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$55,000
ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

$15,435
AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

$5.5 million
TOTAL UNMET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP NEED

150
STUDENTS PER CLASS

30%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PER CLASS

84%
RECEIVING SOME AID

$37,000
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