

How to Compare Your Aid



College is a valuable investment in your future, so take the time to consider what is best for you. Use the table below to compare true costs.

- 1 Enter the figures for each school you are considering.
- 2 Subtract Institutional Scholarships and Grants.
- 3 What remains is your net cost – sometimes called the gap – which is the amount you will need to pay for school using other sources, such as savings, outside scholarships or loans. Let us help you in your search for outside scholarships. Learn more at scholarships.appstate.edu/outside-scholarships.

When considering college options, it is important to be sure you are comparing true costs.

- Some schools have low tuition costs but high fees (or vice versa), so be sure you look at the **total net cost**.
- Compare **cost per year** or **cost per semester**.
- Indirect costs are often standardized, so examine your particular situation: the school's distance from your home, the cost of living in the area, transportation needs and other factors.

	App State	College 2	College 3
Direct Costs:			
Tuition, Fees			
Housing, Meals			
Indirect Costs: Supplies, Transportation, Personal/Miscellaneous			
(-) Institutional Scholarships			
(-) Grants (federal and state)			
Net Cost			
(-) Loan Offers			
(-) Outside Scholarships			
Remaining Balance			

Questions? We're here to help.

Please don't hesitate to give us a call or schedule an appointment.

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