

# How much does college cost?

estimated per-year cost of attendance comparison chart by institution type

2016-2017	Community College	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private/Independent
Registration Fees & Tuition	\$1,142 - \$1,370	\$6,299 - \$9,075	\$12,294 - \$15,035	\$30,600 - \$50,492
Books & Supplies	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900
Room & Board	\$4,968 - \$12,492	\$9,386 - \$16,146 <i>on campus housing</i>	\$12,545 - \$15,933 <i>on campus housing</i>	\$9,450 - \$14,601 <i>on campus housing</i>
Transportation	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$1,550	\$1,550
Personal Expenses	\$1,416	\$1,416	\$1,416	\$1,416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,976 - \$18,728</b>	<b>\$20,501 - \$30,087</b>	<b>\$29,655 - \$35,784</b>	<b>\$44,866 - \$69,959</b>



Registration fees and tuition are based on full-time enrollment for California residents. Fees and tuition are subject to change without advance notice.  
\*Non-CA residents: out-of-state and international students must pay additional registration fees



The costs of books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses are estimates that may vary campus to campus.



Total expenses may be less for students living at home. Financial aid is available to help students cover some of the college costs.

## What kind of financial aid can I receive?

financial aid programs for undergraduate students

### GRANTS

Financial aid that does not have to be repaid.

Sample list of grants:

Pell	\$598 - \$5,815
SEOG	\$100 - \$4,000
Cal Grant A	\$5,472 - \$12,240
Cal Grant B	\$7,142 - \$13,896
EOP Grant	\$100 - \$1,000
Middle Class Scholarship	\$90 - \$1,092

Award amounts vary by college and eligibility status.

### LOANS

Aid that must be repaid by student or parent.

Subsidized: \$3,500 - \$5,500  
*interest is paid for on student's behalf until he/she graduates or enrolls below half-time.*

Unsubsidized: \$2,000 - \$7,000  
*student is responsible for paying the interest rate during all periods.*

Parent PLUS: Awarded up to the cost of attendance. Credit approval is required.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**: Aid that does not need to be repaid and is based on your academic achievement and/or other criteria such as community involvement and financial need.

**WORK STUDY**: Aid earned through part-time work on campus. Amount varies.

Contact the financial aid office at the college you want to attend to receive more information about their cost of attendance and financial aid programs.

## How can I apply for financial aid?

① file for the correct aid application:

FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

or

CA Dream

\*only eligible for California State Aid  
[www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)

② submit a GPA verification form to the California Student Aid Commission for Cal Grant consideration at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)

③ submit any follow up documents that your college is asking for

### Annual Priority Deadline: March 2

#### To receive financial aid every year...

1. RE-APPLY for aid every year (application opens October 1<sup>st</sup>)
2. OBSERVE March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to be considered for all aid programs
3. MAINTAIN satisfactory academic progress toward a degree

At San Francisco State University, about half of our students receive financial aid to help cover costs. There are many types of aid available, including private and institutional scholarships. Call the SFSU Office of Financial Aid at 415-338-7000 with questions or visit [www.sfsu.edu/~finaid](http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid)