester in our degree programs. To be eligible for the CIA Alumni Referral Scholarship, students must include a letter of recommendation from the CIA graduate with their application for admission.

Alternative Loans

Some lenders offer alternative loans as a means to fund your education. These loans are generally based on your credit history and can be used in addition to any federal, state, school, or private funding you receive. It’s important to use all other resources and to file the FAFSA before turning to an alternative loan. Please be aware that final approval must be received from your bank before an alternative loan will be deducted from your bill. For a list of the CIA’s preferred lenders, please visit www.ciachef.edu/admissions/finaid.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Throughout the year, many organizations generously offer scholarship assistance to students enrolled at the CIA. Criteria and application procedures vary, and are listed in the Financial Aid Times, sent to all enrolled students. CIA students are encouraged to read the Financial Aid Times to learn of possible new scholarship opportunities at their mycia e-mail address. Last year, nearly $2 million in donated funds was awarded to enrolled students.

On- and Off-Campus Jobs

Part-time employment may be available on the CIA at Greystone campus. Students often work in the Spice Islands Marketplace (campus store) as well as in campus administration and the Continuing Education and Special Events departments. Please contact the human resources manager for current job openings.
When choosing a college, you’re not only making an investment in higher education, but in your future earnings and opportunities. Determine the true cost of your CIA education by applying for admission and aid.

2010–2011 Tuition and Fees

The tuition and fees listed on the following pages are effective July 1, 2010.

Freshman Tuition Payment Schedule—Associate Degree Programs

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**Tuition and Fees—ACAP**

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A Sound Investment | Consider the Costs

**Tuition and Fees–AWBP**

**Tuition**
- Per semester: $12,180

**Required Fees**
- Application fee (*nonrefundable*): 50
- Class confirmation fee (*nonrefundable*): 100
- Board, per semester (*includes two meals per instructional day*): 1,260
- Supplies, textbooks, uniforms: 1,010
- General fee, per semester: 470 *

**Residence Hall Rates**

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**Other Fees That May Be Assessed**

**Make Up Fees:**
- Failure, 1.5-credits: $1,344 ***
- Failure, 3.0-credits: 2,688 ***
- Failure due to illness: 50
- Re-registration fee: 50
- Late payment fee: 50

**Note:** Residence hall fees and all required fees are due 14 days prior to the semester start date. Payment will be considered late after five days, at which time students may be assessed a $50 late payment fee.

* The General Fee includes charges such as student activity and exam fees, graduation exercises, and secondary student accident insurance.

** Rooms in the Guest House and Vineyard Lodge are subject to an occupancy tax. The tax rate is currently 12% but is subject to change by the city of St. Helena.

*** Includes board

**Tuition Installment Plan**

The Culinary Institute of America, in partnership with Tuition Management Systems (TMS), is pleased to offer payment choices to help you afford your college education expenses. This interest-free monthly payment option allows you to maximize your savings and income by spreading your college education expenses over equal monthly payments. Your only cost is an annual enrollment fee of $75. To learn more, please call Tuition Management Systems at 1-800-343-0911, or visit www.afford.com.
Now that you know the facts and figures and have your CIA application for admission on file, it’s time to apply for financial aid. Here are a few suggestions we have to help you stay on track and keep your financial planning and application efforts running smoothly.

- Check the CIA Web site for updates and more information.
- Apply as early as possible; the process can take time.
- Remember to keep a copy of your federal and state income tax returns for your records. Don’t send us your only copies.
- Print a copy of your FAFSA on the Web, including your confirmation page.
- You may apply for a Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan and a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan or Federal PLUS for each academic year.
- Complete the financial aid application process for each new academic year.
- You and/or your parents should check with employers or unions to see if any scholarships or loans are available to employees or their children.
- You should check for all available external scholarships through the Internet, your library, your high school guidance office, and/or the CIA Web site.
- Carefully review all forms submitted for financial aid to be sure they are completely filled out and signed.
You’re Almost Done | Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure you’ve completed all of the necessary steps.

☐ Filed CIA application for admission.
☐ Filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
☐ Completed appropriate state grant application procedures.
☐ Sent requested documentation to the Financial Aid Office.
☐ Received Student Aid Reports (SARs) approximately two weeks after filing the FAFSA.
☐ Submitted copies of any outside scholarship or grant award notifications to the Financial Aid Office.
☐ Received an award letter from the CIA.
☐ Completed electronic Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling Form for Federal Stafford Loan.