

# WHAT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR



Here's an idea of what you and your child will have to pay for. For more information on college expenses, visit the National Center for Education Statistics at [nces.ed.gov](https://nces.ed.gov).

**TUITION:** Generally higher for private colleges or if your child attends a public university as an out-of-state student.

**FEES:** For labs, technology and activities.

**BOOKS:** Textbooks and other required reading materials.

**SUPPLIES:** Technology devices (computer, printer, peripherals), paper and related supplies.

**HOUSING AND MEAL PLANS:** If your child attends a four-year university, they may be required to live on campus at least the first year and purchase a meal plan in one of the dining halls.

**PERSONAL EXPENSES:** Cell phone, Internet, clothes, laundry, entertainment, spending money and other costs of daily life.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The cost for your child to travel to and from college. If your student will take a vehicle, include parking, fuel and maintenance costs.

**INSURANCE:** A renters insurance policy will protect students' property from theft or destruction, and auto insurance is a must to drive any vehicle, even if they don't bring one to school. Check with your insurer for details and state requirements.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Many schools provide student coverage, but ask your own health insurer about how your current policy covers students.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Fraternity, sorority or other club dues, membership fees and related activity expenses.