

Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet

Once you have submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and received a financial aid award letter from more than one college, use this worksheet to compare costs. While cost alone shouldn't determine which college you choose, this worksheet will help you compare financial aid packages side-by-side and determine how much out-of-pocket expenses you may have to pay.
Be sure to talk with the college's financial aid office if you have questions or concerns.

COST OF ATTENDANCE	1	2	3
Tuition & fees (9 months)	+	+	+
Room & board	+	+	+
Books & supplies	+	+	+
Personal expenses	+	+	+
Transportation expenses	+	+	+
Miscellaneous expenses	+	+	+
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	=	=	=
EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION Amount you must pay as determined by the FAFSA	=	=	=
FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY Total Cost of Attendance - Expected Family Contribution	=	=	=
FINANCIAL AID - The amount of aid indicated on the financial aid award letter you received from the college			
Federal Pell Grant	+	+	+
Federal SEOG Grant	+	+	+
State grants & scholarships	+	+	+
College grants & scholarships	+	+	+
Other grants & scholarships	+	+	+
Work study (federal or state)	+	+	+
Federal Stafford Loan - Subsidized	+	+	+
Federal Stafford Loan - Unsubsidized	+	+	+
Federal Perkins Loan	+	+	+
Federal PLUS Loan	+	+	+
Minnesota SELF Loan	+	+	+
Alternative loans	+	+	+
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARDED	=	=	=
YOUR UNMET NEED Total Financial Aid Awarded - Financial Aid Eligibility	=	=	=
YOUR OUT-OF-POCKET COST Expected Family Contribution + Your Unmet Need	=	=	=