



Financial Aid Award Worksheet

Use this checklist to help you choose the college that is best for you from an educational, financial and personal standpoint.

Step 1 - List the name of each school you would like to attend, the award deadline date, and the total cost of attendance. This information will be in your award letter. If you have not received an award letter, refer to the college catalog for estimating the cost of attendance, or call the financial aid office. In estimating the cost of attendance, include both direct and indirect expenses such as tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, course and recreation-related fees, and personal expenses (clothing, laundry, recreation, long-distance telephone calls, medical, etc.).

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Name of College			
Award Deadline Date			
Total Cost of Attendance			

Step 2 - List the financial aid awards each school is offering. Do not forget that gift aid such as grants, scholarships and work-study do not have to be repaid, while all loans must be repaid.

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Grants & Scholarships			
Pell			
State			
College			
Other			
Other			
Total Grants & Scholarships			

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Work Study Opportunities			

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	College 1	College 2	College 3
Loans			
Stafford			
Perkins			
Other			
Other			
Total Loans			
Total Financial Aid Award			
Grants & Scholarships +			
Work Study +			
Loans +			
TOTAL			

Step 3 - Calculate what it will cost you to attend the college you are considering. For each college, list the name of the school and the total cost of attendance. Then, subtract the total financial award from the total cost of attendance. That number is the net cost, or what it will cost you to attend that school.

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Total Cost of Attendance			
Total Financial Aid Award (minus)			
NET COST TO ATTEND			