# Estimate Cost of Attendance

## PURPOSE

There are a number of costs associated with attending college. Each college is required to publish the average Cost of Attendance (COA) for one year of full time enrollment. This includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. Your personal costs associated with attending college may look different than Clark’s published Cost of Attendance. The cost of attendance is not the actual sticker price for your education, but instead is used in calculating the maximum amount of financial aid you’re able to receive each year from a variety of sources. You may have additional expenses that could be considered as part of your COA, including dependent care, costs related to a disability, and costs for eligible study-abroad programs. If those expenses apply to you, get in touch with the Financial Aid office to request an aid adjustment.

## ACTION

The following steps will prepare you to complete the worksheet below:

1. Review the [Cost of Attendance](http://www.clark.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/documents/Cost_of_Attendance.pdf) section of the Clark website.
2. Refer to the following resources:
   1. [Clark College tuition and fees](http://www.clark.edu/enroll/registration/tuition-fees/index.php)
   2. [Apartments.com](https://www.apartments.com/) (for housing)
   3. [Walmart.com](https://www.walmart.com/) (for groceries)
   4. [Gasbuddy.com](https://iam.gasbuddy.com/login) (for gas)

### Cost of Attendance Table

Complete the worksheet below to estimate the costs of attending Clark College that are relevant to you. If none of these costs are relevant to you during your time at Clark and you intend to continue your education after graduating, fill in the expenses based on whatever college or university you plan to transfer to.

|  | Fall Term | Winter Term | Spring Term |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Credits |  |  |  |
| Cost of Tuition and Fees |  |  |  |
| Cost of Books and Supplies |  |  |  |
| Cost of Housing (Rent, Utilities, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Cost of Food (Groceries, Eating Out, Coffee, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Cost of Transportation (Gas, Car Payment, Bus Pass, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Cost of Insurance (Health, Auto, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Cost of Computer, Cell Phone and Internet |  |  |  |
| Cost of Child/Dependent Care |  |  |  |
| Cost of Clothing, Personal Care, etc. |  |  |  |
| Costs Related to a Disability |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |

### Reflection Questions

What is the estimated cost of attendance you calculated for your first year at Clark?

Using [Clark’s Net Price Calculator](https://www.clark.edu/NetPriceCalculator/), how much is the Federal Cost of Attendance for your circumstance for Clark College?

## NEXT STEPS

Once you have successfully completed this Financial Wellness Activity, you have increased your understanding of your own financial well-being. You are now prepared to use this information to plan carefully and thoroughly for your income and spending needs while you are in college.

You are now one step further in MyPlan. At this point we encourage you to discuss your progress with a faculty or staff member at Clark College, such as an academic advisor or faculty advisor, Financial Wellness Coach, Career Services staff, or class instructor.

It may be useful to print out and refer to this completed activity before your meeting, or email it to the staff/faculty ahead of time.