



# Columbia Financial Aid QuestBridge Questionnaire 2010-11

Columbia is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all admitted first-year students. We partner with each family to provide need-based financial assistance for the four years of undergraduate education at Columbia. Financial need is determined by analyzing the information reported on the financial aid application forms:

**Submit Now: November 2, 2009**

- Columbia Financial Aid QuestBridge Questionnaire
- A complete 2008 Federal Tax Return (including all schedules and W-2s).
- Recent paystubs from 2009, or other verification of current year income.

**Submit Later: March 1, 2010**

- CSS PROFILE
- FAFSA
- A complete 2009 Federal Tax Return (including all schedules and W-2s).

**FAX: 212-854-5353**  
**ATTN: QuestBridge**

Columbia believes that the primary responsibility for meeting the cost of a college education lies with the student and his or her family. Parents are expected to contribute to the extent that they are capable (a need-based Family Contribution will be calculated by Columbia), and students are expected to use a portion of their assets, such as bank accounts or trust funds, and to work during each summer to help contribute toward educational costs. Please fill out the following information to help us assess your family's financial circumstances.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Please list the people living in your household who currently are/will be dependent on (i.e. supported by) your family. Include yourself, your parent(s)/guardian(s), your brothers and sisters, and other relatives. Include any costs for college, private elementary, junior high or high schools, **but list all household members (whether in school or not).**

Name	2009-2010: NOW					2010-2011: Your First Year of College				
	Relationship to Student	Age	Employer or Name of School/College	Year in School	Parent's Contribution	Employer or Anticipated School/College	Year in School	Full-Time	Live at School	Graduate or Undergraduate
1.	SELF					Columbia	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Yes	Yes	Undergrad
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										

Please attach an additional sheet if you have more than 5 family members in your household, providing the same information as above.

Are your natural parents:  married  divorced\*  separated\*  never married\*  widowed

\*NOTE: If your parents are divorced, separated, or never married, the non-custodial parent must also submit a Columbia Financial Aid QuestBridge Questionnaire by November 2, 2009. If you think there will be difficulty meeting this deadline, you must contact the financial aid office so that we can evaluate extenuating circumstances. The non-custodial parent must also submit a copy of his or her federal 2008 (and eventually 2009) income tax returns. If you are not in contact with your non-custodial parent, please attach a letter to explain.

## PARENT INFORMATION (Do not leave any item blank; enter "0" or "N/A" where appropriate.)

1. INCOME (If a loss, enter the amount in parentheses.)	2008	2009 (esti)	2010 (esti)
a. Parent wages, salaries, tips (W2: Box 1 amount)			
b. Interest + Dividend income			
c. Net income or loss from business, farm, rents, royalties partnerships, estates, trust, etc.			
d. Other taxable income (e.g. alimony, capital gain, unemployment, etc.)			
e. Untaxed income*			

\* Untaxed income = untaxed social security benefits, child support, deductible IRA and Keogh contributions, contributions to tax deferred pension plans reported in Box 12 of your W-2 form, etc.

2. Do your parents own or rent your home?  Own  Rent  
 Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ If home is owned: Year purchased \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purchase price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current market value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Unpaid mortgage principal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Parental Cash, checking and savings \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Parental Investment Value\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Include trust funds, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. Do not include the value of retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.)

4. Does your family own any rental property or real estate other than the home?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate the type of property \_\_\_\_\_

Year purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current market value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Unpaid mortgage principal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total rent received in most recent tax year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your family have any parental savings for college or any purpose in any children's names? (Please include any 529/Pre-Paid Tuition or College Savings Plans.)  Yes  No

Name of Child	Source of asset (e.g. parents, relatives)	Amount

6. Will your family receive any tuition benefit from an employer in 2010-2011 (your first year in college)?  Yes  No

Name of Recipient	Source of tuition benefit	Amount

7. Does either parent own all or part of a business, corporation, partnership, or is a farm or ranch owner, operator, or farm tenant?  Yes  No

If yes, please check the appropriate box.  Schedule C  S-Corp  C-Corp  Partnership

**If yes, please submit most recently completed business tax returns.**

Given name, address, and type of business \_\_\_\_\_

Date started \_\_\_\_\_ Value of original investment or purchase price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Current value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' position \_\_\_\_\_ Percent owned \_\_\_\_\_ % Current business debt \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Applicant 2009 Income** (Do not leave any item blank; enter "0" or "N/A" where appropriate.)

Student Income from work \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (W-2 forms will be required for verification)

Student Social Security Benefits \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A 1099 form showing the total benefits received in 2009 will be required for verification.)

Other Student income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you (the student) file a federal income tax return for 2009?  Yes  No

**Applicant Assets** Please give details of all applicant assets:

	Current value/amount	Source (e.g. parents, relatives, earnings, gifts, etc.)
Student Cash and savings		
Uniform gifts to minors		
Student Investments (stocks, bonds, etc.)		
Other Student assets (real estate, etc.)		

Trusts? (attach most recent copy of Form 1041 or Form 5277)  Yes  No

Established by (relationship): \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Total value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Type of trust \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of distribution \_\_\_\_\_

**UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Please attach an additional letter to explain any unusual circumstances that might affect your family's ability to contribute toward your education costs.

**PARENT AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION OF CORRECT INFORMATION**

We certify that all information presented on this application is correct at this time. We will send timely notice of any significant changes in family income or assets, family situation, college plans of other family members, or the receipt of other scholarships or grants.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_