**“APPLES-TO-APPLES” STABILIZED NET COST COMPARISON**

***The "Apples to Apples" system stabilizes* Net Price Calculator *results by converting four variables into constants* (Books & Supplies, Personal Expenses, Travel Cost, *and* Student Work) *and by never considering any loan as aid in* Total Grants*.***

***Use each college’s* Net Price Calculator *program to determine its* Tuition & Fees*,* Room & Board*, and* Total Grants *only. Use this website's estimates of the annual amounts for* Books & Supplies,Personal Expenses*,* Travel, *and* Student Work. *Loans really aren’t financial aid, and some colleges are loan free, so keep your comparison valid by not listing any loans in* Total Grants*. If you need loans to pay the costs at a particular school, similar loan programs are available everywhere.***

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

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