

Estimated Cost of Attendance (COA)

A student's estimated cost of attendance is used to establish financial need and sets a limit to the amount of financial aid a student may receive.

The COA is an estimate/average dollar amount which includes estimates of standard expenses such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board, and personal expenses, such as clothing, transportation, etc. Students must have unmet need to qualify for Title IV aid.

COA (cost of attendance) – EFC (expected family contribution) – Other Aid = Unmet Need

Cost of Attendance is NOT a bill and is provided for planning purposes only. Additional cost information and estimates are available via the [Net Price Calculator](#).

Cost of Attendance includes both direct (billable) and indirect (estimated) costs for two semesters, generally fall and spring. Direct costs may include tuition, fees, room, board, books, and some supplies which are billed by the College. Indirect costs include off campus living expenses, transportation, loan fees, and other personal/miscellaneous expenses. All these costs associated with COA vary by student and that is why the COA is an estimate of costs, not an actual cost. COA figures are estimates and are subject to change. COA is originally estimated based on full-time enrollment and will adjust according to actual enrollment status.

Student expense budgets are constructed for each of the following populations:

- In-State – Living with Parents
- In-State – Living On Campus
- In-State – Living Off Campus (not with parent)
- Out-of-State – Living with Parents
- Out-of-State – Living On Campus
- Out-of-State – Living Off Campus (not with parent)

All COA budgets are considered good-faith estimates of the projected educational expenses that the majority of students may incur while attending Coastal Alabama. Individual students may experience varying costs because of special educational expense needs. Adjustments to a student's budget will be based on special educational expenses and must be documented by the student. All documentation will be evaluated by the Director and/or Assistant Director of Financial Aid on a case-by-case basis. Examples of items that may need to be increased are dependent care expenses, cost of a personal computer, tool costs, other excessive costs not included in the COA calculation.

Estimated costs of attendance are based on full-time enrollment of 15 hours each semester for two semesters. Budgets are automatically adjusted in the College system based on actual enrolled hours – full-time, three-quarter time, half-time, and/or less than half-time. Financial aid offers will be adjusted accordingly. The following COA budgets are estimates and subject to change.

	In-State Living with Parents	In-State Living On Campus	In-State Living Off Campus	Out-of-State Living with Parents	Out-of-State Living On Campus	Out-of-State Living Off Campus
Enrollment - 2 semesters	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time	Full-Time
Tuition and Fees	4860	4860	4860	8550	8550	8550
Room Board	2500	5800	6600	2500	5800	6600
Books	750	750	750	750	750	750
Loan Cost	129	129	129	129	129	129
Transportation	3000	3000	3750	3000	3000	3750

Personal/ Miscellaneous	1500	2250	2250	1500	2250	2250
	\$ 12,739	\$ 16,789	\$ 18,339	\$ 16,429	\$ 20,479	\$ 22,029
	In-State Living with Parents	In-State Living On Campus	In-State Living Off Campus	Out-of-State Living with Parents	Out-of-State Living On Campus	Out-of-State Living Off Campus
Enrollment - 2 semesters	Three-Quarter	Three-Quarter	Three-Quarter	Three-Quarter	Three-Quarter	Three-Quarter
Tuition and Fees	3645	3645	3645	6413	6413	6413
Room Board	2500	5800	6600	2500	5800	6600
Books	563	563	563	563	563	563
Loan Cost	97	97	97	97	97	97
Transportation	3000	3000	3750	3000	3000	3750
Personal/ Miscellaneous	1500	2250	2250	1500	2250	2250
	\$ 11,305	\$ 15,355	\$ 16,905	\$ 14,073	\$ 18,123	\$ 19,673
	In-State Living with Parents	In-State Living On Campus	In-State Living Off Campus	Out-of-State Living with Parents	Out-of-State Living On Campus	Out-of-State Living Off Campus
Enrollment - 2 semesters	Half-Time	Half-Time	Half-Time	Half-Time	Half-Time	Half-Time
Tuition and Fees	2430	2430	2430	4275	4275	4275
Room Board	2500	5800	6600	2500	5800	6600
Books	375	375	375	375	375	375
Loan Cost	65	65	65	65	65	65
Transportation	3000	3000	3750	3000	3000	3750
Personal/ Miscellaneous	1500	2250	2250	1500	2250	2250
	\$ 9,870	\$ 13,920	\$ 15,470	\$ 11,715	\$ 15,765	\$ 17,315
	In-State Living with Parents	In-State Living On Campus	In-State Living Off Campus	Out-of-State Living with Parents	Out-of-State Living On Campus	Out-of-State Living Off Campus
Enrollment - 2 semesters	Less Than Half- Time	Less Than Half- Time	Less Than Half- Time	Less Than Half- Time	Less Than Half- Time	Less Than Half- Time
Tuition and Fees	1215	1215	1215	2138	2138	2138
Room Board	2500	5800	6600	2500	5800	6600
Books	188	188	188	188	188	188
Loan Cost	33	33	33	33	33	33
Transportation	3000	3000	3750	3000	3000	3750
Personal/ Miscellaneous	1500	2250	2250	1500	2250	2250
	\$ 8,436	\$ 12,486	\$ 14,036	\$ 9,359	\$ 13,409	\$ 14,959