

What Will College Cost?

How much do you really need to go to the college of your choice?

College tuition, books, travel, room and food plan, a social life all costs money. Do you have a budget for each of these items? Do you know how much it will cost per semester or per year? Getting your arms around the real money matters is critical to a successful college career and to a successful life!

Identify the costs

1. Do the research on the college's website about their charges. The following websites have cost calculators which will help identify things to think about:
 - o How is interest calculated?
 - o Student budget calculator
2. Living on campus: Sometimes rooming with more than one other person will get you reduced boarding fees.
3. Meal Plans: Do you have choices with your meal plan? Will you need to supplement the meal plans with food from other sources?
4. Special course sturdy: Will you need additional supplies beyond books?
5. Travel: Think about the school's location. In addition to room and board, how much will you need to return home? How often do you plan to go back and forth?
6. Are you bringing a car? If so, will you need a parking permit?



Amanda Maughan

"This award has helped me pursue my dreams in going to the college of my choice, and not having as much of the burden of tuition costs on my shoulders. I use this scholarship money to pay for books, rent, travel expenses and food - it allows me to live stress free at school, which as a bioengineering major is hard to do!"