How much does college cost?

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

2017-2018	Community College	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private/ Independent
Registration Fees & Tuition	$1,142 - $1,370	$5,742 *+ campus-based fees*	$12,630 *+ campus-based fees*	$31,140 - $52,260
Books & Supplies	$1,948	$1,948	$1,948	$1,948
Room & Board	$4,968 - $12,492	$9,704 - $16,954 *on campus housing*	$12,618 - $16,970 *on campus housing*	$9,600 - $15,112 *on campus housing*
Transportation	$1,566	$1,566	$1,566	$1,566
Personal Expenses	$1,450	$1,450	$1,450	$1,450
TOTAL	$10,976 - $18,728	$20,410 - $30,087	$30,212 - $34,564	$45,704 - $72,336



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

LOANS

Aid that must be repaid.

Types of loans:

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.

GRANTS

Financial aid that does not have to be repaid.

Sample list of grants:

Pell Grant	$606 - $5,920
SEOG	$100 - $4,000
Cal Grant A	$5,742 - $12,630
Cal Grant B	$7,414 - $14,302
Cal Grant C	Vocational Programs only
EOP Grant	$100 - $1,000
Institutional Grant	Varies by school

Award amounts vary by college and eligibility status.

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	or	CA Dream
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov		*only eligible for California State Aid https://dream.csac.ca.gov

2. Submit a GPA verification form to the California Student Aid Commission for Cal Grant consideration at 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 1st)
2. **OBSERVE** March 2nd 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

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