Financial Aid, Summer 2016

Eligibility
Scholarships are available to Secondary School Program students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need. To be eligible, students must be US citizens or permanent residents, and they must complete applications and other requirements on time.

Description
SSP Financial aid is a scholarship award. It is not a loan and does not have to be paid back. Awards vary, and depend on financial need, academic level (preference is given to students in 11th grade), academic merit, status (residential, commuting, or online), and availability of funds. A typical award covers a portion of tuition. Not all financial aid applicants receive a scholarship.

To apply for financial aid:
• Apply to the Secondary School Program. Your application must be complete, with all elements received by the SSP, no later than February 1.
• Apply for SSP financial aid through Online Services by February 1. Be sure the information you submit is accurate and complete.

Key dates
• The financial aid application period begins December 1, 2015.
• All elements of your SSP application must be received by the SSP office by Monday, February 1, 2016. We recommend you check with your guidance counselor regarding your current grades, your transcript, and the SSP Counselor Report at least a week before the application due date.
• Your application for SSP financial aid must be complete by Monday, February 1.
• You will be notified of a financial aid decision by Monday, February 22.
• Register for courses beginning March 1.
• You must complete course registration and request housing (students living on campus) by March 15.
  o Course registration requires a refundable deposit of $200.
  o In order to remain eligible for SSP financial aid, you must register for courses, and residential students must request housing, by March 15.
    o If you are not registered for classes by March 15, your award will be rescinded.
• If you have been awarded a scholarship, registered for courses, and requested housing (students living on campus), your award will be disbursed to your student account by March 16.

Please note:
Students are encouraged to seek other sources of funding in addition to applying for SSP financial aid. We do not maintain a list of outside funding sources.

Secondary School Program financial aid is independent of Harvard College financial aid and is not associated with the FAFSA.

Questions?
If you have questions about the Secondary School Program financial aid application process, please e-mail sspfinancialaid@dcemail.harvard.edu.