

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 average¹ costs of attendance for a full-time student attending both the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 terms of the award year and enrolled in 15 credit hours per term:

	Texas Resident Living with parents or relatives	Texas Resident Living independently	Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo & Starr Districts Living with parents or relatives	Texas Resident Out of Hidalgo & Starr Districts Living independently	Texas Non-Resident² Living with parents	Texas Non-Resident Living independently
Tuition & Fees	4,920	4,920	5,220	5,220	7,620	7,620
Books & Supplies	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Living Expenses ³ & Transportation	10,009	13,721	10,009	13,721	10,009	13,721
Total Budget	16,529	20,241	16,829	20,541	19,229	22,941

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 other educational costs such as laundry, telephone, food and others. Since you will be living off-campus, housing and meal costs will also be indirect costs. You can control indirect costs to some degree, by making smart spending choices.

¹ 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.

² 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/>.

³ Living Expenses refer to Housing & Meals and Other Educational Costs. 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 Housing and Meals (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. Other Educational Costs (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.collegeforalltexas.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) 2023-2024

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	4920	4920	4920	1640
Housing & Meals	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Other Edu Costs	2400	2400	2400	0
Total	16238	19843	17291	4640

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	2460	2460	2460	820
Housing & Meals	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Other Edu Costs	1200	1200	1200	0
Total	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
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	5220	5220	5220	1740
Housing & Meals	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Other Edu Costs	2400	2400	2400	0
Total	16538	20143	17591	4740

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	2610	2610	2610	870
Housing & Meals	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Other Edu Costs	1200	1200	1200	0
Total	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
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	7500	7500	7500	2500
Housing & Meals	4783	8388	5836	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2535	2535	2535	2000
Other Edu Costs	2400	2400	2400	0
Total	18818	22423	19871	5500

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	3750	3750	3750	1250
Housing & Meals	2392	4194	2918	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1268	1268	1268	1000
Other Edu Costs	1200	1200	1200	0
Total	9410	11212	9936	2750

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Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2024-2025

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	4920	4920	4920	1640
Housing & Meals	4926	8638	6010	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2611	2611	2611	2060
Other Edu Costs	2472	2472	2472	0
Total	16529	20241	17613	4700

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	2460	2460	2460	820
Housing & Meals	2463	4319	3005	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1306	1306	1306	1030
Other Edu Costs	1236	1236	1236	0
Total	8265	10121	8807	2350

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Out-of-District Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2024-2025

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	5220	5220	5220	1740
Housing & Meals	4926	8638	6010	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2611	2611	2611	2060
Other Edu Costs	2472	2472	2472	0
Total	16829	20541	17913	4800

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	2610	2610	2610	870
Housing & Meals	2463	4319	3005	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1306	1306	1306	1030
Other Edu Costs	1236	1236	1236	0
Total	8415	10271	8957	2400

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Non-Resident Student Cost of Attendance Budget (9 Months) 2024-2025

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	7620	7620	7620	2540
Housing & Meals	4926	8638	6010	0
Books & Supplies	1600	1600	1600	1000
Travel	2611	2611	2611	2060
Other Edu Costs	2472	2472	2472	0
Total	19229	22941	20313	5600

One Semester Budget

	Dependent w/ parents	Dep NOT w/par Independent	Independent w/ parents	Less than 1/2 time
Expenses				
Tuition & Fees	3810	3810	3810	1270
Housing & Meals	2463	4319	3005	0
Books & Supplies	800	800	800	500
Travel	1306	1306	1306	1030
Other Edu Costs	1236	1236	1236	0
Total	9615	11471	10157	2800