Here’s an example...

A typical, in-state, undergraduate student living on campus and taking a full class load has the following estimated cost of attendance budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

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<td>Fees</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$6,786</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$4,387</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,626</strong></td>
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<td>Books &amp; Supplies</td>
<td>$414</td>
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<td>Transportation Expenses</td>
<td>$1,394</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
<td>$1,597</td>
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<td>Average Loan Fees</td>
<td>$60</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,465</strong></td>
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**Cost of Attendance Budget**  
$19,091
# Federal and State Grant Programs

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| **Federal Pell Grant** | - Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need, as determined by the FAFSA, and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree  
- Federal Pell Grant lifetime eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or the equivalent |
| **WCU Grant** | - Awarded to students with need  
- Award dependent on availability of funds |
| **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** | - Awarded to undergraduate students, enrolled full-time, who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree  
- Federal Pell Grant recipients, with a 0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution), receive priority  
- Award dependent on availability of funds |
| **NC Tuition Grant** | - Awarded to undergraduate students, enrolled full-time, who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree  
- Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority  
- Awarded to NC Residents only  
- Award dependent on availability of funds  
- To establish and retain eligibility for North Carolina State grants, students must obtain and maintain North Carolina residency, as determined by the state of North Carolina.  
- Award amount subject to change based on eligibility |
| **NC Guarantee** | - Awarded to students with need  
- Awarded to NC Residents attending an eligible North Carolina institution  
- Award is based on FAFSA completion with an EFC of less than $8000 and AGI less than $75000  
- Award dependent on availability of funds  
- Lifetime eligibility is limited to 10 semesters or the equivalent  
- To establish and retain eligibility for North Carolina State grants, students must obtain and maintain North Carolina residency, as determined by the state of North Carolina.  
- Award amount subject to change based on eligibility |
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant

You may be eligible for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant if:

- You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant on the basis of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) but
- Meet the remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements, and
- Your parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11, and
- You were under 24 years old or enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of your parent's or guardian's death

Children of Fallen Heroes Grant

You may be eligible for the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant if:

- You were under the age of 24 and enrolled in a higher education program at the time of a parent/guardian death
- Parent/guardian was either a fire fighter, police officer, member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, an employee of a state, local or tribal emergency management or civil defense agency, an employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, such as a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or chaplain
- You are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant on the basis of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Federal Self-Help Aid

Self-Help Programs

Federal Work Study

- Awarded to students with need
- Students should answer 'yes' to the question on the FAFSA that asks 'Are you interested in Work Study?' to be considered
- If a student is not awarded Federal Work Study in their financial aid package, please contact the Financial Aid Office to be placed on the wait list
- Award dependent on availability of funds
Federal Student Loan Programs

Will you need a loan to attend college?

If so, think federal aid first. Federal student loans usually offer borrowers lower interest rates and have more flexible repayment terms and options than private student loans.

What is a federal student loan?

• Federal loans are borrowed funds that you must repay with interest.

• A federal student loan allows students and their parents to borrow money to help pay for college through loan programs supported by the federal government.

• They have low-interest rates and offer flexible repayment terms, benefits, and options.

What is a private student loan?

• A private student loan is a nonfederal loan issued by a lender such as a bank or credit union.

Why are federal student loans a better option for paying for college?

Federal student loans offer borrowers many benefits not typically found in private loans. These include:

• Low fixed interest rates
• Income-based repayment plans
• Cancellation for certain employment
• Deferment (postponement) options, including deferment of loan payments when a student returns to school.
• Private loans usually require a credit check

For these reasons, students and parents should always exhaust federal student loan options before considering a private loan.

How much should I borrow?

Consider the earnings potential in your chosen profession to determine how easily you can repay your debt. You can find career salary estimates in the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook at bls.gov/ooh. Your student loan payments should be only a small percentage of your salary after you graduate, so it's important not to borrow more than you need for your school-related expenses.
# Available Federal Student Loans

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| **Direct Subsidized Loan** | - For undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need  
- For loan interest rates go to https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/interest-rates  
- The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on a Direct Subsidized Loan  
  - while you're in school at least half-time,  
  - for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a grace period*), and  
  - during a period of deferment (a postponement of loan payments).  
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the lender; payment is owed to ED |
| **Direct Unsubsidized Loan** | - For undergraduate and graduate students; financial need is not required  
- For loan interest rates go to https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/interest-rates  
- Student is responsible for interest during all periods  
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the lender; payment is owed to ED |
| **Direct Plus Loan** | - For parents of dependent undergraduate students and for graduate or professional students, financial need is not required  
- Student must be either a dependent undergraduate student for whom a parent is taking out a Direct PLUS Loan or a graduate or professional student who is receiving a Direct Graduate PLUS Loan  
- For loan interest rates go to https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/interest-rates  
- A credit check is required and borrower must not have negative credit history  
- Borrower is responsible for interest during all periods  
- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the lender; payment is owed to ED |

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