

Fall 2010

I am pleased to hear of your interest in attending Hobart and William Smith College. In order to help you plan for financing your HWS education, we offer the Early Estimator for determining financial aid eligibility prior to your completion of the admission and financial aid applications. By completing the attached Early Estimator form and providing copies of your and your parents' 2009 federal income tax returns and W-2s for both you and your parents, you will receive an estimate of your eligibility for need-based financial assistance based on the total cost of attendance at HWS.

The following points are relevant to the completion of this form:

1. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, single and dependent upon your parents.
2. Attach copies of 2009 federal income tax returns and W-2s(students and parents).
3. Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript.
4. If your parents are self-employed, they will need to include either a copy of Schedule C or Schedule E from the 2009 federal income tax return.
5. **If your parents are separated or divorced, or were never married, you will need to complete two forms, one for each parent.** If you live with a step-parent, your step-parent's information needs to be included on the form submitted by the parent with whom you reside. Please note which parent (custodial or non-custodial) completed the form.
6. Although the information requested for this early estimate does not include all the elements that will be taken into consideration in the final determination of your family's contribution, enough is asked so that you should be able to get an idea of the financial requirements that will be expected of your family.

The information that we will provide to you will be based on estimated 2010 tax year information as reported by your family. If you have any questions about completing the form or financial assistance at HWS in general, please contact our office by phone at (315) 781-3315 or via e-mail at finaid@hws.edu.

An estimate of aid eligibility will be mailed to you provided you have submitted a complete package and at that point you can contact our office to speak in more specific detail about what a financial aid package from HWS would likely include. Should you decide to apply for admission to Hobart and William Smith Colleges and for financial aid, **all required applications must be completed by the appropriate deadline in order to be considered for full financial aid eligibility.**

Again, thank you for your interest. I look forward to working with you to finance an HWS education.

Sincerely,



Beth C. Turner
Director of Financial Aid