

After you have been admitted to UIW and filed your FAFSA, the Office of Financial Assistance will use be able to determine what financial aid you are eligible for. Your eligibility depends on your Expected Family Contribution, your year in school, your enrollment status, and the cost of attendance.

Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is an estimate of how much of your family's financial resources could be available to help pay for your education. It is not intended to represent a dollar amount that your family is required to pay, rather it is a number we use as a benchmark to determine eligibility for need-based aid.

Your EFC is determined from the data you provide on your financial aid application. Family income is only one of several factors involved. Other important factors include the number of members in your household, the number of other siblings attending college, and financial assets.

Once we know your financial need, we can determine your eligibility for need-based aid. You must have financial need to be eligible for need-based aid. Financial need is calculated by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your Cost of Attendance.  $\text{Cost of Attendance} - \text{EFC} = \text{Financial Need}$ .

- This type of aid