**2016/2017 “APPLES-TO-APPLES” COLLEGE COST COMPARISON**

***Use each college’s* Net Price Calculator *program to determine its* Tuition & Fees*,* Room & Board*, and* Total Grants*. The annual cost of* Books & Supplies *and* Personal Expenses*, along with the value of* Student Work*, are about the same at all schools nationwide, so start with my estimates. For* Travel Costs*, start with $1,000 per year for each school in your basic comparison, and get more specific later. Loans really aren’t financial aid, so don’t list loans of any kind in* Total Grants*. If you need loans to pay the costs at a particular school, similar loan programs are available everywhere. The amount shown for* Student Work *assumes a 25 hr/wk summer job and an 8 hr/wk Work Study job during the school year with both paying $10/ hr. The* Remaining Balance *is the amount that’s left for parents to pay or for students and parents to borrow.***

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| **College or****University** | **Tuition****& Fees** | ***Plus*****Room &****Board** | ***Plus*****Books & Supplies** | ***Plus*****Personal Expenses**  | ***Plus*****Travel Costs** | ***Equals*****Total****Costs** | ***Minus*****Total Grants*****(Include no loans.)*** | ***Equals*****Unmet****Need** | ***Minus*****Student Work** | ***Equals*****Remaining Balance** |
|  |  |  | $1,150 | $1,350 | $1,000 |  |  |  | $5,000 |  |
|  |  |  | $1,150 | $1,350 | $1,000 |  |  |  | $5,000 |  |
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