

GUIDE
FOR
PARENTS

The **QUESTIONS**
we hear most often.

The **ANSWERS**
you've been looking for.

Scholarships, Financial Aid
and Financing Options



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*Nationally recognized for
its **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE,**
CULTURE of MENTORSHIP
and **EXTRAORDINARY**
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES, a Berry
education has lifelong value.*

(Keep value in mind
when considering cost.)



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We're glad you asked.

Others may prefer to talk around the question, because, let's face it, the cost of college can be an instant deal-breaker. We prefer to be straightforward about the costs of Berry. But then to place them in context.

Let's start with the straightforward:

- 2026-2027
→ **TUITION AND FEES:** \$44,565
→ **HOUSING** (traditional): \$8,120
→ **FOOD** (unlimited): \$6,860

First-year students normally reside in one of the traditional residence hall rooms. All first-year students are required to have the Unlimited Meal Plan.

Thanks for being straightforward. What was that you said about context?

Two things:

- ① If your family needs help covering the costs of Berry, there are many sources of support, including (but not limited to) Berry merit scholarships and need-based financial grants (read on).
- ② If your family is able to pay the full cost of Berry, it will be the best investment you'll ever make.

That seems like a bold claim. Would you kindly back it up?

We have no interest in twisting your arm. Over there to the right are some facts. The likely return on your investment. We believe they speak for themselves.

Are payment plans available?

Absolutely. Cost-equalization plans allow you to spread the costs for each semester into four or five payments.

Statistics accurate as of 5/1/2026



8 hours per week were spent on PAID PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE (on average).

99% of graduates say a Berry education led to A JOB OR ACCEPTANCE TO GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL.

97% of students PARTICIPATE IN BERRY'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM at some point in their college career.

100% of Berry students are assigned PEER AND FACULTY MENTORS. Most graduate with three or more significant mentors.

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Tell me more about
MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Berry merit scholarships recognize and reward students for specific achievements, abilities, interests and experiences *(from success in school to excellence in the arts to outstanding civic contributions).*



What size scholarship might my student receive?

For students who were awarded merit scholarships this past year, the range was \$12,500-\$24,000.

How do we apply for a merit scholarship?

Every Berry applicant is automatically considered for an academic scholarship. To learn about how to apply for more specialized scholarships (music, theatre, nursing, etc.): BERRY.EDU/AID



Are there other types of scholarships?

Yes. We offer scholarship programs that enhance the college experience while helping offset costs, even allowing students to graduate debt-free. Typically, about 15% of our incoming class will participate in a four-year cohort scholarship program that may meet full need. Learn more at: BERRY.EDU/AID



62%
of Berry graduates completed a significant RESEARCH or INTERNSHIP experience.

84%
of Berry freshmen RETURN TO BERRY FOR THEIR SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Nationally recognized for academic excellence and exceptional value, Berry is a comprehensive liberal arts college of approximately 2,200 students.

- TOP 10%**
RANKING FOR:
 - CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT: QUALITY OF INTERACTIONS SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
 - ACADEMIC CHALLENGE: HIGHER-ORDER LEARNING
- EXPERIENCES WITH FACULTY: STUDENT-FACULTY INTERACTION
(according to the National Survey of Student Engagement)
- 100%**
OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ARE ASSIGNED PEER AND FACULTY MENTORS: MOST GRADUATE WITH THREE OR MORE MENTORS.
- 8:**
AVERAGE HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE BERRY STUDENTS LOG EACH WEEK
- #1**
FOR BEST VALUE AMONG REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH
(U.S. News)



MENTORSHIP

is central to Berry's culture.

From day one, student and faculty mentors are on hand to lend perspective. Throughout the college years, each student is advised by a personal network of caring staff, coaches, professors and Berry alumni.



THE RESULT: Our students have someone to turn to at all times — whether looking for extra help with coursework or personal guidance. This connection to Berry mentors continues after graduation as our graduates enter a network of fellow alumni in every profession.

Berry graduates enjoy early career success — and

LONG-TERM SATISFACTION.

Broadly educated and deeply prepared, they adapt their knowledge and skills to distinguish themselves in a wide variety of careers.

75% of bachelor degree recipients in May 2025 reported — on graduation day — **HAVING A JOB OR ACCEPTANCE TO GRAD SCHOOL.**

62% of Berry graduates say they participated in a **SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH OR INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE.**

66% of Berry graduates held a **TOP LEVEL** job, logging significant managerial or supervisory experience.

ONE-THIRD of Berry graduates **STUDIED** or **TRAVELED ABROAD.**

99% of graduating seniors (for the past five years) say their Berry education led to a **JOB OR ACCEPTANCE TO GRAD SCHOOL OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL** within six months of graduation.

Admitted to professional schools:
MEDICINE: 83%
LAW: 99%
VETERINARY: 67%

THE RESULT: Self-confident, principled and hardworking, Berry graduates start their careers with impressive resumes.

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