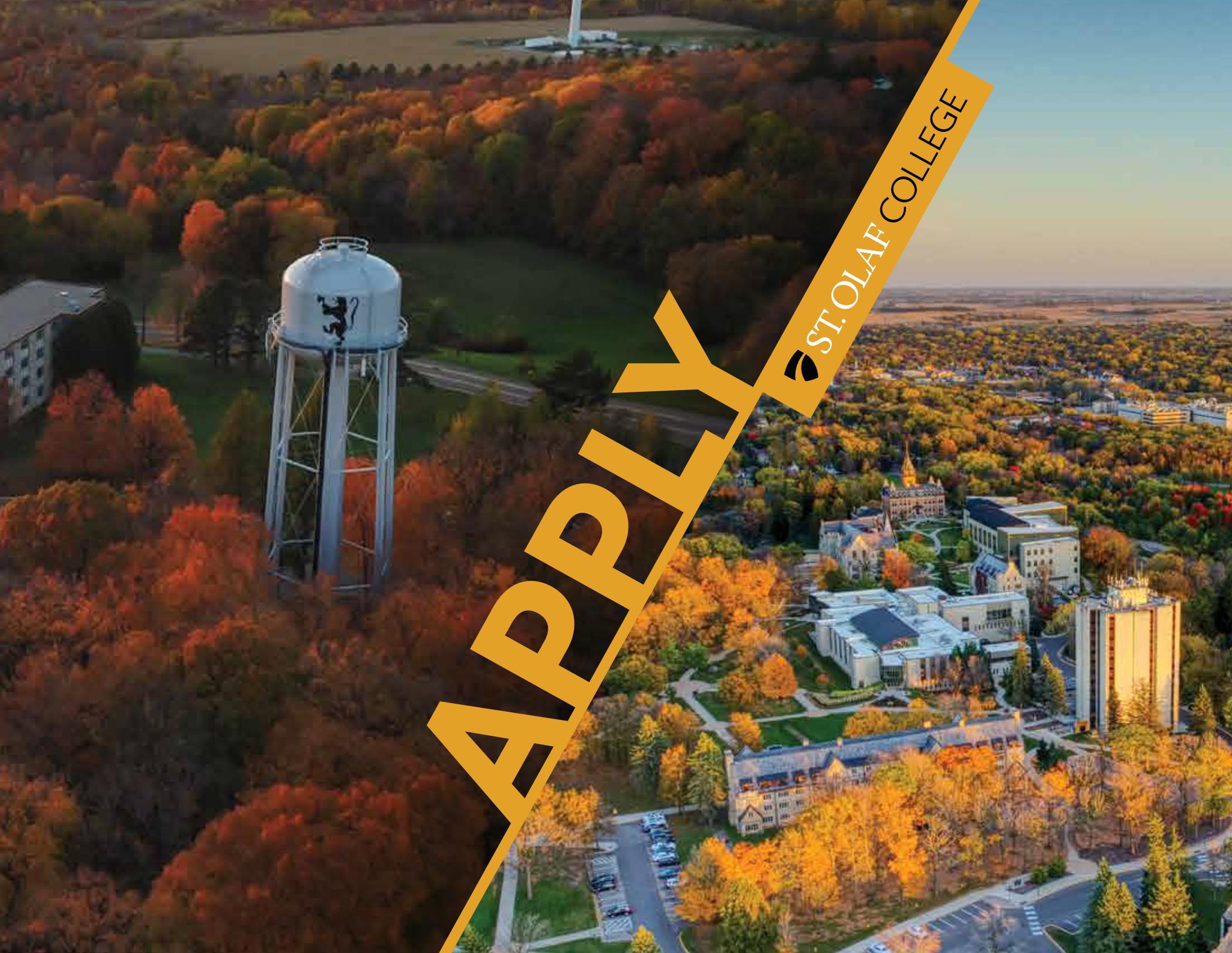


APPLY



ST. OLAF COLLEGE



WHAT WE LOOK FOR

We're looking for smart, ambitious, creative people who want to be challenged. We want multifaceted people who will contribute to, as much as draw from, our campus community of 3,000 students and who will benefit from the range of academic and extracurricular programs we offer.

The students who thrive at St. Olaf have a strong sense of themselves, whether or not they arrive here with a clear idea of what they will study. Our students have varied talents and interests, from arts to athletics to languages. They have different learning styles, and find that St. Olaf balances deep academic focus in a singular field with broad interdisciplinary study.

As you weigh your options, be sure to investigate the quality of the experience you'll be offered: small classes, access to your professors, state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, integration of internships and international experiences into your academic program, a range of extracurricular activities, and (above all), a sense of community.

Cost of Attendance (2021–22)

Tuition	\$52,670
Room and board	12,000
Comprehensive fee	\$64,670
Books and supplies (estimated)	1,000
Personal expenses (estimated)	900
Total cost of attendance	\$66,570

YOUR APPLICATION

Application Cycles

Early Decision is designed for students who know that St. Olaf is their top choice. When you submit an Early Decision application, you are indicating your intention to attend St. Olaf if admitted. You will find a complete description of the Early Decision process and terms at go.stolaf.edu/apply.

Our Early Decision Commitment: Any student who applies and is admitted through Early Decision will receive a minimum St. Olaf Scholarship of \$20,000.

Early Action is for students who are ready to submit their application and receive notification early. It is non-binding, so students may apply to other colleges as well.

Regular Decision is for students considering St. Olaf and a number of other colleges.



NOTE: While there are additional fees for individual expenses and activities (such as health insurance, private music lessons, off-campus study and activities, or materials for specific classes), our comprehensive fee covers the following: orientation programs, technology, student life, and the other fees many colleges and universities charge. Even use of residence hall washers and dryers is included.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

■ Part One

Begin by completing Part One on the St. Olaf College website at go.stolaf.edu/partone.

■ Part Two

Continue by submitting the Common Application or Coalition Application. Links for both applications can be found at go.stolaf.edu/apply.

The following materials need to be provided in Part Two:

- The Common Application** or the **Coalition Application**
- High school transcript**
- Teacher recommendation**
One letter of recommendation from a teacher in a core academic subject.
- ACT or SAT test scores (Optional)**
If you choose to submit test scores, St. Olaf will superscore your ACT or SAT results by combining your highest subsection scores from different test dates to create your composite score. We accept unofficial test scores; however, students would need to provide the official scores before enrolling.

NOTE: International students, transfer students, and students interested in majoring in music or nursing should review the information on the St. Olaf Admissions website for more details about specific requirements for those applications.



MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Olaf merit scholarships are awarded in recognition of past achievement and future potential in academics, fine arts, service leadership, and community engagement.

While your grades and test scores are primary components, scholarship awards reflect our holistic approach to admission and take into consideration your extracurricular involvement, the strength of your writing, and your recommendations. All scholarships are renewable for up to four years, provided you remain in good academic standing and are enrolled full time.



Financial Aid Case Study

Maria is from Washington, D.C. Her parents are married and she has one older sibling attending college. Their total family income is \$121,000. They have \$75,000 in home equity and non-retirement investments.

GPA: 3.93

ACT: 32 / SAT 1440

Their estimated family contribution is calculated at \$11,350.

Scholarships

St. Olaf's scholarship program recognizes students of outstanding intellect, ambition, co-curricular involvement and positive impact on the lives of others. Scholarship recipients are multi-dimensional people with broad interests, curiosity, energy, and enthusiasm.

St. Olaf scholarships range from **\$10,000** to **\$30,000** per year. Students are automatically considered for scholarships when they submit an application for admission.

National Merit Scholarships

National Merit finalists who designate St. Olaf as their first choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation are eligible for the St. Olaf National Merit award of **\$2,000** per year.

Students may be awarded more than one merit scholarship, but the total value of all merit scholarships may not exceed one-half of St. Olaf's comprehensive fee. Need-based financial aid awards may include a merit scholarship combined with other elements of financial aid.

Financial Aid Award:

President Scholarship	\$23,000
Housing Grant	3,000
St. Olaf Grant	24,380
Student Employment	2,700
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	2,000

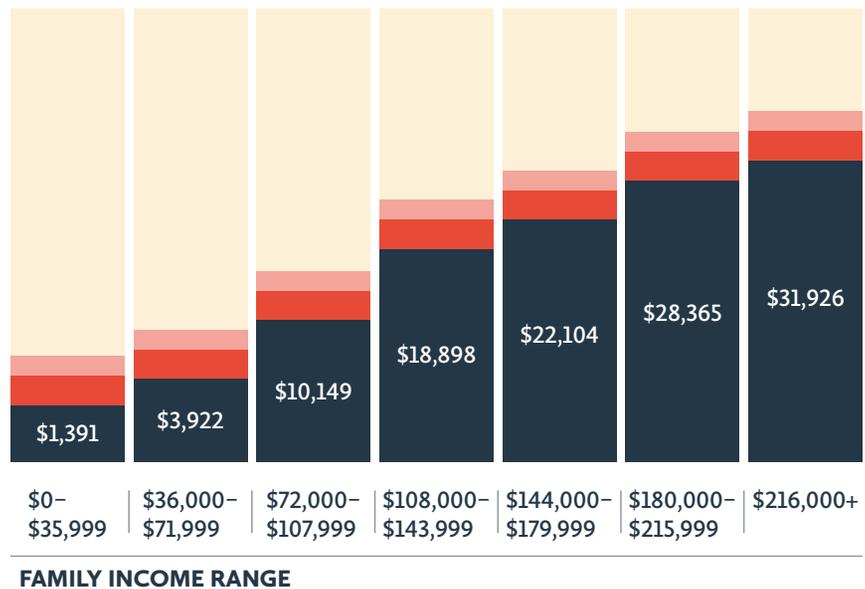
Total Award **\$58,580**

NOTE: These Financial Aid Case Studies provide examples of awards made to incoming first-year students. They are included here to show a range of family financial circumstances.

Net Price by Family Income (2020–21):

St. Olaf's average net price for first-year students

■ Grant and Scholarships
 ■ Loan
 ■ Work Award
 ■ Net cost after all aid



Fine Arts Scholarships

Fine arts scholarships are awarded on the basis of the fine arts application, auditions, interviews, and/or portfolio reviews by faculty members. Applications for fine arts scholarships are due on your applicable application deadline.

■ Art, Dance, and Theater

Scholarship awards are **\$7,000** per year.

■ Music

Scholarship awards range from **\$2,000** to **\$15,000** per year and are based on auditions.

■ Emerging Musician Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes and honors incoming students who have a strong musical voice and passion that is not represented in our other instrumental or vocal areas.

All St. Olaf fine arts scholarships are available to all students, regardless of major.

go.stolaf.edu/finearts

Financial Aid Case Study

Elizabeth is from Wisconsin. Her parents are married and she has one sibling. Their total family income is \$47,000.

GPA: 4.0

ACT: 24 / SAT 1190

Their estimated family contribution is calculated at \$5,200.

Financial Aid Award:

Buntrock Scholarship	\$25,000
Housing Grant	3,000
St. Olaf Grant	23,740
Pell Grant	3,545
Student Employment	2,700
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	2,000

Total Award **\$63,485**

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

The goal of our financial aid program is to make a St. Olaf education affordable. St. Olaf invests **\$93 million** annually in grants and scholarships to support great students. We have a long tradition of meeting the demonstrated need of all admitted students through a combination of scholarships, grants, student employment, and loans. Our commitment to providing a strong financial aid program ensures that we continue to attract and educate a diverse student body of thoughtful and talented young people from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

- 98% of 2020–21 first-year students received St. Olaf scholarships or grants.
- The average need-based financial aid package is \$44,708.
- 77% of students qualify for need-based financial aid.

OUR COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABILITY

At St. Olaf, we are committed to making education affordable to attract and educate a diverse student body of thoughtful and talented young people from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. Our commitment includes meeting the full demonstrated need for all students and offering a merit scholarship program to recognize your academic success, your talent in the fine arts, and being a servant-leader in your community.

Family Income Range*	Minimum Grants & Scholarships Provided
\$75,000 and below	\$54,000 (Approximately Full Tuition)
\$75,001-\$130,000	\$42,000
\$130,001-\$200,000	\$36,000

*Assuming typical assets. Families with significant assets atypical for their income level may not qualify for the minimum grant amount. Assets include but are not limited to cash and savings, investments, home equity, business worth, farm worth, and other real estate equity.



Financial Aid Case Study

Alex is from Minnesota. His parents are divorced. Alex lives with his mother; she earns \$100,000 a year. Alex’s father earns \$70,000 a year. Alex has a sibling in college. Each parent has \$150,000 in home equity and non-retirement investments.

GPA: 3.49
ACT: 28 / SAT 1340

Their family contribution is calculated at \$27,500.

Financial Aid Award:

St. Olaf Academic Scholarship	\$17,000
Housing Grant	3,000
St. Olaf Grant	12,980
Student Employment	2,700
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	3,500
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	2,000
Total Award	\$41,180



MyinTuition

Quick College Cost Estimator

go.stolaf.edu/calculator

This tool asks six basic financial questions and gives you an early estimate of the amount your family will need to contribute for one year at St. Olaf.

THREE EASY STEPS TO NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

1. Apply for admission.

2. Complete and submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE

St. Olaf's CSS PROFILE Code: 6638.

3. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

St. Olaf's FAFSA Code: 002382.

Students who meet our deadlines are given full consideration for all available sources of financial aid.



Financial Aid Case Study

Joe is from Illinois. His parents are married and he has two younger siblings. Their total family income is \$300,000. They have \$260,000 in home equity and non-retirement investments.

GPA: 3.80

ACT: 30 / SAT 1400

Their estimated family contribution is calculated at an amount higher than the cost of attendance at St. Olaf. Joe does not qualify for need-based financial aid.

Financial Aid Award:

Dean's Scholarship	\$21,000
Housing Grant	3,000
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	5,500
Total Award	\$29,500

APPLICATION AND FINANCIAL AID DATES AND DEADLINES

	Early Decision 1	Early Action	Early Decision 2	Regular Decision
Admission application	November 1	November 1	January 15	January 15
Submit the CSS PROFILE				
Submit the FAFSA				
Fine arts scholarship application				
Admission notification	December 2	December 22	February 3	February 24
Financial aid award notification	December 20	January 7	February 8	April 1

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Text **STOLAF** to **31996** to receive more information and reminders directly to your phone.



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