

**PURPOSE**

The cost of attendance is developed by the student financial aid office and is the estimate of tuition and fees; cost of housing and food (or living expenses); cost of books, course materials, supplies, and equipment; transportation; and miscellaneous/personal expenses. The cost of attendance is used to calculate a student's eligibility for financial aid and is a representation of what it will reasonably cost a student to attend Frank Phillips College for an academic year. The total cost for each category is based on nine-month fall/spring semesters. For Cosmetology, Welding and Nursing, the total cost is representative of the program for the academic year.

**POLICY**

Student Financial Services will develop the cost of attendance annually in the spring upon approval of tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year. All students are budgeted for full-time enrollment.

**METHODOLOGY**

For 2023-24, tuition and fees, housing and food remained unchanged. For books, course materials, supplies and equipment; transportation and miscellaneous/personal, the average costs remained unchanged due to the minimum variance from 2022-23 and to keep in alignment with the institutional charge's components.

*Tuition and Fees*

- Average tuition and fees for the 2023-24 Cost of Attendance were developed from Frank Phillips College 2023-2024 Cost/Admission Fact Sheet. The Frank Phillips College Board of Regents approve any changes to tuition and fees. For 2023-24, tuition and fees remained the same as the prior year.
- For reporting purposes, full-time tuition and fees are reported as 15 SCH per term and 30 SCH for award year for in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state. Tuition and fees are reported separately.
- For reporting purposes, the following enrollment status definitions are used for less than full-time enrollment for tuition and fees:
  - Three-quarter time (9-11 SCH) – 11 hours published for COA purposes
  - Half-time (6-8 SCH) – 8 hours published for COA purposes
  - Less than half-time (0-5 SCH) – 5 hours published for COA purposes

*Housing*

- The average cost of on-campus housing was calculated using the on-campus housing cost for fall and spring.
- The average cost of off-campus housing was calculated by averaging rent costs for Borger, Texas.
- The average costs for internet and utilities were assumed to be included as part of housing costs.
- Housing costs remain the same across each enrollment status.

*Food*

- The average cost of food was calculated using the on-campus dining plan cost for fall and spring and accounts for the equivalent of at least three meals per day.
- Meal costs remain the same across each enrollment status.

*Living Expense (Housing & Food) Note:* For students living at home, the housing and food components were calculated at 60% for students living at home with dependents and 40% for students living at home. For the cost of three meals per day, the on-campus dining plan was taken into account and prorated based on living at home and living at home with dependents. The average of three meals a day, based on USDA food plan comparison, is aligned with the cost of the dining plan. The on-campus housing component is the same for students with dependents as well as for students without dependents.

*Books, Course Materials, Supplies and Equipment*

- The state-wide average of comparable schools to estimate books, course materials, supplies and equipment for students was used.
  - [College for All Texans College Costs](#)
- Books and supplies costs are adjusted based on enrollment status:
  - 75% of standard budget for three-quarter time
  - 50% of standard budget for half-time
  - 25% of standard budget for less than half-time
- Cosmetology
  - For cosmetology, the cost for books and supplies is derived from consumer information published on the FPC Cosmetology website: <https://fpctx.edu/cosmetology/>
- Welding
  - For welding, the department provided a supply list with costs. This amount is added to the state-wide average.
- Nursing
  - For nursing, the department provided the average cost of supplies needed in addition to books. This amount is added to the state-wide average.

*Transportation*

- The state-wide average of comparable schools to estimate books and supplies expenses for students was used.
  - [College for All Texans College Costs](#)
- Transportation costs remain the same across each enrollment status.

*Miscellaneous and Personal Expenses*

- Miscellaneous and personal expenses include expenses incurred by students such as clothing, personal maintenance, grooming aids and recreation. This allowance should permit the student a moderate standard of living while enrolled.
- The state-wide average of comparable schools to estimate miscellaneous and personal expenses for students was used.
  - [College for All Texans College Costs](#)
- Miscellaneous and personal expenses remain the same across each enrollment status except for less than half-time enrollment. Miscellaneous and personal expenses for less than half-time enrollment are zero.

**RESOURCES**

- NASFAA Credential: Cost of Attendance
- NASFAA Monograph #24 – Developing the Cost of Attendance
- NASFAA Ask Regs – KA-36447, “Does a School Have to Publish its Cost of Attendance on Its Website?”