

YOUR **BEST** INVESTMENT

CIA Scholarships and Financial Aid



Culinary Institute
of America

WE'LL HELP YOU GET HERE

A CIA education will give you the skills, professionalism, knowledge, and global industry connections to take you anywhere you want to go in the world of food. It's simply the best investment you can make.

Just like your dreams and goals, your financial aid package is unique to you. And there are so many options available! More than 90% of current CIA students receive aid. The CIA's generous merit- and need-based awards and scholarships can help make your dream affordable.

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to hear what students have to say about the CIA making dreams come true.



WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

- It's **any grant, scholarship, loan, or paid employment** offered to help you meet your college expenses. Grants and scholarships do not need to be paid back.
- Sources include federal and state governments, the CIA, foundations, corporations, individuals, and lenders.

WHAT'S THE FAFSA? HOW DO I GET AID?

- The FAFSA is the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. The information you provide on the FAFSA is used to calculate your family's expected contribution for the academic year, which helps determine financial aid awards.
- Start by **applying for admission** to the CIA. Then, file your FAFSA at fafsa.gov or via the **myStudentAid app**. The CIA's Federal School Code is **007304**.
- File your FAFSA at least six months prior to your CIA start date. If you have questions, you can contact CIA Student Financial and Registration Services to be sure of filing the appropriate forms for your entry date.
- The CIA may ask you for additional documentation, such as copies of IRS federal tax transcripts.

Everyone should file the FAFSA! Don't assume you won't qualify for aid!

WHAT'S MERIT- VS. NEED-BASED AID?

- **Merit-based aid** is based on your achievements and/or academic record.
- **Need-based aid** is based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

CHECK OUT \$HEF!

Our exclusive scholarship site, \$hef, offers more than 200 scholarship opportunities for admitted and enrolled students. Scholarships awarded through \$hef will be added to your aid package. You can apply for these funds throughout the year—check them out now! Visit ciachef.academicworks.com.

WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS DOES THE CIA OFFER?

- The CIA offers a variety of student scholarships—we awarded more than **\$39 million in 2021–2022** alone!
- You'll automatically be reviewed for merit-based scholarships upon acceptance to the CIA in New York or California. Texas students must complete additional application materials. Learn more about all opportunities at ciachef.edu/scholarships-fa.
- Know a CIA graduate? Ask that person to write a recommendation letter. Submit it with your application for admission, and you'll receive an **Alumni Referral Scholarship** for your first year.

HOW MUCH DOES THE CIA COST?

For complete tuition and fee information, scan this QR code.



HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

- You may be surprised to learn that the “sticker price” of a CIA education may be very different from what you actually pay after you subtract the financial aid you receive.
- Your aid package is **specific to you**—its size and makeup is determined by your financial need, merit rating, and the availability of funds.

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Gain on-campus work experience while reducing your tuition costs. **Receive up to \$2,625 per semester in tuition credit.**

Save on tuition while you build your résumé.



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY.**



I chose The Culinary because I view my education as an investment. Attending the CIA would allow me to not only network but take a step in becoming the best in my field.

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