

AVILA'S TUITION REDUCTION & THE AVILA PROMISE *Frequently Asked Questions*

What is the Avila Promise?

The Avila Promise is a set of new initiatives designed to give students a clearer, more affordable path to their futures. The promise is built on four cornerstones:

- Truer tuition pricing and tuition protection
- Guaranteed Graduation
- Travel Award
- Guaranteed Internship or research experience

Together the four promises address concerns most college students face: 1) college affordability and confusion over college costs, 2) on-time graduation and student debt, 3) securing desirable experiences outside of the classroom 4) getting access to global perspectives.

Why is Avila lowering tuition?

As students and their families plan for college, they encounter a great deal of confusion and even misinformation about tuition and the actual cost of college. With the **Avila Promise, Avila University is bringing clarity and transparency** to the process and, specifically, to tuition pricing.

With the **Avila Promise**, families can better plan for the real tuition cost of a 4-year degree. Our goal is to remove confusion and worry around pricing by being upfront about the costs of college.

Our new, truer tuition price model 1) lowers tuition, 2) includes the costs of all books and campus fees, 3) offers tuition protection so your tuition rate will not increase more than three percent per year and 4) protects students from unexpected fee increases and expensive textbooks.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, the published tuition price for full-time, traditional resident undergraduate students will be reduced 33 percent. Non-resident students will also see a tuition price reduction, although a smaller percentage due to additional educational services costs.

What is Guaranteed Graduation?

One of the most impactful actions a university can make to decrease student debt is to make sure students graduate in four years. Most degrees can be earned in four years, yet many students take an additional year or two to complete their bachelor's degree. Each additional year in college adds to their student debt and delays their ability to earn income. So, at Avila, if students do their part, Avila will ensure their graduation in four years by:

- Providing exceptional faculty and staff advisors
- Offering courses, resources and experiences required for graduation
- Delivering a curriculum that exposes students to global studies, interdisciplinary studies, and the civic engagement opportunities.

What is the Travel Award?

Avila wants students to be inspired by how they might influence the world, and to gain a broader perspective. Beginning in their junior year, students are eligible to apply for up to a \$1,000 Travel Award – financial support to help students get experience at the national and international level through travel courses.

What is the Guaranteed Internship/Research Experience?

Employers and graduate schools are looking for candidates who not only have the technical knowledge in their field, but the collaboration skills and work experience that demonstrate their ability to contribute. They'll find them at Avila, where every undergraduate student, in every major, will be engaged in an internship or research project. Students will work with their academic advisors to secure internships or research experience opportunities.

When does the new tuition pricing model go into effect?

The new, truer tuition model will be activated beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

Who is impacted by this announcement?

All full-time, traditional undergraduate students will see a reduction in tuition, beginning in the 2018-19 school year. Following the all-campus announcement, current students received a packet of information with the new tuition pricing and their savings for the 2018-2019 school year. Students will work on an individual basis with their academic advisors and the financial aid office on the various Avila Promise benefits.

Why is Avila University doing this now?

Avila is committed to helping students and families as they navigate college planning. The traditional high-price/high-discount tuition model is confusing, often resulting in students' misperceptions that a private university like Avila is unattainable. Avila is moving to a new tuition model, delivering clear facts about the cost of college. The timing is particularly important for high school juniors and seniors who are currently researching colleges, planning their visits and assessing costs.

What has been the response from students and families?

The response thus far from students and families has been overwhelmingly positive. The Avila Promise was developed in response to their feedback. Gone are the misperceptions about what is affordable under the traditional high-tuition, high-discount tuition pricing model in use by most colleges and universities. Students are looking forward to taking full advantage of the Avila Promise graduating on-time with a global perspective, and internship or research experience.

