

## COST OF ATTENDING South Texas College

When comparing financial aid packages from other schools, make sure you are comparing the total cost of attending that school, not just the total financial aid awarded. It is important for you to budget and make wise decisions on how to utilize the financial aid funds you receive.

The following are average<sup>1</sup> costs of attendance for a full-time student attending both the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 terms of the award year and enrolled in 15 credit hours per term:

	<b><u>Texas Resident</u></b> Living with parents or relatives	<b><u>Texas Resident</u></b> Living independently	<b><u>Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo &amp; Starr Districts</u></b> Living with parents or relatives	<b><u>Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo &amp; Starr Districts</u></b> Living independently	<b><u>Texas Non-Resident<sup>2</sup></u></b> Living with parents	<b><u>Texas Non-Resident</u></b> Living independently
Tuition & Fees	4,920	4,920	5,220	5,220	7,500	7,500
Books & Supplies	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Living Expenses <sup>3</sup> & Transportation	9,718	13,323	9,718	13,323	9,718	13,323
Total Budget	16,238	19,843	16,538	20,143	18,818	22,423

For a complete list of Cost of Attendance Budgets at South Texas College, please see pages below.

### ***What is the Cost to Attend South Texas College?***

College cost, which is sometimes referred to as the Cost of Attendance (COA), takes into account tuition and basic living expenses; it includes both direct and indirect costs:

- Direct Costs at STC: These are the costs that the family was billed for, by the college –such as tuition and fees. Tuition is set based on a semester credit hour charge. For example, a full-time student enrolled in 4 classes, (3 credit hours per class), will be charged for 12 credit hours and any associated course fees, see STC's tuition and fees schedule at <http://finance.southtexascollege.edu/businessoffice/cashiers/rates.html>
- Indirect Costs at STC: These are the costs that don't show up on the college bill. They include books, supplies and travel, as well as personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, food and others. Since you will be living off-campus, room and board costs will also be indirect costs. You can control indirect costs to some degree, by making smart spending choices.

<sup>1</sup> Average expenses are based on local cost of living information, to be used in the calculation of financial aid eligibility. Individual expenses will vary based on your choice of lifestyle and living arrangements.

<sup>2</sup> Non-Texas Residents include out-of-state students and international students. Review STC's Information for Residency Classification at <https://catalog.southtexascollege.edu/general-admissions/resident-status-students/>.

<sup>3</sup> Living Expenses refer to Room & Board and Personal Expenses. Food and Housing are grouped as "living expenses".

**South Texas College uses Five Basic Cost Components to determine your Cost of Attendance (COA), for Federal Student Aid Purposes**

1. Tuition and Fee (Direct Cost)-These are the charges for your education. They may vary based on the degree or certificate program and number of credit hours attending each semester. Tuition and fees are an amount normally assessed to a student carrying the same academic workload, as determined by the institution.
2. Books & Supplies (Indirect Cost): Broader definition - Books, Course Material, Supplies and Equipment. At STC, your Books and Supplies component will represent an allowance for books, course materials, and equipment, which must include all such costs required of all students in the same course of study, including a reasonable allowance for the rental or upfront purchase of a personal computer, as determined by the institution.
3. Living Expenses refer to Room and Board (Indirect Cost): STC does not have on-campus housing so it is necessary for students to make an estimate of these expenses. This would include a reasonable estimate of what it would cost to live in Hidalgo or Starr County while attending school during the Fall and/or Spring semesters. The actual costs may vary by individual choices related to location and circumstances. Food and Housing are grouped as "living expenses". This generally includes rent, food, snacks, household supplies and utilities. Incurred by student attending the institution on at least a half-time basis.
4. Miscellaneous Personal Expenses (Indirect Cost): An allowance, as determined by the institution, for a student attending the institution on at least a half-time basis.
5. Transportation (Indirect Cost): An allowance, as determined by the institution, which may include transportation between campus, residences, and place of work.

Be sure to review your budget and plan ahead. At South Texas College, Financial Aid is available to assist with your cost of attendance. To read more about Paying for College visit [www.collegeforalltexans.com](http://www.collegeforalltexans.com)

Cost of Attendance Budgets follow below, for the two latest award years.

Please note that the Student Financial Services Department has taken care to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the information contained on this publication. However, contents are subject to change without notice because of changing Federal, State and/or Institutional policies.

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## Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2022-2023

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	4080	4080	4080	1560
Room & Board	4561	6745	5566	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1535	1535	1535	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12776</b>	<b>14960</b>	<b>13781</b>	<b>3160</b>

## One Semester Budget

	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	2040	2040	2040	780
Room & Board	2281	3373	2783	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	768	768	768	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6389</b>	<b>7481</b>	<b>6891</b>	<b>1580</b>

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## Out-of-District Student Cost of Attendance Budget ( 9 Months ) 2022-2023

	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>L</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	4380	4380	4380	1660
Room & Board	4561	6745	5566	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1535	1535	1535	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	13076	15260	14081	3260

## One Semester Budget

	<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	2190	2190	2190	830
Room & Board	2281	3373	2783	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	768	768	768	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	6539	7631	7041	1630

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## Non-Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2022-2023

	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>T</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	7500	7500	7500	2500
Room & Board	4561	6745	5566	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1535	1535	1535	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	16196	18380	17201	4100

## One Semester Budget

	<b>U</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>X</b>
	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
T & F	3750	3750	3750	1250
Room & Board	2281	3373	2783	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	768	768	768	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	8099	9191	8601	2050

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## Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2023-2024

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	4920	4920	4920	1640
Room & Board	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Personal Exps	2400	2400	2400	0
<b>Total</b>	16238	19843	17291	4640

## One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	2460	2460	2460	820
Room & Board	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Personal Exps	1200	1200	1200	0
<b>Total</b>	8120	9922	8646	2320

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## Out-of-District Student Cost of Attendance Budget ( 9 Months ) 2023-2024

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	5220	5220	5220	1740
Room & Board	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Personal Exps	2400	2400	2400	0
<b>Total</b>	16538	20143	17591	4740

## One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	2610	2610	2610	870
Room & Board	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Personal Exps	1200	1200	1200	0
<b>Total</b>	8270	10072	8796	2370

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## Non-Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2023-2024

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	7500	7500	7500	2500
Room & Board	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Personal Exps	2400	2400	2400	0
<b>Total</b>	18818	22423	19871	5500

## One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
<b>Expenses</b>				
Tuition & Fees	3750	3750	3750	1250
Room & Board	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Personal Exps	1200	1200	1200	0
<b>Total</b>	9410	11212	9936	2750