

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**  
**2020-21 Student Expense Budgets**

ALLOWANCE	WITH PARENTS	ON CAMPUS HOUSING	OFF CAMPUS HOUSING
<b>TUITION AND FEES<sup>1</sup></b>	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES		
<b>BOOKS AND SUPPLIES<sup>2</sup></b>	\$1,080 PER ACADEMIC YEAR		
<b>FOOD<sup>3</sup></b> Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 976 / MO \$ 8,780 / YR	ACTUAL INSTITUTIONAL CHARGES	\$ 602 / MO \$ 5,416 / YR
<b>HOUSING<sup>4</sup></b> Per Month: Per Year:	INCLUDED IN ABOVE		\$ 1,240 / MO \$ 11,164 / YR
<b>TRANSPORTATION<sup>5</sup></b> Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 104 / MO \$ 938 / YR	\$ 36 / MO \$ 324 / YR	\$ 95 / MO \$ 858 / YR
<b>PERSONAL / MISC<sup>6</sup></b> Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 358 / MO \$ 3,225 / YR	\$ 290 / MO \$ 2,609 / YR	\$ 420 / MO \$ 3,784 / YR
<b>CHILD / DEPENDENT CARE</b>	REASONABLE EXPENSES WITH ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT, DEPENDING UPON AGE AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
<b>LOAN FEES</b>	FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS, ACTUAL OR AVERAGE LOAN ORIGATION AND INSURANCE		
<b>TOTAL</b> , Excluding Allowances based on actual institutional charges Per Month: Per Year:	\$ 1,558 / MO \$ 14,023 / YR	\$ 446 / MO \$ 4,013 / YR	\$ 2,478 / MO \$ 22,302 / YR

<sup>1</sup> Includes all mandatory fees.

<sup>2</sup> The breakdown for this category is as follows: books (\$594), educational supplies (\$135), course material fees (\$171), and computer-related expenses (\$180), excluding the costs associated with the purchase of a personal computer.

<sup>3</sup> Includes food, snacks, meals on campus, household supplies.

<sup>4</sup> Includes dorm charges, rent, and utilities.

<sup>5</sup> Includes travel to and from parent's residence and transportation costs to and from classes and work. (e.g., bus fare, gasoline, tolls, parking.)

<sup>6</sup> Includes clothing, laundry and dry-cleaning, personal care, gifts, recreation, medical etc.

NOTE: The expense budgets shown on this table are based upon average expenses reported by students at the University of California, California State University, California independent institutions, and California Community Colleges in the 2018 Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS).