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FA. Cost of Attendance	
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Cost of Attendance Determinations

Cost of Attendance is the foundation for a student's award package. The standard student Cost of Attendance reflects the WSU Tech average student population at a modest, but adequate standard of living. The Cost of Attendance is determined to help establish a student's financial aid award.

Basis for Cost of Attendance

Tuition and Fees

Because the College does not establish tuition and other costs until March, estimated charges are used to award aid until actual costs are finalized. Typically, this estimated information is collected from the estimated cost sheets provided by the Controller of the College and Business Office. Based upon final approval of tuition and fees by the Board of Trustees, the tuition and fees may be adjusted accordingly.

Books, Course Materials, Supplies and Equipment

Cost for books and supplies are obtained directly from WSU Tech Bookstore. Course materials, equipment and tool costs are estimated figures that are obtained from the Academic programs. Books, Course Materials, Supplies and Equipment_costs may be adjusted accordingly.

Food and Housing

Food and housing expenses are based on average Cost of Living supplied from the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. Living expenses costs may be adjusted annually or as need. Food component must provide the equivalent of three meals per day. Housing component is based upon an average for the City of Wichita, which include rent or other housing costs

Transportation

Transportation costs are calculated based on the allocation collected from College Board annual "Trends in College Pricing." We then use the amount and calculate the overall cost from the Annual report created for the Wichita Metro Cost of Living Profile, created by the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

Miscellaneous Expense

The allocation allowed for miscellaneous and personal expenses is collected from College Board's annual "Trends in College Pricing." It is also calculated using the Wichita Metro Cost of Living Profile collected with the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

Computer Allowance

Computer allowance is allowed for each student once during their time as the College. The allowance amount is determined with correlation to the WSU Tech bookstore. Computer allowance costs may be adjusted annually or as need

Special Budget Considerations

Upon request, the Financial Aid Director may review, and if appropriate, adjust a student's budget. Students must submit additional supporting documentation for consideration.

Examples of changes to standard budgets include, but are not limited to:

- Child care - the cost of child care for single parents (or parents with a spouse also in college) with dependent children may be added to a standard budget. In the Kansas area, most child care centers do not accept children on an hourly basis; therefore, full monthly costs are used.
- Special needs - disabled students or students with special problems may be allocated funds to cover reasonable costs associated with disabilities or problems that are not already covered by other resources.