

How to Use Jennie Kent and Jeff Levy's Financial Aid Information Excel Sheets

These excel sheets are useful tools for figuring out which schools are the most generous with financial aid. The excel sheets include information about the total cost of the school, the amount of financial need the school meets, the percentage of students that receive merit-based scholarships, the average financial award granted, and more.

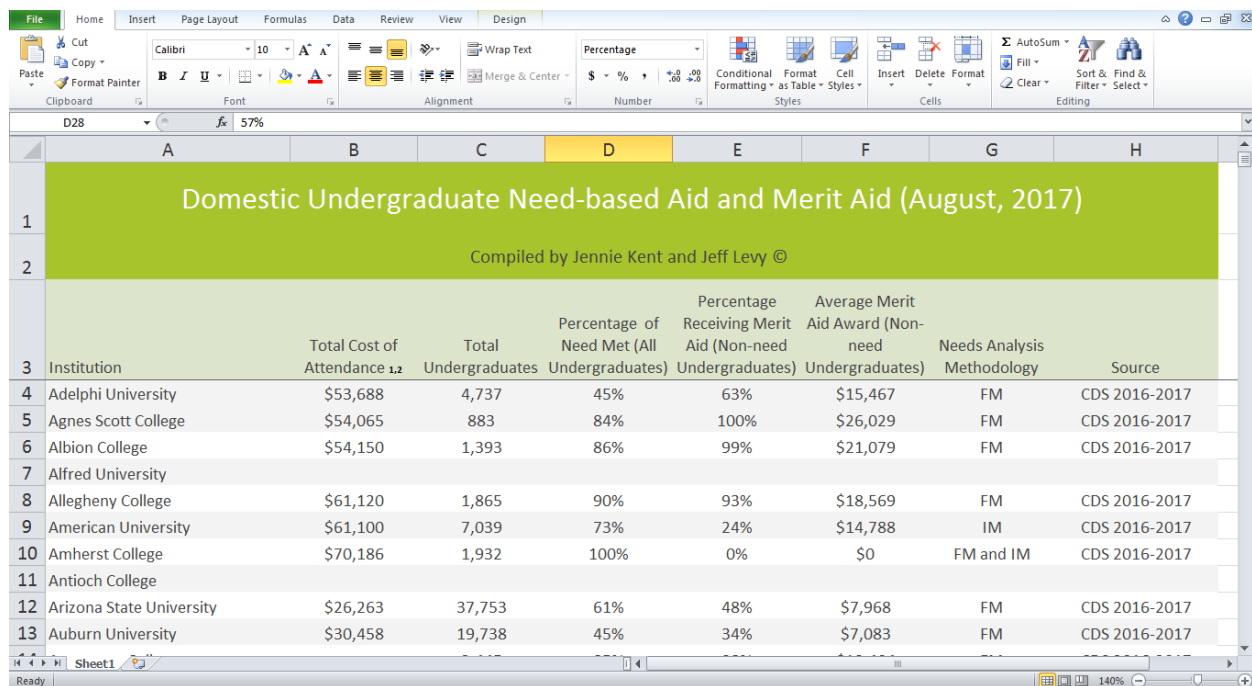
This guide will show you how to order the schools (from greatest to least) by any of the above categories.

Step 1: Download the excel sheet and open it.

[Here is the one for domestic students.](#)

[Here is the one for International students](#)

It should look something like this:



Domestic Undergraduate Need-based Aid and Merit Aid (August, 2017)							
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Institution	Total Cost of Attendance 1,2	Total Undergraduates	Percentage of Need Met (All Undergraduates)	Percentage Receiving Merit Aid (Non-need Undergraduates)	Average Merit Aid Award (Non-need Undergraduates)	Needs Analysis Methodology	Source
Adelphi University	\$53,688	4,737	45%	63%	\$15,467	FM	CDS 2016-2017
Agnes Scott College	\$54,065	883	84%	100%	\$26,029	FM	CDS 2016-2017
Albion College	\$54,150	1,393	86%	99%	\$21,079	FM	CDS 2016-2017
Alfred University							
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American University	\$61,100	7,039	73%	24%	\$14,788	IM	CDS 2016-2017
Amherst College	\$70,186	1,932	100%	0%	\$0	FM and IM	CDS 2016-2017
Antioch College							
Arizona State University	\$26,263	37,753	61%	48%	\$7,968	FM	CDS 2016-2017
Auburn University	\$30,458	19,738	45%	34%	\$7,083	FM	CDS 2016-2017

Step 2: Decide on the category that you'd like to order the sheet by and click on the top box in that column. For example, if I wanted to order the sheet by "Percentage of Need Met", I would click on the box below.



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Step 3: Highlight all of the boxes within this column. To do this, scroll all the way down to the bottom of the column, hold down the SHIFT key, and click on the last school in the list. To recap, the process is like this: 1. click on the top box in the column > 2. scroll to the bottom of the list > 3. hold down the SHIFT key > 4. and then click on the last box in the column. The result might look like this below:

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Yale University	\$71,290	5,469	100%	0%	\$0	FM and IM	CDS 2016-2017
Yeshiva University	\$59,040	2,628	87%	58%	\$22,180	FM and IM	CDS 2016-2017
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1-	Published costs used in this chart are for "undergraduates" who are "residential" and for 2017-18 where specified.						
2-	At public institutions, cost of attendance refers to in-state undergraduates.						
3-	Costs cited for Brigham Young University are for LDS applicants						



Step 4: Order the values in the column from greatest to smallest. To do this, while all of the boxes in the column are still highlighted, click on the “Home” Tab at the top left of the excel sheet (highlighted in red below), click on “AZ Sort & Filter” (in orange), then click on “Sort Largest to Smallest’ (in blue).

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To learn more about financial aid for international and domestic students, check out the episodes featuring Jennie Kent and Jeff Levy on The College Essay Guy Podcast.

[Part 1: Which Schools Are the Most Generous With Financial Aid? \(US Version\)](#)

[Part 2: Which Schools Are the Most Generous With Financial Aid? \(International Version\)](#)



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