CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION 2024-25 Student Expense Budgets

ALLOWANCE	WITH PARENTS	ON CAMPUS HOUSING	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
TUITION AND FEES ¹	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES		
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ²	\$1,062 PER ACADEMIC YEAR		
FOOD ³ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 1,277 / MO \$ 11,493 / YR	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL	\$ 817 / MO \$ 7,353 / YR
HOUSING ⁴ Per Month: Per Year:	INCLUDED IN ABOVE	CHARGES	\$ 1,637 / MO \$ 14,733 / YR
TRANSPORTATION⁵ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 199/MO \$ 1,791/YR	\$ 137 / MO \$ 1,233 / YR	\$ 218 / MO \$ 1,962 / YR
PERSONAL / MISC ⁶ Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 451 / MO \$ 4,059 / YR	\$ 357 / MO \$ 3,213 / YR	\$ 552 / MO \$ 4,968 / YR
CHILD / DEPENDENT CARE	REASONABLE EXPENSES WITH ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT, DEPENDING UPON AGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
LOAN FEES	FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS, ACTUAL OR AVERAGE LOAN ORIGINATION AND INSURANCE		
TOTAL, Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 2,045 / MO \$ 18,405 / YR	\$ 612 / MO \$ 5,508 / YR	\$ 3,342 / MO \$ 30,078 / YR

¹ Includes all mandatory fees.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown on this table are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2021-22 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS), adjusted for inflation with the 2024-25 CCPI.

The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$549), educational supplies (\$153), course material fees (\$198), and computer-related expenses (\$162), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

³ Includes food, snacks, and meals.

⁴ Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

⁵ Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

 $^{^{6}}$ Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.