

# 2017/2018 “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 nationwide, so start with my estimates. For Travel Costs, start with \$1,000 per year for all schools, and get more specific later. Loans really aren’t financial aid, and some colleges are loan free, so keep your comparison valid by not listing loans in Total Grants. If loans are necessary for you to pay the costs at a particular school, you will find that similar loan programs are available everywhere. Most students cover their Remaining Balances through family contributions and loans.*

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