

2024-2025
Cost of Attendance Policy

Cost of Attendance (COA) is the amount it will cost a student to go to school. Some costs are billed directly through the student account office and some cost are considered estimated indirect cost. Indirect cost are expenses that are related to attending college but aren't billed to a student's account. Examples include: books, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

Basic COA components include the following:

- Tuition and fees
- Books, course materials, supplies and equipment (including the documented rental or purchase of a personal computer)
- Living Allowance includes: Housing and Food
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous personal expenses
- Professional licensure, certification or first professional credential costs for a program requiring professional licensure, certification, or a first professional credentials for employment in the field of study.
- Federal Loan fees

Additional COA allowances are available to qualified students who incur the following:

- Dependent care
- Disability-related expenses
- Study abroad
- Cooperative education cost

Special Populations:

The cost components for students engaged in a program of study by correspondence must include only:

- Tuition and fees
- Books, course materials, supplies and equipment if required
- Transportation, housing and food costs incurred specifically for a period of residential training if the student has such cost

The cost of attendance for less than half time (1-5 credit hours for undergraduate and 1-4 credit hours for graduate) students must only include:

- Tuition and fees
- Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment
- Transportation
- Professional licensure, certification or first professional credential costs for a program requiring professional licensure, certification, or a first professional credentials for employment in the field of study.
- Dependent care, disability-related expenses, study abroad expenses, and cooperative educations costs if applicable upon request.

Tuition and fees:

2024-2025 Tuition & Fees

UNDERGRADUATE (full-time 12-18 credit hours)

Tuition (12-18 credit hours): \$14,250 per semester / \$28,500 per year

Fees:

Technology fee: \$220 per semester / \$440 per year

Student activity fee: \$190 per semester / \$380 per year

Parking fee: \$40 per semester / \$80 per year

Overload charge (over 18 hours): \$610 per credit hour

Some courses may have additional fees.

UNDERGRADUATE (part-time 1-11 credit hours)

Tuition: \$610 per credit hour

Student fee: \$100 per semester

Technology fee: \$110 per semester

Parking fee: \$40 per semester / \$80 per year

GRADUATE - MBA, MAE

Tuition: \$525 per credit hour

PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT LICENSURE

Tuition: \$525 per credit hour

RN-to-BSN Degree Completion Program

Tuition: \$275 per credit hour

DC CAP - BACHELOR DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Tuition: \$375 per credit hour

SENIOR CITIZEN UNDERGRADUATE

Tuition: \$180 per course

ASD AFFINITY PROGRAM

Supplemental fee: \$1,550 per semester / \$3,100 per year

Applied to students who participate in the [ASD Affinity Program](#).

Housing and Food:

2024-2025 Housing & Meal Plan Cost

HOUSING OPTIONS

- McReynolds and Whitney
\$3,223 per semester / \$6,446 per year
- Grand Avenue, Jacket Suites, and 20 College Place
\$3,410 per semester / \$6,820 per year
- Super Singles (in addition to room charges)
\$1000 per semester / \$2,000 per year

Residential Fee

- \$184.50 per year

Housing allowance in the COA should be zeroed for individuals identified as:

- Independent students who receive, or who spouses receive a military housing allowance (Basic Allowance for Housing, or “BAH” or who live on a military base.)
- Dependent students how are living with parents who are receiving BAH or who live on a military base.

Institutionally owned housing allowance

- Institutionally owned housing doesn’t allow for students to live with their own dependents at Defiance College. The component for cost of attendance for students with dependents is not applicable.

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

- 19 Meal Plan
(Unlimited meals + \$100/semester munch money)
\$ 2,878 per semester / \$5,756 per year
- 14 Meal Plan
(14 meals/week + \$200/semester munch money)
\$2,822 per semester / \$5,644 per year
- 10 Meal Plan
(10 meals/week + \$275/semester munch money)
\$2,762 per semester / \$5,524 per year
- Commuter can purchase Munch Money as well directly from [Hallmark Dining online](#)
- Commuter students living at home assumes a lower cost for housing and food due to parent’s absorbing the cost on behalf of the student. \$4,000 per year covers 3 meals a day each week and minimum household expenses.

Federal Regulations require 21 meals per week (3 meals per day, 7 days a week) in the cost of attendance. Average meals at Hallmark Dining is \$7.75. Average per year for an extra 2 meals each week is \$500 (rounded). Since the college only provides for a 19-meal plan, the additional 2 meals per week will be added to the COA as a separate line item to account for this regulation.

Books, Course Materials, Supplies & Equipment

A standard allowance determined by Defiance College of \$1,400 per student per year. This can include the cost of all books, course materials, supplies and equipment including a computer. Documentation of costs above the listed amount may be included with the student submitting itemized receipts during the academic year.

Transportation

A reasonable allowance determined by Defiance College to assist students with transportation cost for operating and maintaining an automobile. (purchase, lease, or monthly payments for a car will not be considered)

- Commuter student

Students can live off campus if they within a 30-mile radius of Defiance College. Classes are held 5 days a week so a student could drive 300 miles round trip per week. The Ohio Regular Conventional Retail Gasoline Prices average \$3.773 in 2022. According to the EPA the average fuel economy for model year 2020 vehicles increased to a record 25.4 miles per gallon.

$300 \text{ miles} / 25.4 \text{ miles per gallon} = 11.81 \text{ gallons per week}$
 $11.81 \text{ gallons} \times \$3.773 = \$44.56 \text{ fuel consumption per week}$
 $\$44.56 \times 16 \text{ weeks in a semester} \times 2 \text{ semesters} = \$1,426$

Oil Changes approximately \$60 per year
Registration car tags cost around \$31
Other miscellaneous costs \$483

Total \$2,000

- Residential student

\$800 (\$400 each semester)

Residential students typically go home significantly less than a residential student. This estimated allowance gives the student an opportunity to go home a few times a semester or to purchase a plane ticket if they are too far away to drive.

Student Loan Fees

Student loan origination fees include: all federal title IV (federal subsidized, federal unsubsidized and federal PLUS loans). Averaged at \$240 for the year.

The average was calculated from prior school year (22-23)
Origination fees \$99,126/414 unduplicated borrowers.

Private loan fees are not permitted to be included in the student's COA.

If the student declines all of their loan, the COA for loan fees will be zeroed to ensure that the continued inclusion of the loan fees in the COA does not mask a potential over award.

Miscellaneous and Personal Expenses

Expenses for moderate standard of living cost while enrolled in college such as toiletries, laundry and cleaning, personal hygiene, mobile phone plan, outside recreation and uninsured health care costs.

\$48 a week x 32 weeks (for a 9-month period) = \$1,536.

Additional Allowances:

Cost must be incurred during the period of enrollment and while the student is enrolled in classes.

- Costs associated with obtaining a license, certification or a first professional credential, for a student in a program that prepares them to enter a profession that requires such a qualification.
- Dependent care expenses
- Disability -related expenses
- Cooperative education program expenses
- Study abroad

Cost of obtaining license, certification or professional credential

COA must include the cost of obtaining the first professional credential for a student in a field requiring professional licensure or certification. The expenses must be incurred while the student is enrolled. Actual cost will be added to the student's COA.

Dependent care expenses

The COA includes, for a student with one or more dependents, an allowance based on the estimated actual expenses incurred for dependent care based on the number and age of the dependents. The student's dependent may be the student's child or other person, such as a parent or spouse. Dependent care expenses can be accommodated for periods of time including, but not limited to, class time, study time, field work, research, internships, commuting time and other educational endeavors. The student will submit the actual expenses to the financial aid office for review.

Disability-related expenses

The COA for a student with disability includes reasonable allowances for costs associated with the disability if the expenses are not already covered by another organization. A student is considered to have a disability if she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment. Disability-related expenses include:

- Special Services
- Personal Assistance
- Transportation
- Equipment
- Supplies

Cooperative education program expenses

For students placed in a work experience under a cooperative education program, an allowance for reasonable costs associated with such employment, as determined by Defiance College, shall be accommodated in the student's COA. Expenses might include commuting or transportation costs, meals away from home, work clothes or uniforms and other cost the student incurs as a result of the work experience. Determined on a case by case basis.

Study abroad expenses

For a student enrolled in a program of study abroad approved for credit by the student's home institution, the COA includes reasonable costs associated with such study. Examples include: additional transportation cost, surcharges or administration fees charged by the institution or coordinating agency, required documents and vaccinations required to travel. Determined on a case by case basis.

Professional Judgement Request

If the student has expenses that are beyond the allowances in the standard Cost of Attendance, they may submit documentation of the extra expenses and request a Professional Judgment Review. Please note that Professional Judgment Review does not always increase financial aid eligibility.

Unusual Emergency Financial

Unusual emergency financial either personal or declared emergency may be included in the cost of attendance. Students must submit a letter explaining the unusual emergency.