Cost of Attendance – Student Budget

How It Works

The “Cost of Attendance” (COA) provides students with a breakdown of the estimated expenses that they may incur while attending LSU Health Shreveport.

The COA estimates are used to build the Student Budget, which the Department of Education sets as the limit of financial aid a student is allowed to receive each year.

Good to know:

- Both hard charges (tuition & fees) and living expense estimates are used to create the COA/Student budget.
- The COA only covers the months that students are enrolled in their programs – meaning, students will want to budget their financial aid to cover the full calendar year.

Determining How Much Aid You Actually Need

Start by creating a Personal Budget and listing all of your expenses:

- Contact the Bursar’s Office to see what your actual charges (tuition & fees) will be for each term.
- Factor in all of your recurring expenses: food, transportation, housing, insurance, streaming services, etc.

Accepting too Little or too Much Aid

You can always contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to revise your aid. We can help you:

- Reduce or return any excess funds
- Request additional aid if there is still room within your COA/Student Budget