Since 1889, Barnard College has been a leader in higher education for women. Our diverse intellectual community in a unique learning environment provides the best of all worlds:

As a liberal arts college, Barnard offers undergraduates a rigorous foundation in a wide range of academic subjects. Taught by our distinguished faculty, the young women who come here develop skills that help them go on to careers in everything from medicine to architecture. And, through the partnership with Columbia University, all the resources of an Ivy League university are at hand, while Barnard’s small size allows students to flourish in an intimate and collaborative setting.

Barnard’s location in New York City is an undeniable asset. Whether native New Yorkers or newcomers to urban living, our students have countless opportunities to discover aspects of the city—from neighborhood hangouts to some of the world’s greatest landmarks—and to engage in internships in a wide range of fields.

And finally, as a women’s college, Barnard provides mentors who are dedicated to helping female students realize their full potential. Beyond campus, a network of extraordinary alumnae inspires current students and, through this bond, helps to shape the next generation of women leaders.

The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program was established by New York State to give high-achieving students from disadvantaged financial backgrounds the support they need to help them succeed in college and beyond. In addition, Barnard HEOP Scholars benefit from the following opportunities and resources:

The Academic Year Program
- Free tutoring and study-skills workshops
- Academic, financial, career, and personal advising
- Use of laptop computers
- “Big Sister” student mentoring program
- Graduate placement exam preparatory classes and Graduate School Application fee waivers
- A supportive HEOP community within the larger community of the College

The Academic Summer Program
The summer before their first year of study at Barnard, HEOP Scholars participate in a residential program that strengthens skills in analysis, writing, research, and computer use. Students get to know the Barnard community and learn how to navigate the Barnard and Columbia campuses and the neighborhood of Morningside Heights so that they are ready to take full advantage of college life when class begins in the fall.
What is the cost?
Barnard awards financial aid based on financial need. This means that families in all types of financial situations can afford Barnard. Here's an idea of what an average first-year HEOP Scholar at Barnard was awarded in financial aid last year:

- **Grant** (Barnard and/or government): $54,841
- **Loan**: $3,322
- **Work Study**: $1,912
- **Total**: $60,075

Please be aware that individual circumstances influence the amount of financial aid that each student is awarded. Students must reapply for financial aid for each academic year, so a student's award may vary from year to year. Additionally, even if students do not qualify for the HEOP Scholars Program, generous need-based financial aid is still provided for admitted students.

How can I qualify?
According to state-mandated guidelines, Barnard College HEOP Scholars must:

- Be legal residents of New York State
- Be 21 years of age or younger
- Graduate from high school by June 30 of their application year
- Graduate with a high school grade point average of at least 85
- Earn a maximum SAT Critical Reading score of 620 OR a maximum ACT English subscore of 24
- Meet the low-income guidelines established by the New York State Board of Regents. To view these earning guidelines, please visit the Barnard College HEOP Scholars webpage at [http://barnard.edu/admissions/apply/higher-ed-opportunity-programs/heop](http://barnard.edu/admissions/apply/higher-ed-opportunity-programs/heop) or call the Office of Admissions at (212) 854-2014

How do I apply?
To be considered for the Barnard College HEOP Scholars Program, please follow these steps:

**STEP 1: By January 1st**, apply to Barnard College by submitting the Common Application and Barnard College Supplement. For more information about required documents, please refer to our website at [http://barnard.edu/admissions/apply/higher-ed-opportunity-programs/heop](http://barnard.edu/admissions/apply/higher-ed-opportunity-programs/heop).

**STEP 2: By February 15th**, apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), CSS Profile, W-2 Forms, and Federal Tax Returns. For more information about required documents, please refer to our website at [http://barnard.edu/finaid/heop-scholars](http://barnard.edu/finaid/heop-scholars).

**STEP 3: Once you have applied for admission and financial aid**, the HEOP Scholars office may contact you for an interview.

Who can I contact?
Questions about the application process…please contact **Kelly Sutton-Skinner**, HEOP Admissions Liaison, at 212-854-2014 or at ksuttons@barnard.edu.

Questions about financial aid…please contact **Karin Diamond**, Associate Director of Financial Aid, at 212-854-2154 or at finaid@barnard.edu.

Questions about the resources offered by the HEOP program…please contact **Nikki Youngblood Giles**, Director of HEOP Scholars at (212) 854-3583 or at HEOP@barnard.edu.

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“IF YOU ASK WHAT HEOP MEANS TO ME, THE WORDS I WILL THINK OF ARE SUPPORT, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.”
—Ka Yuk Wong ’13