

## 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 2019 and Spring 2020 terms of the award year and enrolled in 15 credit hours per term:

	<b>Texas Resident</b> Living with parents or relatives	<b>Texas Resident</b> Living independently	<b>Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo &amp; Starr Districts</b> Living with parents or relatives	<b>Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo &amp; Starr Districts</b> Living independently	<b>Texas Non-Resident<sup>2</sup></b> Living with parents	<b>Texas Non-Resident</b> Living independently
Tuition & Fees	3,990	3,990	4,290	4,290	7,680	7,680
Books & Supplies	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Living Expenses <sup>3</sup> & Transportation	6,933	8,916	6,933	8,916	6,933	8,916
Total Budget	12,123	14,106	12,423	14,406	15,813	17,796

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.

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

1. Tuition and Fees (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. The tuition and fee charges will appear on the bill. At STC, your Tuition and Fees component will represent the average cost for a student.
2. Books and Supplies (Indirect Cost): At STC, your Books and Supplies component will represent the average cost of books and supplies for a typical student for an entire academic year. It usually includes books, educational supplies, course materials and computer-related expenses.
3. 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. This generally includes rent, food, snacks, household supplies and utilities.
4. Personal Expenses (Indirect Cost): These are estimated costs for clothing, haircuts, entertainment, laundry, telephone and other miscellaneous expenses. What you actually spend on these types of items may be higher or lower depending on your own lifestyle. You should keep track of these, as they can quickly add up.
5. Transportation (Indirect Cost): This represents the average cost for a student. It includes transportation costs to and from class and work (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, etc.).

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 <http://studentaid.ed.gov/> and <http://www.collegefortexans.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.

**South Texas College  
Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months)  
2018-2019**

	<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	3800	3800	3800	1480
Room & Board	4039	5974	4929	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1359	1359	1359	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	11798	13733	12688	3080
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	1900	1900	1900	740
Room & Board	2020	2987	2465	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	680	680	680	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	5900	6867	6345	1540

**South Texas College  
Out-of-District Student Cost of Attendance Budget ( 9 Months )  
2018-2019**

	<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	4100	4100	4100	1580
Room & Board	4039	5974	4929	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1359	1359	1359	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	12098	14033	12988	3180
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	2050	2050	2050	790
Room & Board	2020	2987	2465	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	680	680	680	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	6050	7017	6495	1590

**South Texas College  
Non-Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months)  
2018-2019**

	<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	7700	7700	7700	2780
Room & Board	4039	5974	4929	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1359	1359	1359	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	15698	17633	16588	4380
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	3850	3850	3850	1390
Room & Board	2020	2987	2465	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	680	680	680	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	7850	8817	8295	2190

**South Texas College  
Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months)  
2019-2020**

	<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	3990	3990	3990	1530
Room & Board	4140	6123	5052	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1393	1393	1393	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	12123	14106	13035	3130
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	1995	1995	1995	765
Room & Board	2070	3062	2526	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	697	697	697	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	6062	7054	6518	1565

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2019-2020**

	<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	4290	4290	4290	1630
Room & Board	4140	6123	5052	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1393	1393	1393	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	12423	14406	13335	3230
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	2145	2145	2145	815
Room & Board	2070	3062	2526	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	697	697	697	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	6212	7204	6668	1615

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	<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	7680	7680	7680	2760
Room & Board	4140	6123	5052	0
Books & Supplies	1200	1200	1200	600
Travel	1393	1393	1393	1000
Personal Exps	1400	1400	1400	0
<b>Total</b>	15813	17796	16725	4360
<b>One Semester Budget</b>				
	<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	3840	3840	3840	1380
Room & Board	2070	3062	2526	0
Books & Supplies	600	600	600	300
Travel	697	697	697	500
Personal Exps	700	700	700	0
<b>Total</b>	7907	8899	8363	2180