Paying for College
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
## How much does college cost?

### 2022 Average Utah In-State Tuitions and Fees

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<td>Technical College</td>
<td>~$95/credit + fees</td>
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<tr>
<td>2-Year College</td>
<td>$3,173</td>
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### 2022 Average National Out-Of-State Tuitions and Fees

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<td>Nationwide Colleges and Universities</td>
<td>$26,382</td>
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<td>2-Year College</td>
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*Don’t forget external costs – Food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, etc.*
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<td>Bridgerland Tech College</td>
<td>Application fee: $50 Enrollment fee: $50</td>
<td>$95/credit + fees (vary by program)</td>
<td>High school diploma or recognized equivalent of tech.bcc.edu/enrollment</td>
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<td>Brigham Young University</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>Church member: $6,406 Non-member: $12,992</td>
<td>Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement or equivalency, GPA, high school or college transcripts ACT or SAT optional enrollment.byc.edu/enrollment</td>
<td>Bachelor’s Master’s Dottorate</td>
<td>Priority: Nov. 1, 2023 Final: Dec. 15, 2023</td>
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<td>For need-based scholarships Jan. 20, 2023</td>
<td>Housing: $4,730 Meal Plan: $5,000</td>
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<td>BYU-Pathway</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$81/credit</td>
<td>Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent. For 18 years old byupathway.byu.edu/admissions</td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Associate’s Bachelor’s</td>
<td>Sept. 6, 2023</td>
<td>Sept. 16, 2023</td>
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<td>Application fee: $40 Adult application fee: $45</td>
<td>$95/credit + fees (vary by program)</td>
<td>Varies by program 5esd.tech.edu/program</td>
<td>Certificates</td>
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<td>$105/credit + fees (vary by program)</td>
<td>Standardized testing, background checks, immunizations</td>
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<td>$35</td>
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<td>Application fee: Program specific Registration fee: $40</td>
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<td>Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent unless applying for federal, state or scholarship and CTE scholarship program</td>
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<td>CTE Scholarship: Jan. 28, 2024</td>
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<td>Application fee: $30 Enrollment fee: $45</td>
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<td>Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Complete required testing per program ogu.edu/how-to-enroll</td>
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<td>Salt Lake Community College</td>
<td>$30</td>
<td>Resident: $8,756.50 Non-resident: $13,700.50</td>
<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent stlc.edu/admissions</td>
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<td>Associate’s Associate’s</td>
<td>Aug 2024</td>
<td>Feb. 1, 2024</td>
<td>Priority dates: Fall Apr. 15, 2024 Spring Nov. 1, 2023 N/A</td>
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<td>Salt Lake Tech College (SLCC)</td>
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<td>$30</td>
<td>Resident: $4,180 Non-resident: $7,055</td>
<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent snow.edu/admissions.txt</td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Associate’s Associate’s Bachelor’s</td>
<td>Year round. Must be admitted by 1st day of class. Mar. 1, 2024</td>
<td>June 1, 2024</td>
<td>Housing: $2,138 Meal Plan: $2,158</td>
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<td>Southern Utah University</td>
<td>$5 (subject to change)</td>
<td>Resident: $6,769.50 Non-resident: $10,565.50</td>
<td>2.7 GPA = General Acceptance 2.3 GPA = Provisional Acceptance/Review Committee suu.edu/apply</td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Associate’s Associate’s Bachelor’s</td>
<td>Aug. 28, 2024</td>
<td>Resident: Mar. 1, 2024 Non-resident: 1st day of Fall May 1, 2024</td>
<td>Housing: $4,183 Meal Plan: $2,754</td>
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<td>Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://gts.edu/admissions/enrollment">gts.edu/admissions/enrollment</a></td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>Tooele Tech College</td>
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<td>$89/cr + fees (varies by program)</td>
<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://tooelechtech.edu/how-to-enroll">tooelechtech.edu/how-to-enroll</a></td>
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<td>Uintah Basin Tech College</td>
<td>$0 (Application fee)</td>
<td>$150/cr + fees (varies by program)</td>
<td>Varies by program <a href="https://ubtech.edu/certificate-programs">ubtech.edu/certificate-programs</a></td>
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<td>$50 (Application fee)</td>
<td>$8,305 (Resident) / $12,423 (Non-resident)</td>
<td>2.0 High School GPA, (2.0 GPA &amp; below - considered for USU Eamed Admission Path) <a href="https://usu.edu/admissions/appy">usu.edu/admissions/appy</a></td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Applied Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate</td>
<td>Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Aug. 1, 2024</td>
<td>Dec. 1, 2023</td>
<td>Housing: $4,464 Dining: $4,180</td>
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<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://eastern.usu.edu/admissions/appy">eastern.usu.edu/admissions/appy</a></td>
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<td>Applied Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate</td>
<td>Sept. 1, 2024</td>
<td>July 1, 2024</td>
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<td>$35 (Application fee)</td>
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<td>Certificates</td>
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<td>Mar. 1, 2024</td>
<td>Priority: May 1, 2024</td>
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<td>$35 (Application fee)</td>
<td>$6,270 (Resident) / $17,833 (Non-resident)</td>
<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://usv.edu/apply">usv.edu/apply</a></td>
<td>Certificates</td>
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<td>Weber State University</td>
<td>$30 (Application fee)</td>
<td>$6,270 (Resident) / $6,300.66 (Non-resident) / $17,081.92 (Non-resident)</td>
<td>High school diploma or GED equivalent <a href="https://weber.edu/admissions/apply">weber.edu/admissions/apply</a></td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Applied Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate</td>
<td>Dec. 1, 2023</td>
<td>Apr. 1, 2024</td>
<td>Housing: $4,032 Meal Plan: $4,600</td>
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<td>Westminster University</td>
<td>$0 (Application fee)</td>
<td>$41,415 (Resident)</td>
<td>Recommended curriculum, HS transcript &amp; standardized test scores, or essay <a href="https://westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate_admissions">westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate_admissions</a></td>
<td>Certificates</td>
<td>Bachelor's Master's Doctorate</td>
<td>Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Regular: Feb. 1, 2024</td>
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- File the FAFSA
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Apply for Scholarships
Scholarships are not just for high school seniors or current college students!

For example, these scholarship providers open applications to students in kindergarten:

- My529™ Make Your Mark
- My529™ Book Your Summer
- Doodle4Google™

Did you know?
Who provides scholarships?

- State and local government
- Technical colleges, community colleges, and universities
- Community organizations, school districts, and K-12 schools
- Companies and corporations
- Private donors

Common types of scholarships:

- Merit-based scholarships
- Need-based scholarships
- Athletic scholarships
- Activity-based scholarships
- Identity-based scholarships
- Field of study scholarships
- Creative or artistic scholarships
- Military scholarships
Where to begin:

1. School counseling or guidance office
2. Apply through your college or university
3. Explore employer-sponsored tuition
4. Community scholarships
5. Online scholarship search
6. File the FAFSA

Click the icons to watch the video 🎬 ⛄️
Paying For College Student Bundle

File the FAFSA

Apply for Scholarships

Earn and Save

Creative Ways to Cut Costs

Individual Student Situations
File the FAFSA
What is the FAFSA?

• Stands for: **Free** Application for Federal Student Aid

• FAFSA is a **gateway** to aid and scholarship opportunities

• Students apply October 1* senior year **AND** every year of college
  • *Except for the 2023-24 school year, when the FAFSA will open in December 2023

• Go to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to apply!
Why Complete the FAFSA?

Federal Aid
- Grants
- Work-Study
- Student Loans

Institutional Aid & Scholarships
- Technical colleges
- Community colleges
- Universities

State Aid & Scholarships

Some Private Scholarships

FAFSA Required
What will the FAFSA ask?

The FAFSA attempts to calculate a family’s ability to pay for college
The FAFSA will ask for:

- Demographic information like age and family size
- High school information and college interests
- Tax information, income, and assets for the student and parent(s)
Create an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA (Fall)

Receive, complete, and return offer letter (Winter/Spring)

If eligible for Work-Study, apply for jobs on campus (Summer/Year-Round)

Complete FAFSA verification (if selected, Winter/Spring)

Complete entrance counseling & sign Master Promissory Note (Federal Loans only)

Aid is disbursed to the college (happens each term or semester)
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Earn and Save
Consider Working While in College

Work-study jobs, part-time employment, seasonal roles, and internships all offer opportunities to learn and grow outside of the classroom while earning a degree.

Click the icons to watch the video.
## Saving Options

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<td>• Earns interest</td>
<td>• Investment account&lt;br&gt;• Visit my529.org for information on Utah’s plan&lt;br&gt;Short video - <a href="https://youtu.be/tur4nwALKJE">https://youtu.be/tur4nwALKJE</a></td>
<td>• Investment account, but for qualified disability expenses&lt;br&gt;• ableut.com&lt;br&gt;• stableaccount.com</td>
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Creative Ways to Cut Costs
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
• 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)
• 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.

• Earn credits to graduate on time.

• 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.
Paying For College Student Bundle

File the FAFSA

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Paying for College Student Bundle

Individual Student Situations

Find Creative Ways to Cut Costs
Individual Student Situations
Deferment

The option to postpone or delay college enrollment and scholarships for a period of time

• What reasons do students have to defer college?
  • Military service
  • Religious services
  • Humanitarian service
  • Personal circumstances such as illness, family responsibilities, or financial constraints
  • Research, internships, or other educational experiences

• Some reasons for deferment may not be eligible depending on the college. Contact the college for eligible reasons to defer attendance.

• Make sure to inform the college or university about plans to defer admission and scholarships
Most colleges require that students apply, be admitted, and be accepted before they can defer. In short, students usually have to decide on a college before being able to defer attendance.

Federal financial aid such as grants, work-study, and student loans CANNOT be deferred. However, we recommend that students still complete the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.

Why?
- Backup plan
- Some deferrable scholarships require FAFSA completion, such as the Opportunity Scholarship
- The form auto-fills information the next time, making it easier to complete upon return
- More resources and assistance are available while students are still in high school. So, learning and understanding how to apply to college and file the FAFSA are skills students can rely on later when they return to college after

*Each college has different policies and procedures. The examples above may not be or could be deferred depending on the institution.*

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DREAMers, Immigrants, and International Students
FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

• **U.S. Citizens**
  • Naturalized and born citizens

• **Eligible Non-Citizens**
  • Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers “eligible” for federal aid
  • Categories include: Permanent Residents (Green Card), Refugees, Asylum Grantees, etc.

• **Ineligible Students**
  • Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers “ineligible” for federal aid or those without documentation
  • Categories include: Undocumented Students, those with DACA, TPS, DED, etc.

• **International Students**
  • Foreign students who are going to attend (or attending) college in the United States
  • International students are ineligible for federal aid from the FAFSA
Legislation

**House Bill (HB) 144**  
Utah law allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition if the student:

- Attended a Utah high school for at least 3 years
- Has a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
  - Submit a high school transcript with graduation date listed
- Signs and submits an HB 144 affidavit

**House Bill (HB) 118**

- For students who are foreign nationals or legally admitted into the United States with F-1, H-4, or J-1 visas

**House Bill (HB) 102**

- Provides earlier access to in-state tuition depending on the student’s immigration status
Students with Disabilities
Modifications vs. Accommodations

Modifications: K-12

- Modifications are made to assignments and the curriculum to meet the Free Access to Publication Education, also known as FAPE, requirements in secondary education
  - E.g., reduced number of questions on assignments, reduction topics covered in class, use a word list or list of math formulas

Accommodations: Higher Education

- Accommodations are made on college campuses to create accessibility for students with disabilities, but adjustments aren’t made to the course requirements or the curriculum
  - E.g., specialized tutoring, recorded/audiobooks, class notetakers, preferential seating, lecture notes, study guides, etc.

Source: https://www.parentcenterhub.org/accommodations/
FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level.” – U.S. Department of Education

• The student needs to request the FERPA form. A parent cannot.
  • The student must agree to who is listed as the recipient in order to release records if it’s an individual other than the student with access to records

• This can be beneficial if the student is deferring enrollment or taking a gap year
  • e.g., military service, ecclesiastical mission, humanitarian service, etc.

Remember that if you want a trusted adult involved in your college information, meetings, and conversations, you should want this form signed.

Source: https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html