

## Planning for all of your college expenses

Once you have your tuition covered, it's helpful to put a plan in place to successfully manage your other college expenses. By getting a handle on these expenses ahead of time, you'll have fewer surprises down the road.



### Identify all college expenses

Non-tuition costs while in school can include:

- Books and class materials
- Food or meal plans
- Dorm or rent costs
- Campus events and activities, such as intramural sports
- Trips with school and friends, and going home
- A cell phone plan
- Movies, eating out, and other miscellaneous expenses

Be thorough when making your list, and include all possible expenses you may encounter while in school, no matter how small. Having a complete list of potential expenses is the first step toward making sure you're prepared to take care of yourself financially.

### Make and follow a budget

Learning how to budget in college will help you establish good, long-term money management skills. To successfully create – and maintain – a budget, it's important to know where you're spending your money. Consider using a budgeting worksheet to keep track of all your expenses and income, including scholarships, loans, and income you earn from work. Creating and sticking to a budget gives you the power to track your spending habits and ultimately save for long-term goals, such as studying abroad or going on a spring break trip.

Listing your expenses and putting together a budget to cover them can help make sure you don't run out of money before finals.

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