

# Cost Comparison Chart



To compare college costs between schools, try to set up an “apples-to-apples” comparison. This chart can help you fill in the blanks.

	School A	School B	School C
<b>Mandatory Expenses</b>			
Tuition			
Fees			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
Other			
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Books (estimated)			
Room			
Board			
Travel			
<b>Total A</b>			
<b>Financial Resources</b>			
Tuition Deposit Paid			
Financial Aid*			
Grants (all)			
Scholarships (all)			
Federal Perkins Loan			
Federal Direct Stafford Loans			
<b>Total B</b>			
<b>Total Out of Pocket Costs</b>			
<b>Total A - Total B</b>			

**Questions to Answer:**

1. Which college is the most affordable option and why?
2. How would you plan to meet expenses that do not appear on the bill (books, supplies, travel, etc.) as well as those not covered by financial aid?
3. How would this impact your decision on which college to attend?