

Evaluate your financial aid offers

A quick way to compare offers and determine your net costs is to subtract all your grant, scholarship and other free aid from your cost of attendance. Keep in mind that colleges have different ways of awarding financial aid as well as different costs of attendance.¹

COLLEGE			
Cost of attendance			
Tuition and fees			
Room and board ²			
Books and supplies			
Computer allowance			
Other fees			
Other costs			
Total college costs (A)			
GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP AID			
Federal Pell Grant			
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)			
TEACH Grant			
Cal Grant			
Other grants			
Scholarships			
Institution-based aid			
Total grant/scholarship aid (B)			
Your net costs (A - B)			
LOANS			
Federal subsidized Stafford loan			
Federal unsubsidized Stafford loan			
Federal Perkins loan			
Federal PLUS loan			
Private loan			
Total loan aid (C)			
Total financial aid (B + C = D)			
Your out-of-pocket costs (A - D)			
Work-study or student employment (E)			

¹ Not all colleges participate in all of the financial aid programs listed above.

² If room and board aren't part of your housing contract, check with the college's housing office or check the local paper or online for rental costs.