

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