

Directions: Use the chart below to organize and compare your college choices. Research the information. When calculating tuition costs remember that most college courses are 3 credits (some are 1 credit, some are 4).

College Name	Cost of Each Credit Hour	Programs of Interest	Location

EXERCISE:

Cost Calculation Worksheet

Directions: Use this worksheet to compare the cost of attendance of your choices for higher education. Most of this information is available at each schools website or from their view book, catalog or financial aid guide. Search the websites for the schools that you are looking to apply to. Refer to the Cost of Attendance section of this chapter, where there are instructions on how to search for the information below on the schools website.

Websites you can refer to are:

- www.Facts.org
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>
- <http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/collegecost/collegecost.jsp>

	Institution:	Institution:	Institution:
1. Tuition			
2. Fees			
3. Housing			
4. Food			
5. Books/Supplies			
6. Personal Expenses			
7. Transportation			
8. Estimated School Cost			

- **Tuition** – available from institution sources.
- **Fees** – include both the mandatory fees required of all students and any others that you know you will have to pay because of your field of study or extracurricular interests.
- **Housing and Food** – Could be a stated room and board charge that you pay each term or an estimate for off-campus rent plus what you will pay to buy and prepare your own meals. Can vary considerably if you live at school or at home. You may pay only for one or both. Be sure that meal charges cover 19 to 21 meals per week.
- **Books/Supplies** – Schools provide estimates but they can vary substantially from institution to institution. Use a minimum of \$600 to \$800 regardless of any published amounts. It may be more for some courses of study (art, lab courses, etc.)
- **Personal Expenses** – This can be dependent upon your lifestyle, extracurricular interests and school location. Estimates will help but include a minimum of \$1,500 for full time study.
- **Transportation** – Varies by location, use of a car or public transportation, number of trips home per year and/or commuting expense and local transportation while at school. Schools usually, but not always, publish guidelines.