

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The cost of attendance (COA), also known as the budget, is an estimate of what it costs the typical student to attend Collin College for a given time period and includes the following components:

Tuition and Fees - The actual costs for tuition and fees plus an allowance for class/lab fees for a Collin College student. The actual costs that a student incurs may vary depending on the student's enrollment (full-time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, etc.) and their residency status.

Books and Supplies - The average cost of books and supplies for a typical Collin College student. This does not include unusual costs for special groups of students (E.g., Paramedic or Culinary Arts majors).

Room and Board - A reasonable estimate of what it would cost to live in Collin County while attending school. Actual costs may vary based on location and other individual choices and circumstances. For students living with parents, we only provide the Board (food) component of Room & Board.

Note: We assume that all Out-of-State students are “off-campus”.

Transportation - The estimated transportation costs for a typical Collin College student. Actual costs may vary.

Personal and Miscellaneous - A reasonable allowance for other living expenses incurred by a typical student. Again, actual costs may vary.

Factors Affecting Cost of Attendance: At Collin College, our published cost of attendance is based on a typical student enrolled full-time (15 hours each semester) for the Fall and Spring semesters. Please note that the student’s Tuition and Fees component is adjusted each semester on the lock date of that semester to reflect the student’s actual tuition and fees.

Another factor that can affect a student’s cost of attendance is their residency status (i.e., in-county, out-of-county, out-of-state/country) since Collin College charges separate tuition amounts based on a student’s residency.

A second factor that can affect a student's cost of attendance is if they are living off campus (E.g., in their own residence, in student housing, etc.) or if they are living with their parents. Generally speaking, students living in their own residence or in student housing have increased living costs as compared to students living at home.

A final factor that can affect a student's cost of attendance is if their enrollment is less-than-half-time (less than 6 credit hours) for the semester. Federal regulations dictate that for students enrolled less-than-half-time, schools are not allowed to include the Personal and Miscellaneous component and can choose not to include the Room and Board component. At Collin College, we do *not* include these two components when students are enrolled less-than-half-time.

Standardized costs of attendance are established and published on the website each year and are applied equally across similar groups of students (for example, all full-time, in-county students living off-campus).