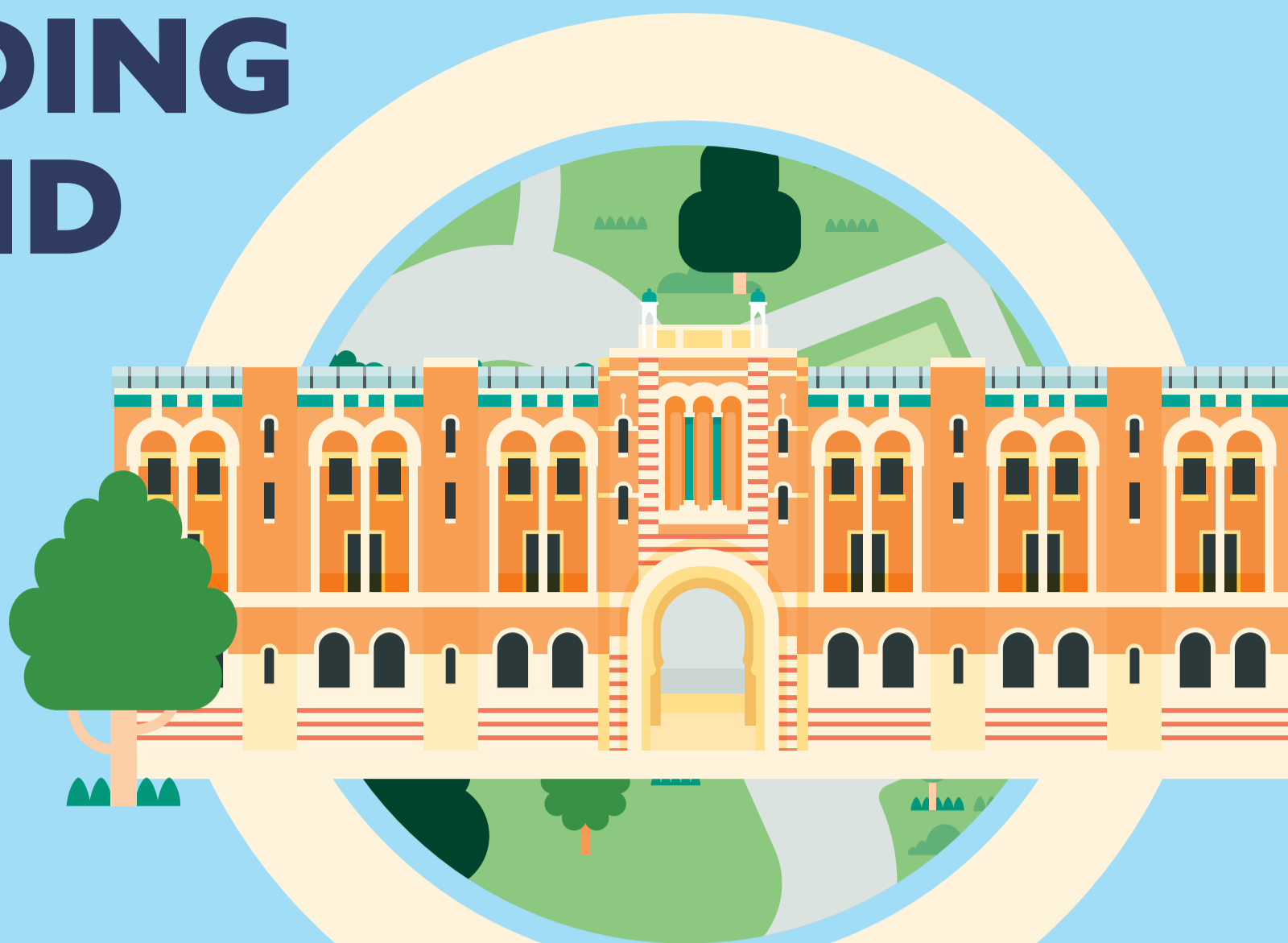


# YOUR PATH TO UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

You may be wondering how to make your college dream a reality. Are you eligible for financial aid? If so, how much?

We know you have questions. And we've got the answers!



## HOW NEED-BASED AID IS CALCULATED

Remember: Income is more than just salary!

- 1** Your and/or your family's taxed and untaxed income totals
- 2** Your parents' assets (e.g., savings, real estate, investments, business assets)
- 3** Additional benefits (e.g., Social Security, unemployment benefits)



**REMEMBER!**  
Check all of your financial aid deadlines. (They're earlier than you think!)

**STILL UNSURE ABOUT THE COST OF ATTENDANCE?**  
Remember that Rice is committed to meeting 100% of demonstrated need for all admitted students!



## HELPFUL TIPS ALONG THE WAY

### INDEPENDENT STUDENT?

**NEED:**

- Social Security Number
- Bank statements
- Parent financial information

If you're an independent student, emancipated or a foster youth, you do not need to report parents' income.

### EXTRA WORK BENEFITS



Check if your (or your parents') employer offers education assistance or loan repayment programs.

### GOT SIBLINGS?



Households with more than one family member in college are frequently eligible for additional aid.

### DOING THE MATH



Calculator tools are a great place to start, but may not show the whole picture. The best way to determine your aid is to apply!

### ADDITIONAL FUNDING



Consider other financial aid options – including loans or scholarships from banks, credit unions, and your community.

### APPLYING EVERY YEAR



Things change from year to year. Be sure to re-file your financial aid application annually!

## NEED MORE DIRECTION?

If you still have questions during your financial aid journey, we're here to help.