



COST COMPARISON WORKSHEET

This worksheet can be used as a guide to calculate a student expense budget and to help determine the resources needed to meet the costs for the school year when comparing colleges.

| College Name | _____ | _____ | _____ |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Housing Choice (Residential or Commuter) (circle) | R or C | R or C | R or C |
| A. Direct educational expenses | | | |
| Tuition | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Miscellaneous fees | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| On-campus housing (if applicable) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| On-campus meal plan (if applicable) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Subtotal A | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| B. Financial aid award offer | | | |
| Institutional <u>Scholarships</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| State/Federal/Institutional <u>Grants</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Estimated <u>Outside Scholarships</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Subtotal B | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| C. Estimated balance due after scholarships/grants (A minus B) | | | |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| D. Student Loans and/or campus work | | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Subtotal D | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| E. Estimated balance due (C minus D) | | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| F. Indirect/variable expenses (examples): Books and supplies | | | |
| Off-campus housing | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Personal expenses | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Transportation expenses | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Other _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Subtotal F | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| G. Estimated Total Due (E plus F) | | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please Note: The amounts listed in E and F represent the family’s financial responsibility. Individual family decisions will determine which portion of those costs will be covered by the student and which costs will be covered by the parents.