

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, Colorado, showing a mix of green trees, urban buildings, and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title text. The text is white and centered within the blue area. A thin white vertical line is positioned to the left of the text.

# Creative Ways to Cut Costs

# What is college?

Any postsecondary education (after high school)

- Technical college
- Community college
- University

Types:

- Certificates and other credentials
- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Graduate and professional degrees

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Certificates and other Credentials

1 year or more (depending on program)

Provides preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to a little over a year of full-time attendance. Many certificates build into and count toward associate degrees.

Examples:

- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

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Associate Degrees

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:\*

- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

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Bachelor's Degrees

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

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Graduate and Professional Degrees and Credentials

Typically 1-6 years beyond a bachelor's degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:

- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates

# 2023-2024 FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

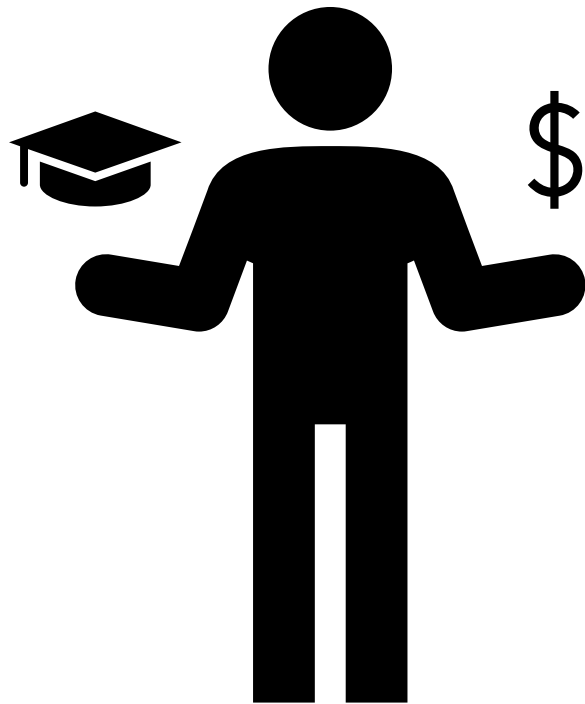
Institutions	Application Fee	2023-2024 Tuition & Fees	Admissions Requirements	Certificates & Degrees Available	Fall Admissions Deadline	Scholarship Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	1-year Avg. On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan
<b>Bridgerland Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or recognized equivalent <a href="https://btech.edu/students/enrollment">btech.edu/students/enrollment</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	None	N/A
<b>Brigham Young University</b>	\$35	Church member: \$6,496 Non-member: \$12,992	Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement, essays, GPA, high school or college transcripts. ACT/SAT optional. <a href="https://enrollment.byu.edu/applying">enrollment.byu.edu/applying</a>	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Nov. 1, 2023 Final: Dec. 15, 2023	Dec. 15, 2023	For need-based scholarships Jan. 20, 2023	Housing: \$4,720 Meal Plan: \$5,000
<b>BYU-Pathway</b>	\$0	\$81/credit	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent, if over 18 years old <a href="https://byupathway.org/admissions">byupathway.org/admissions</a>	Certificates Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 6, 2023	Sept. 18, 2023	N/A	N/A
<b>Davis Tech College</b>	HS student annual fee: \$40 Adult application fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: <a href="https://davistech.edu/programs">davistech.edu/programs</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
<b>Dixie Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$40 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$105/credit + fees (vary by program)	Standardized testing, background checks, immunizations, etc., depends on program requirements <a href="https://dixietech.edu/apply">dixietech.edu/apply</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
<b>Ensign College</b>	\$35	Church member: \$3,888 Non-member: \$7,776	Domestic students: ecclesiastical endorsement & high school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://ensign.edu/how-to-apply">ensign.edu/how-to-apply</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 2, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
<b>Mountainland Tech College</b>	Application fee: Program Specific Registration fee: \$40	\$120/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent <i>unless</i> applying for federal, state or scholarship aid <a href="https://mtec.edu/admissions">mtec.edu/admissions</a>	Certificates	Year-round	CTE Scholarship: Jan. 28, 2024	Year-round	N/A
<b>Ogden-Weber Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Complete required testing per program <a href="https://otech.edu/how-to-enroll">otech.edu/how-to-enroll</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
<b>Salt Lake Community College</b>	\$20	Resident: \$4,256.50 Non-resident: \$13,700.50	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://slcc.edu/admissions">slcc.edu/admissions</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's	Aug. 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Priority dates: Fall: Apr. 15, 2024 Spring: Nov. 1, 2023	N/A
<b>Salt Lake Tech College (SLCC)</b>	\$20	\$90/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx">slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx</a>	Certificates	Aug. 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
<b>Snow College</b>	\$30	Resident: \$4,180 Non-resident: \$7,065	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://snow.edu/admissions/apply.html">snow.edu/admissions/apply.html</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Year-round. Must be admitted by 1st day of class.	Mar. 1, 2024	June 1, 2024	Housing: \$2,368 Meal Plan: \$2,198
<b>Southern Utah University</b>	\$0 (subject to change)	Resident: \$6,769.50 Non-resident: \$20,585.50	2.7 GPA = General Acceptance 2.3 GPA = Provisional Acceptance/Review Committee <a href="https://suu.edu/apply">suu.edu/apply</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Aug. 28, 2024	Resident: Mar. 1, 2024 Non-Resident: 1st day of Fall	May 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,181 Meal Plan: \$2,794

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<b>Southwest Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://stech.edu/admissions/enrollment">stech.edu/admissions/enrollment</a>	Certificates	Year-round	None	None	N/A
<b>Tooele Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$85/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://tooeletech.edu/how-to-enroll">tooeletech.edu/how-to-enroll</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
<b>Uintah Basin Tech College</b>	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$100/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: <a href="http://ubtech.edu/certificate-programs">ubtech.edu/certificate-programs</a>	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
<b>University of Utah</b>	Utah first-time freshman or tribal HS student: \$0 Other undergraduate students: \$55	Resident: \$9,400 Non-resident: \$31,104	Required: Common Application, high school transcripts. Optional: ACT/SAT scores, personal statement, letters of recommendation & Honors College application section (requires a short essay). <a href="http://admissions.utah.edu/apply">admissions.utah.edu/apply</a>	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Final: Apr. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Priority: Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$8,161 Meal Plan: \$4,815
<b>Utah State University</b>	\$50	Resident: \$8,305 Non-resident: \$24,223	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) <a href="http://usu.edu/admissions/apply">usu.edu/admissions/apply</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's   Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Aug. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,464 Dining: \$4,180
<b>Utah State University Eastern</b>	\$50	Resident: \$4,651 Non-resident: \$12,426	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply">eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's   Doctorate	Sept. 1, 2024	July 1, 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: \$2,040 Meal Plan: \$2,300
<b>Utah State University Statewide Campuses</b>	\$50	Resident: \$7,903 Non-resident: \$23,821	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) <a href="http://statewide.usu.edu/apply">statewide.usu.edu/apply</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's   Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Sept. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	N/A
<b>Utah Tech University</b>	\$35	Resident: \$6,074 Non-resident: \$17,644	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://admissions.utahtech.edu">admissions.utahtech.edu</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's   Master's	Year-round	Mar. 1, 2024	Priority: May 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,485 Meal Plan: \$3,000
<b>Utah Valley University</b>	\$35	Resident: \$6,270 Non-resident: \$17,830	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://uvu.edu/welcome">uvu.edu/welcome</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's   Master's	Aug. 1, 2024	Mar. 1, 2024	Year-round	N/A
<b>Weber State University</b>	\$30	Resident: \$6,390.66 Non-resident: \$17,084.92	High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="http://weber.edu/admissions/apply.html">weber.edu/admissions/apply.html</a>	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's   Doctorate	Year-round	Dec. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024	Housing: \$4,932 Meal Plan: \$4,400
<b>Westminster University</b>	\$0	\$41,416	Recommended curriculum, HS transcript & standardized test scores, or essay <a href="http://westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions">westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions</a>	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Regular: Feb. 1, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	Housing: \$6,716 Meal Plan: \$3,846

# Paying For College Student Bundle



Apply for  
Scholarships



File the  
FAFSA



Earn and Save



Paying for College  
Student Bundle

Individual Student  
Situations



Creative Ways to  
Cut Costs



# Plan ahead and save more

**It's possible to lower out-of-pocket costs for college** by planning ahead and learning about higher education options available in Utah.

It can be as simple as earning good grades to qualify for scholarships, or volunteering in the community.

Click the icons to watch the video



# High School Students



Increase GPA by earning good grades. Stay focused, and study



Take the ACT/SAT exams more than once to earn a higher score

- Pro-Tip: Focus on a different subject each time to increase the score in each category. The highest score of each category is used for what colleges are looking for, not the best score from one exam.



Volunteer

- Volunteer in the community, or participate in school leadership, clubs, or extracurriculars like intermural sports or performing arts



1, 2, 4, or more (right college fit)

- Not all college degrees require a four-year commitment or more. There are technical certifications and associate degrees offered by Utah colleges that can equate to one to two-year programs, depending on the field of study.

# High School Students

**Earn college credit in high school by participating in these programs:**

- Concurrent Enrollment (CE)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Dual Enrollment classes at a technical college



# College Students



Housing: To reduce housing expenses, consider living at home or with roommates to save on on-campus housing



Textbooks: Save on textbooks by renting or buying used copies. Students can also use the library reserve as an alternative to brand-new textbooks.



Take advantage of plateau tuition

- Plateau tuition – or “banded” tuition – is a set tuition price for undergraduate students within a set range of credits. In other words, at almost all Utah colleges, it is the same tuition and fees for students to take 15 credits a semester as it is for them to take 12.



Earn credits to graduate on time

# College Students



Become a resident assistant for on-campus housing and save on tuition or consider running for student leadership positions that offer scholarships. Becoming a presidential ambassador can also be beneficial for some students.



Research and ask about student discounts out and around town



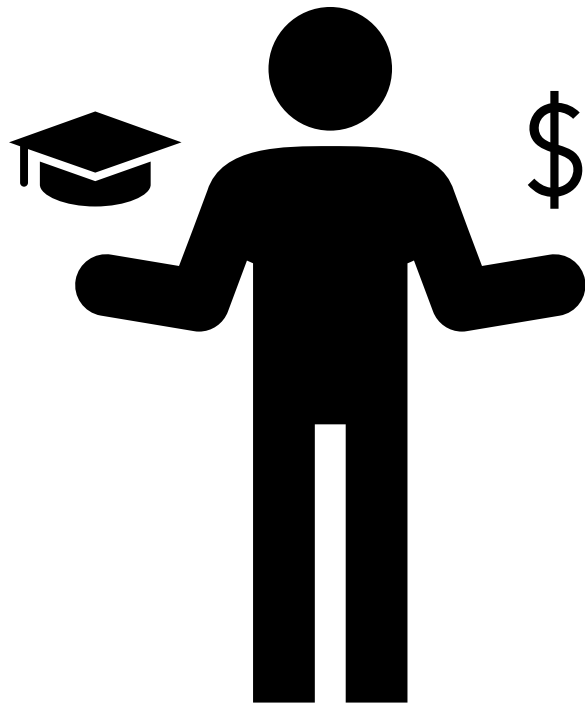
See if your college provides transportation benefits which can reduce transportation and commuter expenses



Consider the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) by WICHE if attending college out-of-state

- Through the WUE program, students enroll in colleges or universities outside their home state and pay no more than 150% of that institution's resident tuition rate. Since nonresident tuition can cost 300% (or more) of resident rates, the WUE discount saves students \$9,000 a year on average.

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Questions?

Contact Information

# Video Resources

- Concurrent Enrollment Saves Time and Money
  - [https://youtu.be/byCK\\_Ap5eT4](https://youtu.be/byCK_Ap5eT4)
- Tips for Cutting College Costs
  - <https://youtu.be/I2mAPjVmvGM>