

# Pine View School

## Financial Aid Award Resources

### Financial Aid Award Letters

*Federal Student Aid - Comparing and Accepting Financial Aid Offers* (US DOE)

<https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/comparing-aid-offers>

<https://studentaid.gov/complete-aid-process/accept-aid>

*How to Read Your Award Letter: Five Examples* (10-25-2023)

<https://www.nitrocollege.com/blog/how-to-read-your-financial-aid-award-letter>

*USN&WR - How to Read a Financial Aid Award Letter* (04-17-2020)

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2019-04-03/when-to-expect-your-financial-aid-award-letter>

*Edvisors - How to Read Your Financial Aid Award Letter*

<https://www.edvisors.com/blog/financial-aid-award-letter/> (12-08-2023)

*Sallie Mae - Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Offers*

<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/financial-aid/financial-aid-offers/>

### Tips and Strategies for Financial Aid Award Appeals

*How to Appeal a College Financial Aid Award & Write a Financial Aid Appeal Letter*

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/student-loans/appeal-financial-aid-award> (06-14-2022)

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/student-loans/financial-aid-appeal-letter> (01-31-2024)

*How to Write a Financial Award Appeal Letter* (04-10-2019)

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/2019-04-10/how-to-write-a-financial-aid-appeal-letter>

*How to Negotiate a Financial Aid Package* (04-18-2018)

<https://www.northwesternmutual.com/life-and-money/how-to-negotiate-a-financial-aid-package/>

*Seven Strategies for Appealing a Financial Aid Award Letter* (05-09-2022)

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/strategies-for-appealing-a-college-financial-aid-package>

### Tools/Resources

*NASFAA Aid Offer Comparison Worksheet*

[https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/Aid\\_Offer\\_Comparison\\_Worksheet\\_2020.pdf](https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/Aid_Offer_Comparison_Worksheet_2020.pdf)

[file:///C:/Users/a047790/Desktop/Aid\\_Offer\\_Comparison\\_Worksheet\\_2020%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/a047790/Desktop/Aid_Offer_Comparison_Worksheet_2020%20(1).pdf)

*Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Award Letter Comparison Tool*

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/your-financial-path-to-graduation/?houx=826&fdx=340&clhx=87&trnx=324&hltx=121&entx=94&retx=22&taxx=-6&othx=385>

## Tools/Resources

**Educate to Career** <https://www.educatetocareer.org/> This website/tool helps students become better negotiators by providing them with financial aid data (e.g., average tuition paid and average grant size) for colleges throughout the country in order to inform their appeal (go to *College Tuition Negotiator*).

**SwiftStudent** <https://formswift.com/swift-student#> *SwiftStudent* offers a free repository of financial aid appeals/requests letter templates. Students are empowered to advocate for themselves by ensuring submission of correct information, contact details, and supporting documentation so that financial aid officers are more able to assist them in overcoming financial barriers to higher education.

**TuitionFit** <https://www.tuitionfit.org/> *TuitionFit* allows students upload their financial aid award letters to compare against what other students received from similar schools.

## Student Loans

*EdVisors Student Loan Resource Base*

<https://www.edvisors.com/college-loans/choosing-loans/>

*Federal Student Aid Loan Information and Repayment Calculator*

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans> (US DOE)

<https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans> (US DOE)