# **Illinois College of Optometry**

# Costs in the 2024-25 year

Estimated Cost of Attendance	\$ 81,971 / yr
Tuition and fees	\$50,300
Housing and meals	\$21,000
Books and supplies	\$5,301
Transportation	\$2,700
Other education costs	\$2,670

# Grants and scholarships to pay for college

Total Grants and Scholarships ("Gift" Aid; no repayment needed)	<b>\$0</b> / yr
Grants and scholarships from your school	\$n/a
Federal Pell Grant	n/a
Grants from your state	n/a
Other scholarships you can use	n/a

# **Veterans Benefits**

Total in benefits

### What will you pay for college

Net Costs (Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

# Options to pay net costs

# Work options

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional)

#### Loan Options\*

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	_s40,500
Federal Direct Grad Plus	\$39,064

\*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

# Other options

#### Family Contribution

(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.)

- Payment plan offered by the institution
- Parent or Graduate PLUS Loans
- · Military and/or National Service benefits

\$ 2,407

• Non-Federal private education loan

# Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years 92.5% Medium Low Loan Default Rate Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on their loan 9.7% 0.0% This institution National \_/ yr Median Borrowing

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\$81,971 / yr

\$0 / yr

Students who borrow at ICO typically take out \$250,000 in Federal loans for their graduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately \$2,652 per month. Your borrowing may be different. Income base repayment would range \$682 -1,843/mo.

#### **Repaying your loans**

To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: http://studentaid.ed.gov/repayloans/understand/plans\_

#### For more information and next steps:

Illinois College of Optometry **Financial Aid Office** 

3241 S. Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60616 Telephone: (312) 949-7441 E-mail: finaid@ico.edu

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High

Graduation Rate

# Glossary

**Cost of Attendance (COA):** The total amount (not including grants and scholarships) that it will cost you to go to school during the 2024-25 school year. COA includes tuition and fees; housing and meals; and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and dependent care. It also includes miscellaneous and personal expenses, such as an allowance for the rental or purchase of a personal computer; costs related to a disability; and reasonable costs for eligible study-abroad programs. For students attending less than half-time, the COA includes tuition and fees; an allowance for books, supplies, and transportation; and dependent care expenses.

**Total Grants and Scholarships:** Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid. Grants are often need-based, while scholarships are usually merit-based. Occasionally you might have to pay back part or all of a grant if, for example, you withdraw from school before finishing a semester.

**Net Costs:** An estimate of the actual costs that you or your family will need to pay during the 2024-25 school year to cover education expenses at a particular school. Net costs are determined by taking the institution's cost of attendance and subtracting your grants and scholarships.

Work-Study: A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses.

**Loans:** Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest. Loans from the federal government typically have a lower interest rate than loans from private lenders. Federal loans, listed from most advantageous to least advantageous, are called Federal Perkins Loans, Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans. You can find more information about federal loans at StudentAid.gov.

Family Contribution (also referred to as Expected Family Contribution): A number used by a school to calculate how much financial aid you are eligible to receive, if any. It's based on the financial information you provided in your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It's not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college, nor is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive. The family contribution is reported to you on your Student Aid Report, also known as the SAR.

**Graduation Rate:** The percentage of students who graduate from an institution. This shows students who began their studies as first-time, full-time degree- or certificate-seeking students and completed their degree or certificate within 150 percent of "normal time." For example, for a four-year school, the graduation rate would be the percentage of students who completed that program within six years or less.

Loan Default Rate: The percentage of student borrowers – undergraduate and graduate – who have failed to repay their federal loans within three years of leaving a particular school. A low loan default rate could mean that the institution's students are earning enough income after leaving school to successfully repay their loans.

Median Borrowing: The amount in federal loans the typical graduate student takes out at a particular institution. It also indicates the monthly payments that an average student would pay on that amount using a 10-year repayment plan.

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