



“Scholarship support is the single most important ingredient for the success of Simmons in the near- and long-term. We know what our competitors are doing, and Simmons has ground to gain. It's exhilarating to think we can move the needle on this front.”

—Helen G. Drinan '75LS, '78SM
President

FINANCIAL AID

Simmons was founded with the goal of increasing women's access to higher education. For more than a century, we have succeeded in enrolling an increasingly diverse population of qualified students eager to pursue their education and career goals at Simmons. The most effective tool we have to promote access is financial aid. Simmons seeks current-use and endowed scholarship funds to serve the financial needs of undergraduate and graduate students.

Affordability is a top concern of students and families when choosing a college, especially these days as family budgets are tighter than ever, federal and state aid is declining, and private loan options are drying up. Only four percent of female high school seniors will even consider a women's college. To attract those candidates – and stay competitive with other schools – we must expand our financial-aid capacity. We are confident that the Simmons community is up to this challenge.

SNAPSHOT OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:

Currently, the total one-year cost of a Simmons education for a traditional, full-time student living on-campus is \$46,262.

The average financial need of admitted first year students was \$35,583.

On average, Simmons was able to meet 71 percent of that need with average awards of \$24,543 in grants.

Women's colleges that we compete with (Smith, Mount Holyoke, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr) all meet 100 percent of students' financial need.

This year, 92 percent of the first-year class received either merit- or need-based grants from Simmons.

The average student loan debt of members of the Simmons Class of 2011 was \$31,672. The national average last year was \$25,250.

STUDENT PROFILE



MELISSA SCHUIT '12GS

Scholarships Help Open Doors

Melissa says she was drawn to Simmons because its dual-degree program offered her exactly what she wanted to pursue: A master's degree in literature (a life-long love), and a master's in fine arts (she has a strong art background).

“I have so enjoyed my time at Simmons, mostly because of the people,” says Melissa, “My classmates are intelligent and insightful, and I have loved learning with them. I'm excited to continue my career at Simmons and find my niche within the field.”



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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Endowed Scholarships and Fellowships

\$1 million—Named Scholarship Fund. Provides tuition assistance to a cohort of named scholars.

\$100,000 – Minimum endowment to provide a stewarded named fund for financial assistance to an undergraduate or graduate student based on need and/or merit.

Simmons Fund Scholars

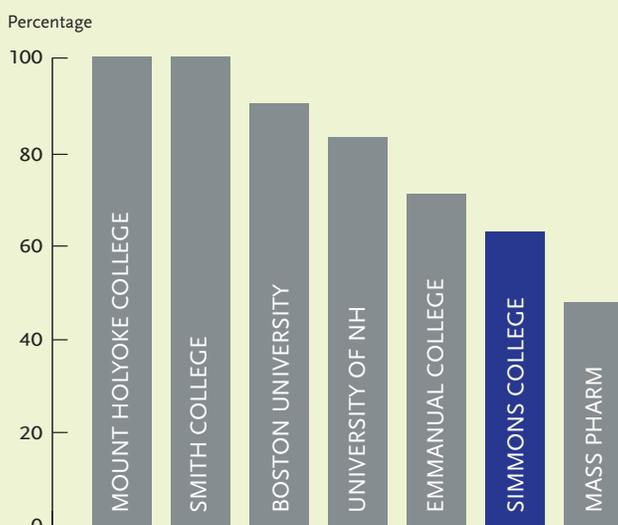
Donors who commit to The Simmons Fund gifts of at least **\$10,000** a year for five years will receive a student scholar.

CURRENT-USE GIFTS: THE SIMMONS FUND

Spendable gifts may be made in any amount to The Simmons Fund. The Simmons Fund supports scholarship assistance, internship stipends, faculty research, student activities, and physical-plant enhancements. Unrestricted gifts allow Simmons to target funds strategically to meet the evolving needs of our students and innovative academic programs.

HOW SIMMONS COMPARES

Our Competitors: Percentage of Aid Need Met



Source: College Board 2009—Trends in Higher Education

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DIANE K. TRUST '77GS

Diane “Dena” K. Trust ’77GS and her husband, Martin Trust, know the value of higher education. Both worked hard to help pay for their own educations. And together,

they have experienced the benefits of the scholarship which enabled Martin to graduate from M.I.T.’s Sloan School of Management. The Trusts’ commitment to education and philanthropy inspired them, and their family foundation, to make a \$100,000 gift to Simmons establishing a current-use scholarship fund.

“Marty and I decided we should support schools that impacted us,” says Dena, “and I knew a current-use gift would be the best way to have an immediate impact and help Simmons students afford their education.”

“I chose Simmons for graduate school because I felt it would be a similarly supportive environment, and it was. Everything about Simmons was terrific,” says Dena. She hopes recipients of her family’s scholarship – Trust Family Scholars – will have an equally positive and rewarding experience.

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DEBORAH C. BRITTAIN '74SW

Trustee Deborah C. Brittain ’74SW says establishing an endowed scholarship at the School of Social Work is a natural extension of her dedication to the school’s mission.

“This scholarship is intended for students who will advance, shape, and influence the social work profession — just as Simmons does,” says Deborah. “The goal is to support the aspirations of students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community through service, and who hope to further impact their community through their education.”

Deborah herself could serve as a role model for such students. A recipient of the School of Social Work’s Distinguished Career Award, Deborah’s professional life has included many years in social work as a practitioner, supervisor, and trainer. She also has experience in the academic and corporate sectors.

“The Campaign gives all of us in the Simmons community an opportunity to have a real impact on the lives of today’s students,” says Deborah.