

College Ready: College Cost Estimator Worksheet

Use this worksheet to estimate the TRUE annual cost of attending a college.

Category	Estimated Annual Cost
Tuition & Fees	
Room & Board	
Books & Supplies	
Personal Expenses	
Transportation	
Other (Parking, Greek Life, Lab Fees, etc.)	
TOTAL Estimated Annual Cost	

Now Calculate Net Cost

Description	Amount
Total Estimated Annual Cost	
Minus Scholarships & Grants (Free Money)	
NET COST (What You Actually Pay)	

Reminder: Loans are not discounts. Focus on grants and scholarships when comparing schools.

Multiply your NET COST by four years (include a 3–5% tuition increase annually) to estimate total commitment.