

# TUITION REGUIDE

# How a private liberal arts education can be affordable – starting with the Hiram Tuition Guarantee

Is a private liberal arts education worth it?

**At Hiram College, the answer is a resounding**  
**“YES.”**

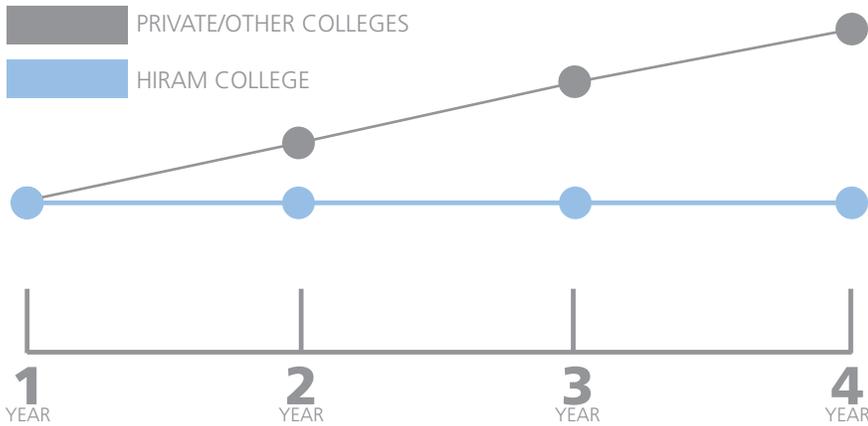
## **This guide will answer your questions:**

- How much will I save with Hiram’s Tuition Guarantee?
- How much can I expect to receive in aid and scholarships from Hiram College?
- How does Hiram’s cost and value compare to similar liberal arts colleges in the area?
- How will choosing a private liberal arts college benefit my career and lifetime earnings?
- Is a college education really worth it?
- What’s my return on investment?

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If you’re interested in talking to one of our admission counselors after reviewing this guide, please email us at [admission@hiram.edu](mailto:admission@hiram.edu) or call **800.362.5280**.

# Start with our Tuition Guarantee.



It's no secret that college costs are rising. When you're making your decision, you'll want to compare the cost for your freshman year with what it will be your senior year.

Our Tuition Guarantee locks in the rate you pay when you enter as a freshman. Your tuition will not increase between your first and fourth year at Hiram. **Guaranteed.**

**4.3%** You will pay \$7,990 over four years more than the initial tuition

**PRIVATE**  
Average cost: \$30,090

**6%** You will pay \$3,328 over four years more than the initial tuition

**PUBLIC**  
Average cost: \$8,890

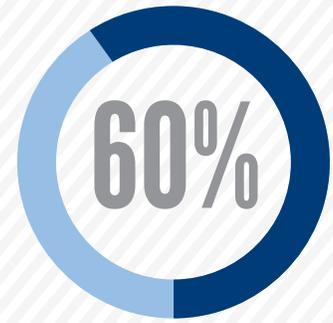
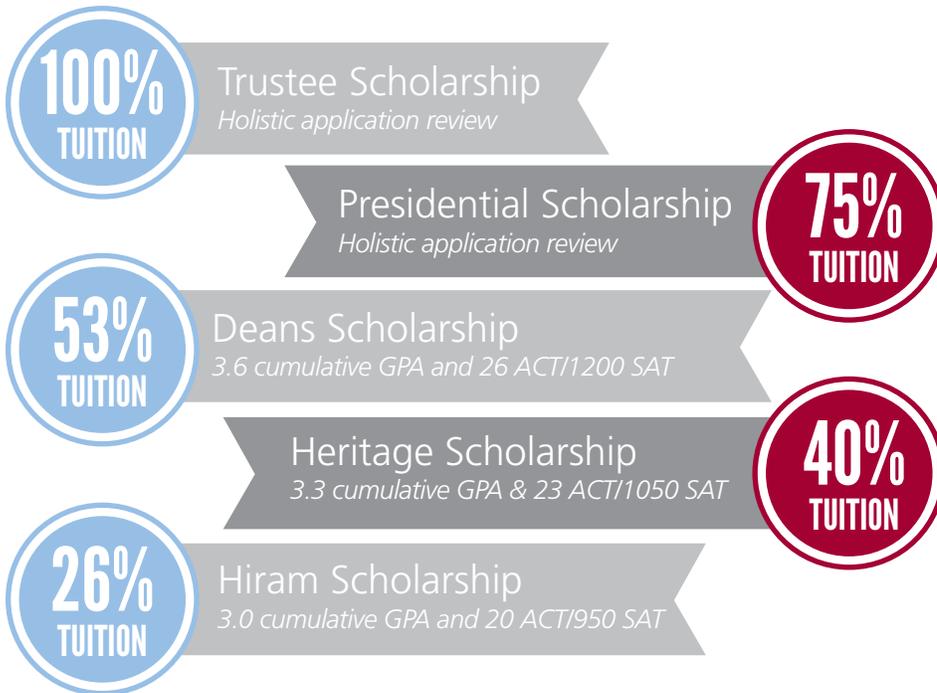
**0%** You will pay \$0 over four years more than the initial tuition

**HIRAM COLLEGE**  
Cost: \$30,230

\* Average college cost and average yearly increases based on four-year averages from 2010-2013, according to College Board data.

# If \$30,230 a year seems like a lot, don't worry.

Beyond the Hiram College Tuition Guarantee, scholarships can help make tuition affordable. Hiram College offers academic merit scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to full tuition, renewable for up to four years.



OF HIRAM STUDENTS RECEIVE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS



OF HIRAM STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID

The federal government awards **\$150 billion**

a year to help millions of students pay for college in the form of:

- Grants
- Low-interest loans
- Work-study funds

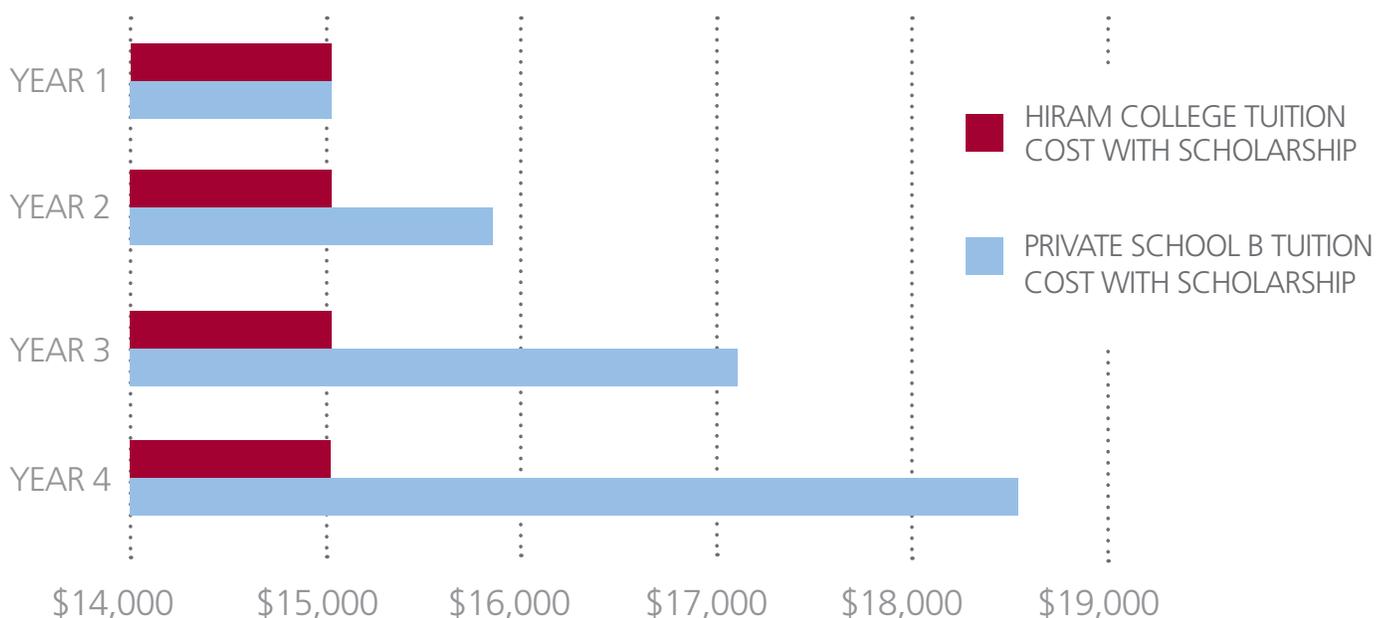
# Don't let your scholarship lose its value.

At Hiram, a scholarship **covering 50 percent of tuition** during Brian's freshman year will still cover 50 percent of tuition by his senior year.

At other colleges with **yearly tuition increases**, the percentage covered by that same scholarship will decrease year after year.



Brian, a high school senior, is awarded a scholarship covering half of tuition (\$15,115) to both Hiram College and a similarly priced private school.



**44** **social mobility**  
Hiram students perform better than expected when comparing test scores to graduation rates.

**52** **community service**  
Service learning is well integrated into the liberal arts curriculum, and Hiram students and faculty commit time and energy to community service.

**55** **service staff**  
Hiram students interested in service learning will find ample scholarships, support staff and programs dedicated to helping them succeed.

Washington Monthly also ranks colleges based on their contribution to public good through three categories: service, social mobility and research.

◀◀ Here's how Hiram stacked up against 247 liberal arts colleges nationwide.

"No matter where students start their educational journey, Hiram positions them not only for a more successful career than would have otherwise been the case, but for a happier, more productive and service-oriented life."

- Hiram College President Lori Varlotta

 **15%**

Hiram College is in the top 15 percent of U.S. colleges/universities for return on investment (based on quality of students when they enter, total costs related to attending college and starting salaries), according to Educate to Career's 2015 College Rankings.

Hiram students each year will complete paid internships in their fields of study at local organizations, thanks to a three-year, \$405,700 grant from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation

**100**  
percent of Hiram students complete internships, research or study away

**195**

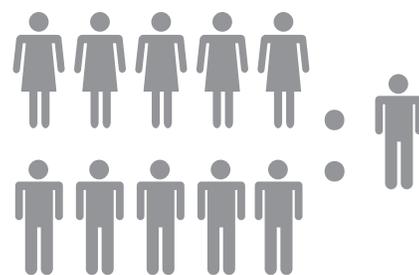
# Strong student-professor connections lead to thriving careers.

It all comes down to connectedness and human values, according to the Gallup-Purdue Index Report, released in May 2014.

The study surveyed graduates of American colleges on issues of employment, job engagement and well-being, and it found that students who connected with a professor during college were more likely to be thriving in their chosen careers.

**At Hiram College, the odds are in your favor.**

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AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



STUDENT-TO-PROFESSOR

“(My professors) make me feel like I’m wanted; it makes me feel like I’m a person here at Hiram. They’ve given me the opportunities I never thought I’d have as a college student.”

- Julia Fabich, education major, Class of 2015

“Professors give you their cell phone numbers, and if you have questions last-minute, before the test at night, or before a big project, they’re always there.”

- Andrew Harding, accounting major, Class of 2015

“Small class sizes are really important to me. I like the idea that my professors are more than just my faculty. I feel comfortable enough to ask them for help if I need it.”

- Ashley Vannoy, creative writing major, Class of 2015

“Coming in I knew the support system ... how everyone's so friendly and cares about you, and you're not just a number. But the professors went beyond my expectations. They really care about me, and they want me to succeed.”

- Ann Riddle, political science major, Class of 2016

“The opportunity to conduct research at the Swiss Light Source through my professor was the perfect way to experience what a research career might entail. There is no better way to see what something is like other than to try it out, and the nature of Hiram's small, liberal arts atmosphere allows for many experiences to do just that.”

- Daniel Fakhoury, chemistry major, Class of 2013

## And our professors value you.

I love learning from and with students in every class I teach. A big part of this learning together occurs when we partner with community organizations to make course content come alive.

- Jennifer McCreight, assistant professor of education

I tell my students that if they graduate from Hiram and haven't changed for the better, they haven't failed, I have.

- Rick Hyde, professor of theatre arts

I love big ideas – the kind that can transform how you see the world. One of the best things about my job is that it allows me to explore big ideas with students.

- Debbie Kasper, associate professor of environmental studies

At Hiram, we encourage students to become involved in professional organizations and campus activities. They learn to be leaders because we let them take charge.

- Earl Kissell, professor of accounting

# Choosing a private liberal arts education pays off. **Seriously.**

More students attending private colleges graduate in four years.

## GRADUATED IN FOUR YEARS

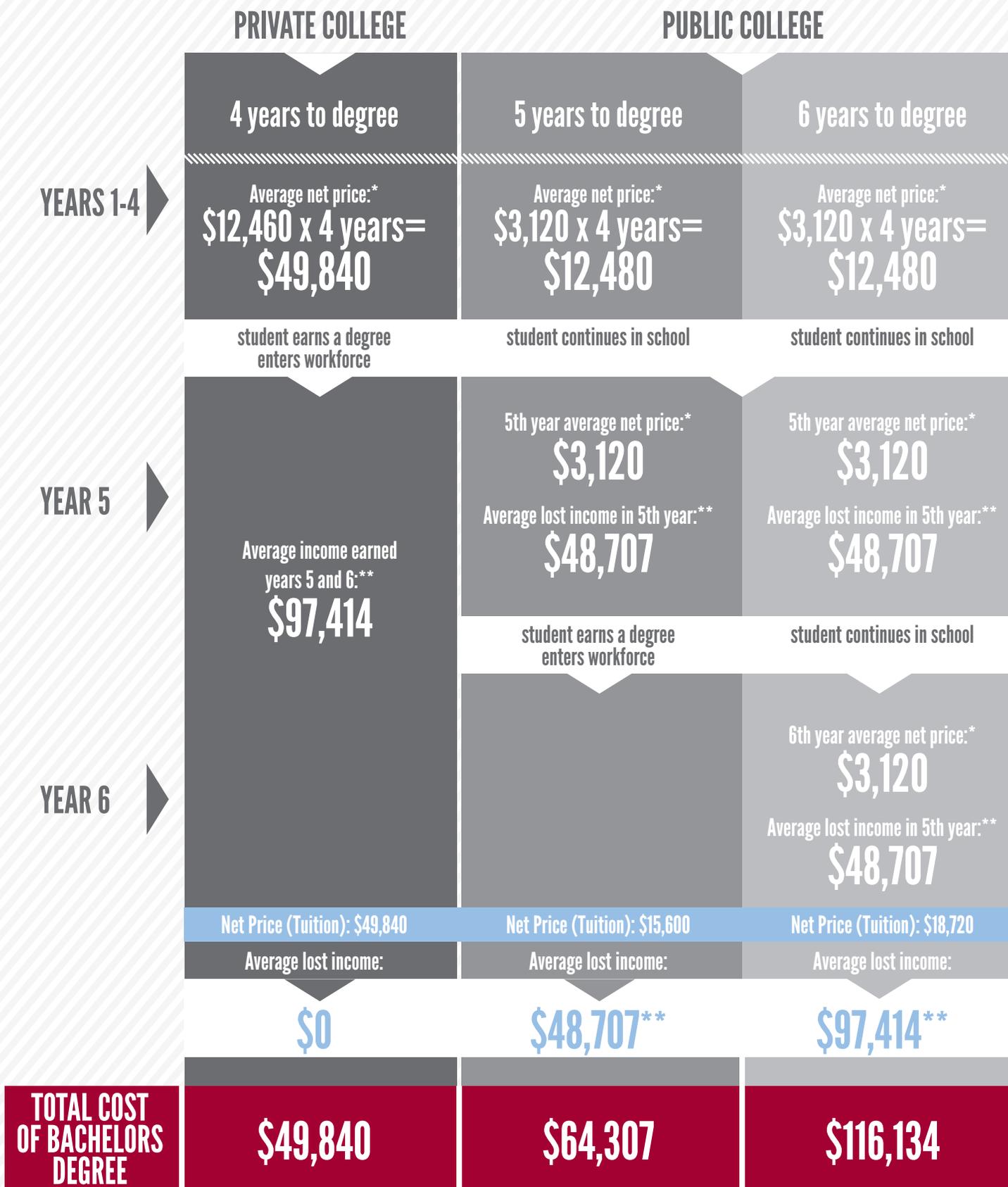


*\*According to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.*

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Taking two additional years to graduate can add up to **tens of thousands** of dollars in tuition and student loans, plus **hundreds of thousands** of dollars in lost income, compounded over a lifetime of earnings.

**TOTAL COST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE OVER 4 YEARS (NOT INCLUDING ROOM AND BOARD)**



\* According to College Board data for 2013-14 (average net tuition cost after scholarships/aid). Net price is the published price minus the grant aid students receive. Net prices represent what students actually pay, and in this instance, do not account for yearly tuition increases.

\*\*According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' data for average starting salary for 2014 college graduates.

# Still have doubts about the value of higher education?

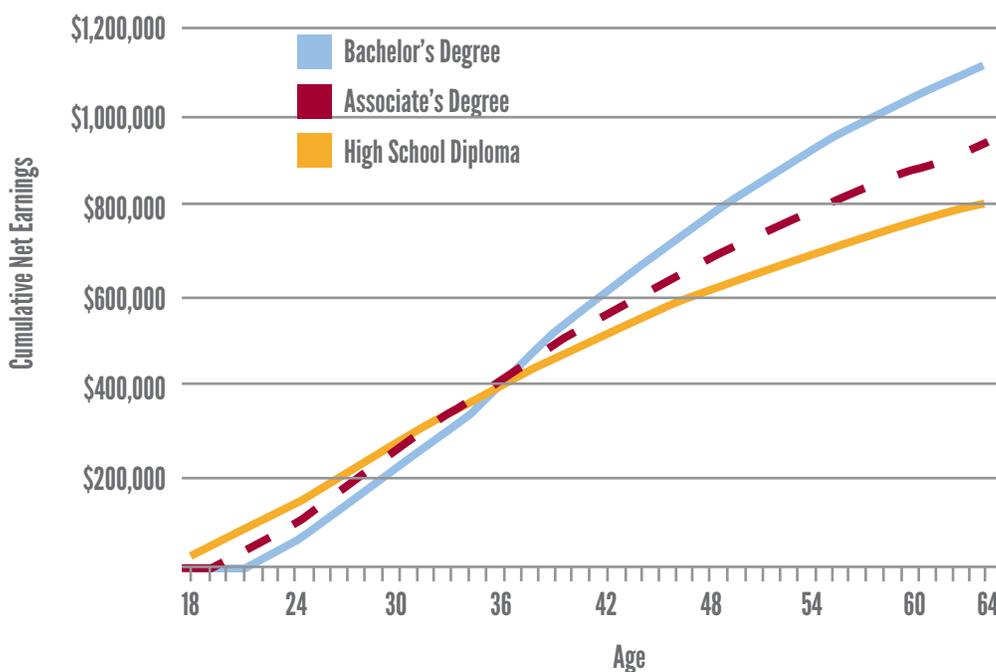
College students **who graduate with a bachelor's degree in four years** can expect to earn enough by age 36 to compensate for being out of the labor force for four years and for borrowing the full tuition and fee amount **without any grant aid**. That age generally drops to 32 for students who receive some grant aid.

# 40%

The unemployment rate for individuals age 25 and older with at least a bachelor's degree

“We looked at a lot of private liberal arts institutions, and Hiram stood out for many reasons, including the Tuition Guarantee. My family and I understand the investment we're making in our son's education, and the guarantee gives us peace of mind that his college costs will not continue to escalate.”

**Karen Scher,**  
Hiram College parent



Source: "Education Pays 2013"  
by College Board



In 2011, median earnings of bachelor's degree recipients with no advanced degree working full-time were

**\$21,000**

a year higher than those with only a high school diploma.

**89%**

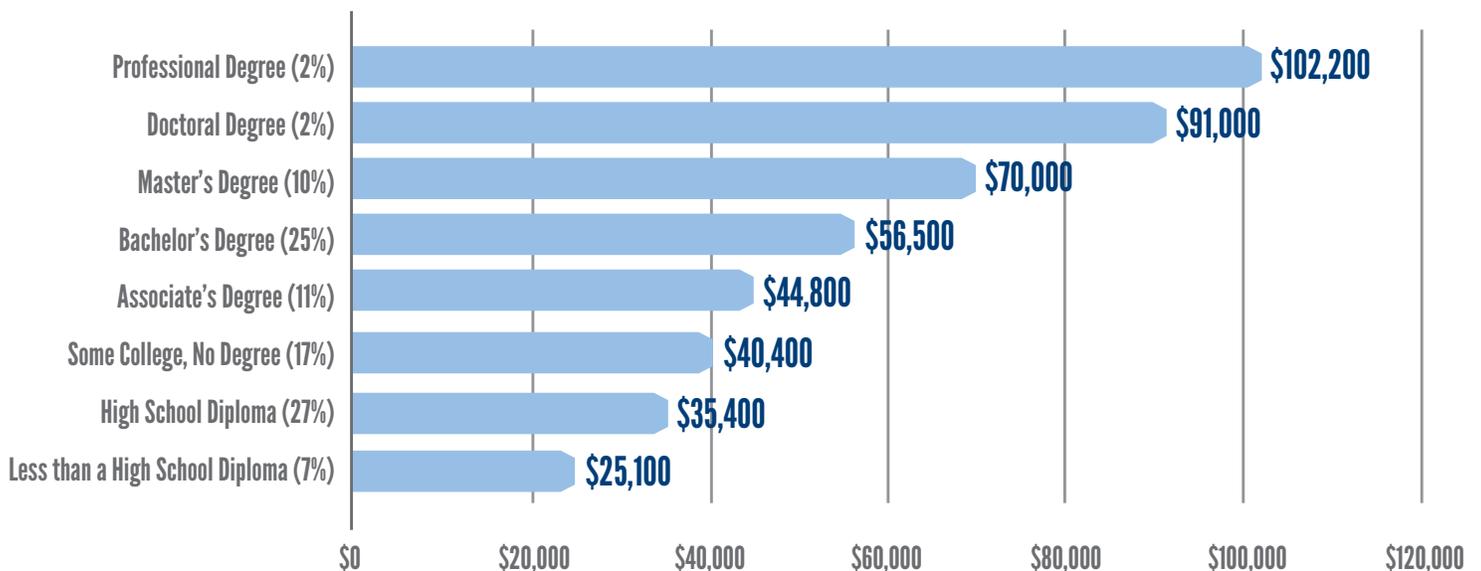
Employed individuals age 30-45 with a bachelor's degree who report they are moderately or very satisfied with their work (1972-2012)

During a 40-year full-time working life, the median earnings of bachelor's degree recipients without an advanced degree are 65 percent higher than the median earnings of those with only a high school diploma.

“The Tuition Guarantee was definitely one of the biggest reasons for me coming to Hiram. The fact that you can come in, and it's predictable as to what you're going to have to pay year in and year out, ensures financial security. The Tuition Guarantee was one of the reasons I could afford to study abroad.”

**Corey Stamco, Class of 2017**

## Median Earnings of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Ages 25 and Older



Source: "Education Pays 2013" by College Board