

The Barnard Opportunity Program

Life at Barnard is brimming with opportunity. Students at Barnard draw on a unique combination of characteristics that make the Barnard experience unlike any other.

About Barnard College

As a *liberal arts college*, Barnard develops skills that help students flourish in careers from medicine to art. Barnard's small size allows students to explore and grow. Through the longstanding partnership with Columbia University, students have access to all the resources of an Ivy League university.

Barnard's location in **New York City** provides an unrivaled setting for learning. Whether native New Yorkers or newcomers to urban living, the Barnard experience allows students to discover new aspects of the city, from neighborhood hangouts to exciting internships.

Forming an incredibly **diverse community**, Barnard students hail from numerous life experiences. The close community allows students of different races, ethnicities, religions, hometowns, and intellectual perspectives to challenge one another and develop real friendships.

As a **women's college**, Barnard provides mentors who are dedicated to helping female students realize their potential. Beyond campus, a network of alumnae committed to the success of current students helps to shape the next generation of women leaders in a range of fields.

About the Barnard Opportunity Program

The Barnard Opportunity Program (BOP) was established by Barnard College to give high-achieving out of state students from disadvantaged financial backgrounds the support to help them succeed at Barnard and beyond. BOP Scholars benefit from additional opportunities and resources:

- Free tutoring and study-skills workshops
- Academic, financial, career, and personal advising
- Use of laptop computers
- Alumnae speaker series
- "Big Sister" student mentoring program
- Graduate placement exam preparatory classes and fee waivers
- A supportive community within the larger community of the College

The Academic Summer Program

The summer before their first year of study at Barnard, BOP 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 Morningside Heights so that they are ready to take full advantage of college life when class begins in the fall.



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BARNARD WOMEN CHANGE THE WORLD: DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE

- **Zora Neale Hurston '27**,
Renowned Author and Barnard's First African-American Graduate
- **Edwidge Danticat '90**,
Acclaimed Author and Recent Winner of the MacArthur Genius Fellowship
- **Maria Hinojosa '84**,
CNN Urban Affairs Correspondent
- **Martha Stewart '63**,
Chairman and CEO, Martha Stewart Omnimedia
- **Jhumpa Lahiri '89**,
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
- **Cynthia Nixon '88**,
Actor, Broadway, television, and film
- **Sheila Abdus-Salaam '74**,
Supreme Court Judge, New York State
- **Ntozake Shange '70**,
Poet, Playwright, Novelist
- **Nancy Epstein '72**,
M.D., one of the first women neurosurgeons
- **Maida Chicon '73**,
Director of Multicultural Marketing, Verizon

Affording a Barnard Education

Barnard awards financial aid based on financial need alone, which ensures that families in all types of financial situations can afford Barnard. Here's an idea of what an average first-year BOP Scholar at Barnard was awarded in financial aid last year:

Grant: \$50,000 Loan: \$3,500 Work Study: \$1,800 Total: \$55,300

Please be aware that even if students do not qualify for the BOP Scholars Program, generous need-based financial aid is still provided for admitted students.

Becoming a Barnard Opportunity Program Scholar

BOP Scholars must meet the following academic and financial guidelines in order to apply:

- Be a legal resident of a state other than New York
- Be 21 years of age or younger
- Be a high school graduate by June 30 of your application year
- Have a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Have a maximum SAT Critical Reading score of 620 OR

Have a maximum ACT English subscore of 24

- Be significantly financially disadvantaged.

To view earning guidelines for the BOP Program, please visit the BOP Scholars webpage at: barnard.edu/admissions/apply/higher-ed-opportunity-programs/bop or call the Office of Admission at (212) 854-2014.



The Application Process

Qualified applicants must submit all academic and financial aid documentation by the appropriate deadline in order to be considered for the BOP Scholars Program. **There is currently no separate application for the BOP Scholars Program; students are selected by the Admissions Office.** If both the admissions and financial aid qualifications are met, you may be contacted for a phone interview.

Admissions	Financial Aid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application Deadline: January 1st ▪ The Common Application ▪ The Barnard Supplement to the Common Application ▪ For questions concerning your application, please contact Chloe Woodward-Magrane, BOP Admissions Liaison, at (212) 854-2014 or by email at cwoodwar@barnard.edu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application Deadline: February 1st ▪ Please refer to the financial aid website for a checklist of required forms: http://barnard.edu/finaid ▪ For questions concerning your financial aid eligibility or documentation, please contact Karin Diamond, Associate Director of Financial Aid at (212) 854-2154 or by email at finaid@barnard.edu