

## Cost of Attendance (COA)

When you apply for federal student aid, the Financial Aid Office uses your cost of attendance (COA) in determining how much aid you can receive. The COA is the total estimated cost for a student to attend a particular school for an academic year. It is determined using rules established by law.

### Cost of Attendance Example

Below is an example of the costs estimated for the following academic year for a **dependent student** who is a **Kansas resident living in the dorm** and **enrolled in a total of 30 credit hours** for the 2023-2024 school year.

\$3720 – tuition and fees  
\$1000 – books, course materials, supplies, and equipment  
\$7214 – living expenses (housing and food)  
\$3483 – transportation  
\$2628 – miscellaneous and personal expenses  
\$18,045 = Total cost of attendance

### Cost of Attendance Expenses Included

COA includes tuition and fees, allowances for housing and food, books, course materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses. Student loan borrowers also have an estimate of loan fees included in their COA. Other costs that can be added to COA are dependent care, and costs related to a disability. If you have these or other expenses, please contact the Financial Aid office to see if you qualify to have these included in your cost of attendance.

### Additional Expenses to Consider

If a student has additional expenses not adequately covered in the standard Cost of Attendance budget, they must contact the Financial Aid office and provide documentation to request their budgets be increased. The decision of the Financial Aid office is final and limited to expenses while attending HCC.

### Less than Full Time COA

Cost of attendance is prorated each semester for those students attending less than full time. COA for students attending less than half-time only includes tuition, fees, books, course materials, supplies, equipment, and transportation.