

“How do I apply for financial aid and/or scholarships?”

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“The main thing that students should keep in mind about the application process for financial aid is that it could be different at each school that they’re applying. At SP2 we only ask students to complete the application for admission and indicate that you would like to be considered for financial aid. Both merit and need based aid are considered to be financial aid at SP2.

“If you specify that you would like to be evaluated for financial aid, you will be prompted to answer a few financial questions. Please note that requesting a financial aid review, has no bearing on your admissions decision.

“Schools use varying criteria when evaluating students for their aid programs. At SP2, we primarily assess the merit of applicants, but we also take a student’s socio-economic background into account.

“Another important factor to keep in mind when applying for financial aid is any deadlines that schools might have. Some schools require the FAFSA when determining financial aid awards that they are going to award. At SP2, we do not use the FAFSA when determining aid awards, so there is no hard deadline.

“Generally, you should be notified of any financial aid awards that you are eligible to receive at the time you’re admitted to a program, or very shortly after. If you have any questions about financial aid, after you’ve been admitted, you should follow-up with the schools financial aid office.”