

1 COST, SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL PLANNING

ANNUAL COST OF ATTENDANCE 2026-27

ITEM	ANNUAL COST (USD)
Tuition	\$41,200
Fees	\$1,040
Room and Board	\$12,550
Health Insurance	\$2,538
Total Cost of Attendance	\$57,328
After Guaranteed Scholarship (\$26,000+)	\$31,328 or less
With Work Study Award (\$2,800)	\$28,528 or less

Is the scholarship guaranteed, or does my child need to maintain a GPA?

Carroll's scholarship is merit-based and guaranteed upon admission. It renews automatically for all four years as long as your child remains enrolled full-time and in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA). The amount does not decrease year to year.

Can my child receive more than the \$26,000 base scholarship?

Yes. The average international financial aid offer for 2025-26 was **\$30,800 per year**. Students with strong academic records, leadership experience, or specific program qualifications may receive higher awards, evaluated at admission and noted in the offer letter.

Is there an application fee?

No. Carroll charges no application fee for international students. There is no financial risk to applying, and decisions are typically returned within days of a complete application.

Are there ways to reduce the cost further?

Two options are worth knowing. First, the **Carroll3 program** allows select majors to be completed in three years rather than four, reducing total cost by approximately 25%. Second, students who exceed English proficiency benchmarks and complete ENG170 with a B or higher earn up to 16 elective credits, which can shorten time to graduation.

2 — CAREER OUTCOMES & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

What can my child do after graduating?

Carroll graduates enter the U.S. job market directly. All international students on F-1 visas are eligible for **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** — up to 12 months of authorized work in their field after graduation. Students in STEM-designated programs qualify for a STEM OPT extension: **up to 36 months total** of U.S. work authorization. This is a significant advantage when competing in the U.S. job market.

Note: OPT approval is determined by USCIS. Carroll cannot guarantee specific immigration outcomes.

STEM OPT ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

- Business Analytics
- Computer Science
- Drone Engineering (Aviation Science and Drone Technologies)
- Information Technology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Video Game Design
- Mathematics

How does Carroll prepare students for the workplace?

Carroll's Sullivan School of Business, Engineering and Technology (SSBET) is built around career preparedness as a core outcome. Engineering students graduate with a working portfolio of real projects. Business coursework is integrated into engineering degrees — graduates leave prepared for their first technical role **and** the management role that typically follows a few years later. Most engineering programs at comparable institutions do not offer this combination.

2 — CAREER, CONTINUED

Everyone says coastal cities are better for careers. Why the Midwest?

The employer base is larger than most families expect. The Milwaukee metro is home to **6 Fortune 500 companies and 11 Fortune 1000 headquarters** — a high concentration for a region its size. Rockwell Automation (world's largest industrial automation company), GE Healthcare (2,000 employees in Waukesha), Northwestern Mutual, Fiserv, Johnson Controls, Harley-Davidson, Generac, and Kohl's are all here. For an engineering or business student, these are not backup options.

The competition is lower. Coastal cities attract more international graduates because of reputation. A computer science graduate in San Francisco competes against thousands of candidates from well-funded universities with deep alumni networks. The same graduate in Milwaukee is in a smaller pool, with better access to hiring managers.

Cost of living means salary goes further. A starting salary in Milwaukee or Chicago buys substantially more than the same salary in San Francisco or New York. Chicago is 90 minutes from campus and fully accessible for interviews and networking.

LINKEDIN WORKFORCE REPORT

Milwaukee ranked top-2 U.S. city for launching a career — measuring hiring rate relative to applicant pool size. The ratio that matters is jobs available per qualified candidate, not total job count.

Is a Carroll degree recognized internationally?

Yes. Carroll is regionally accredited by the **Higher Learning Commission (HLC)** — the standard recognized by employers, graduate programs, and governments worldwide. Carroll is ranked #32 among Regional Universities in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. WalletHub places it in the Top 300 nationally for return on investment.

3 — SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT & DAILY LIFE

Is Waukesha a safe place for my child to live?

Waukesha is consistently rated one of the safer mid-sized cities in Wisconsin. It is a suburban city with a walkable downtown, independent restaurants and shops along the Fox River, and a genuine community character. Students who have not lived in the U.S. before typically find it manageable — it is not an overwhelming environment.

CAMPUS SECURITY

24/7 operation. Emergency blue-light phones across campus. Safety escorts available at night.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

First-year international students live in supervised residence halls with resident advisors. Access is restricted.

DESIGNATED SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Carroll's dedicated DSO manages all F-1 matters — I-20 issuance, SEVIS records, OPT and CPT authorization.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

37+ countries represented. The Global Pioneer Society (GPS) runs peer mentoring and year-round programming.

What about the broader U.S. political environment?

Wisconsin has not seen elevated incidents directed at international students or immigrant communities. Carroll's DSO monitors federal policy closely and communicates directly with international students when relevant changes occur. If you have specific concerns, contact international admissions directly — we will give you an honest answer, not a marketing answer.

How close is Carroll to Chicago? Can my child travel home easily?

Chicago O'Hare — one of the busiest airports in the world, with extensive routes to Asia, Europe, and Latin America — is **90 minutes from campus**. Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is 20 minutes away and easier for domestic travel. Coach USA runs a direct bus from O'Hare to Waukesha that students use regularly.

4 — ACADEMICS & STUDENT SUPPORT

Will my child receive individualized attention, or get lost in large classes?

Carroll operates in small cohorts. Programs are designed so that professors know students by name. There are no large lecture sections where students disappear. Faculty access is direct — office hours are real, not a formality. This is a structural feature of the institution, not a talking point.

What English support is available?

Carroll offers English Conversation Partners — peer tutoring and language support — through the Learning Commons. Additional academic coaching and tutoring services are available at no cost. Students who exceed the English proficiency benchmark and complete ENG170 with a B or higher receive up to **16 elective credits** toward their degree.

Does Carroll recognize prior academic credentials?

Yes. Carroll accepts credit transfer from: **IB Diploma** (up to 16 elective credits), **A-Level qualifications**, **Advanced Placement (AP)** exams (score of 3 or higher, up to 48 AP credits), and a 13th year of schooling from Norway and Italy where coursework is equivalent to U.S. undergraduate-level work. This can reduce total credits needed and shorten time to graduation.

5 — VISA, HEALTH & ARRIVAL

What visa does my child need?

International students at Carroll study on an **F-1 student visa**. Carroll issues the I-20 document required to apply for this visa after admission and payment of the enrollment deposit. Carroll's DSO handles all I-20 and SEVIS matters on campus.

Is health insurance required?

Yes. Carroll requires all international students to enroll in the university's International Student Health Insurance plan. This covers medical visits, hospitalization, and emergency care. Details on current coverage and cost are provided as part of the admission and enrollment process.

Can my child work while studying?

F-1 students may work on-campus up to **20 hours per week** during the semester and up to 29 hours during official academic breaks. Off-campus employment in the first academic year is not permitted under F-1 regulations. After year one, CPT and OPT become available with DSO approval.

ARRIVAL & FIRST-YEAR SUPPORT

My child has never traveled internationally before. How does Carroll handle arrival?

Carroll's team is in direct contact with every incoming student before they depart — with clear step-by-step instructions covering what to expect at customs, how to transfer between airports, and exactly what to do once they land.

Two pickup options are available: students can be picked up at **Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE)**, 20 minutes from campus. For students arriving via Chicago O'Hare and taking the Coach USA bus, pickup is available at Goerkes Corner in Waukesha.

If a student experiences delays or a missed connection, **Carroll staff remain available as late into the night as needed**. No student is left to figure out their own way to campus after a 20-hour journey. Parents can reach the team by WhatsApp at any point during their child's travel day.

ORIENTATION

Carroll runs an international student orientation before the fall semester. It covers campus navigation, banking and phone setup, academic expectations, DSO check-in, and introduction to the GPS community. Orientation mentors — current students from similar backgrounds — are assigned to support new arrivals through the first weeks.

If my child is struggling emotionally, is there support on campus?

Yes. Carroll's **Walter Young Center** provides confidential counseling to all students at no cost, for up to 10 sessions per year. Counselors understand the pressures specific to international students: distance from family, cultural adjustment, language demands, and being far from home for the first time. Students do not need to be in crisis to make an appointment. If something feels hard, that is reason enough to go.

Who is keeping an eye on my child during the first weeks?

International students arrive with a support network already in place: an orientation mentor who has navigated the same adjustment, a resident advisor in the same building, and the GPS community. Carroll is a small institution by design. **A student who misses class or withdraws socially gets noticed here** in a way that does not happen at a large university.

Still have questions? We answer in real time.

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