



COLLEGE TUITION AND FEES INFORMATION

Estimated annual tuition (based on full-time attendance)

INSTITUTION

California Community Colleges	\$1,000
Cal State University (CSU)	\$5,700
University of California (UC)	\$13,000
Woodbury University	\$42,600
Loyola Marymount University	\$53,000
University of Southern California (USC)	\$63,900

The cost of housing, books, supplies, personal expenses, etc. for students who pay their own rent (living away from family) is approximately \$20,000-25,000 per year for most colleges in California. The range is \$15,000-\$25,000 for the rest of the country depending on the city in which the college is located. While living at home may save money, research shows that living on or near campus enhances your development and may lead to higher grades and graduation rates.

MOST STUDENTS DON'T PAY THE FULL AMOUNT....

While the estimated tuition and fees may seem unaffordable, the fact is that **most students do not pay the full amount after taking into account financial aid packages**. Many of our transfer students do not pay any tuition (UC Blue and Gold Scholarship, Pell Grant, Cal Grant, etc.), but may have to take out loans for books and housing. The average debt for a California college graduate is \$38,000. That may sound like a lot, but based upon US Census data, those with bachelor's degrees earn approximately \$30,000 more PER YEAR than their peers with a high school diploma. In other words, you will make your money back! Don't let the fear of debt scare you away from your degree. Your college loans are an investment. Having said that, we do recommend to try to stay below \$60,000 in loans unless you are entering a field that offers a high-paying starting salary.

Make sure to fill out your financial aid application by March 2 on the studentaid.gov website or the dream.csac.ca.gov website. If you are planning on attending a private school such as USC, you will also have to complete your CSS Profile on the collegeboard.org website. Finally, tuition is substantially higher for international and non-California residents at the UCs and CSUs.