

College Budget Template for Students

Use this checklist to discuss who will be responsible for which expenses once you start college. This may change as your family adjusts to your new normal, so don't be afraid to revisit this checklist in a few months and change any figures if necessary.

Every family's situation is different (some students will be living on-campus vs. with parent(s) vs. living off-campus), so **we recommend adjusting this checklist according to your and your family's circumstances.**

Consider printing a copy for both you and your parent or guardian, so you can reference it throughout the school year.

Ways to use this checklist:

1. Go to File > Download > Microsoft Word, to download as an editable .docx file
2. Go to File > Share > Share With Others to share this Google Doc with your parent
3. Go to File > Print to print this Google Doc

Item	Estimated Cost Per Semester	Parent/Guardian Contribution	Student Contribution
Tuition	\$ _____		
Administrative Fees	\$ _____		
Books & Supplies	\$ _____		
Housing/Rent	\$ _____		
Meal Plan/Groceries	\$ _____		
Car Payment / Insurance	\$ _____		
Parking Pass	\$ _____		
Rideshare	\$ _____		
Travel home	\$ _____		
Laundry	\$ _____		

Internet	\$ _____		
Cell Phone	\$ _____		
Entertainment	\$ _____		
Clothes	\$ _____		
Dorm Room Supplies	\$ _____		
Credit Card Payments	\$ _____		
Medical Expenses	\$ _____		
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ _____		
[Custom Item]	\$ _____		
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[Custom Item]	\$ _____		

Add as many new items as you'd like, and remove any that don't apply to your situation.

We also recommend adding any columns for additional semesters to see what you might expect to spend over the course of a full school year.