

Creative Ways to Cut College Costs



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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



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How much does college cost?

2024 Average Utah In-State Tuition and Fees (per year)

<u>Public Technical College</u>	~\$99/credit + fees
<u>2-Year Public College</u>	\$4,382
<u>4-Year Public University</u>	\$7,531

2024 Average National Out-Of-State Tuitions and Fees (per year)

<u>National 2-Year Public College</u>	\$8,415
<u>National 4-Year Public University</u>	\$27,457

2024 Average National Private Non-Profit Tuitions and Fees (per year)

<u>National 2-Year Non-Profit Private College</u>	\$20,019
<u>National 4-Year Non-Profit Private University</u>	\$38,421

*These costs don't include external costs – Food, housing, books, supplies, transportation, etc.

2024-2025 FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

Institution	Application Fee	2024-2025 Tuition & Fees	Admissions Requirements	Certificates & Degrees Available	Fall Admissions Deadline	Scholarship Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	1-year Avg. On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan
Bridgerland Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	HS diploma, GED or recognized equivalent btech.edu/students/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	For Pell Grants, by the last date of eligible enrollment or June 30	N/A
Brigham Young University	\$35	Church member: \$6,688 Non-member: \$13,376	Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement, essays, GPA, HS or college transcripts. ACT/SAT optional. enrollment.byu.edu/applying	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Nov. 1, 2024 Final: Dec. 16, 2024	Dec. 16, 2024	For scholarships consideration Jan. 20, 2025	Housing: \$5,150 Meal Plan: \$5,250
BYU-Pathway	\$0	Church member: \$83/credit Non-member: \$104/credit	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent, if over 18 years old byupathway.org/admissions	Certificates Associate's Bachelor's (offered by BYU-Idaho and Ensign College)	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Davis Tech College	HS student annual fee: \$40 Adult application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: davistech.edu/programs	Certificates	Year-round	Continuing after HS graduation: Mar. 31, 2025 All others: Year-round	Continuing after HS graduation: Mar. 31, 2025 All others: Year-round	N/A
Dixie Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$105/credit + fees (vary by program)	Standardized testing, background checks, immunizations, etc., depends on program requirements dixietech.edu/apply	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Ensign College	\$0	Church member: \$4,004 Non-member: \$8,008	Domestic students: ecclesiastical endorsement & HS diploma or GED equivalent ensign.edu/how-to-apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 1, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Mountainland Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$40	\$120/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent <i>unless</i> applying for federal, state, private or scholarship aid mtec.edu/admissions	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Ogden-Weber Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$45	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent. Complete required testing per program otech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Salt Lake Community College	\$0	Resident: \$4,426 Non-resident: \$14,243.50	Some programs may require a HS diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/admissions	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's	Aug. 20, 2025	Feb. 1, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Salt Lake Tech College	\$0	\$99/credit + fees (vary by program)	Some programs may require a HS diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx	Certificates	Aug. 20, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Snow College	\$0	Resident: \$4,338 Non-resident: \$14,288	HS diploma or GED equivalent snow.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Must be admitted by 1st day of class.	Mar. 1, 2025	June 1, 2025	Housing: \$2,340 Meal Plan: \$2,655
Southern Utah University	\$0	Resident: \$6,962 Non-resident: \$21,192	HS diploma or GED equivalent 2.3 GPA or below = Provisional Acceptance suu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Aug. 27, 2025	Resident: Mar. 1, 2025 Non-Resident: 1st day of Fall classes	May 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,282 Meal Plan: \$2,984

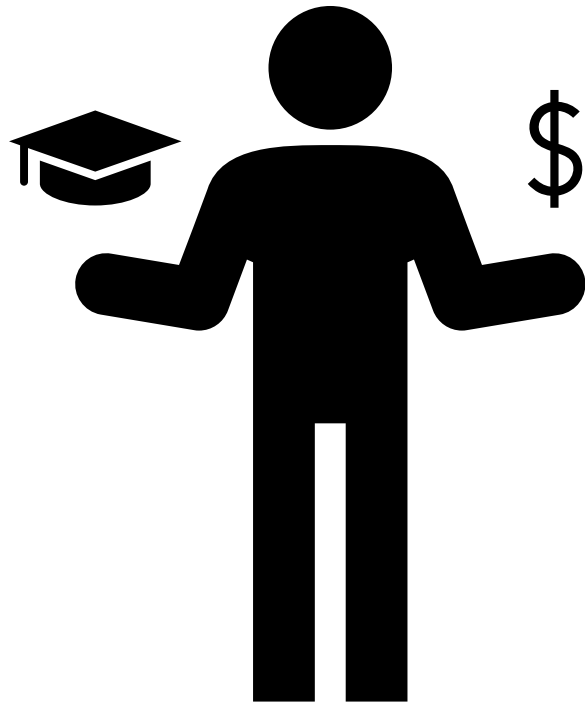
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Southwest Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a HS diploma or GED equivalent stech.edu/admissions/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	General: 15 th of each month Tech Ed Scholarship: Apr. 11, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Tooele Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$85/credit + fees (vary by program)	HS diploma or GED equivalent tooeletech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Uintah Basin Tech College	Application fee: \$0 Enrollment fee: \$0	\$100/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: ubtech.edu/certificate-programs	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
University of Utah	\$0	Resident: \$12,424 Non-resident: \$34,900	Required: Common App, HS transcripts. Optional: ACT/SAT scores, personal essay, and letters of recommendation. admissions.utah.edu/apply	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Dec. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$9,363 Meal Plan: \$5,349
Utah State University	\$0	Resident: \$8,560 Non-resident: \$24,993	2.8 HS GPA 2.79 GPA or below considered for USU Earned Admission Path usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2025 Final: Aug. 1, 2025	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,676 Dining: \$4,400
Utah State University Eastern	\$0	Resident: \$4,786 Non-resident: \$12,811	HS diploma or GED equivalent eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Sept. 1, 2025	Priority: Apr. 1, 2025	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	Housing: \$2,482 Meal Plan: \$3,178
Utah State University Statewide Campuses	\$0	Resident: \$8,143 Non-resident: \$24,576	2.8 HS GPA 2.79 GPA or below considered for USU Earned Admission Path usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2025 Final: Sept. 1, 2025	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Feb. 1, 2025	N/A
Utah Tech University	\$0	Resident: \$6,306 Non-resident: \$18,246	HS diploma or GED equivalent admissions.utahtech.edu	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Year-round	Mar. 1, 2025	Priority: May 1, 2025	Housing: \$5,109 Meal Plan: \$3,000
Utah Valley University	\$0	Resident: \$6,507 Non-resident: \$18,489	HS diploma or GED equivalent uvu.edu/welcome	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's	Aug. 1, 2025	Mar. 1, 2025	Year-round	N/A
Weber State University	\$0	Resident: \$6,557.24 Non-resident: \$17,544.82	HS diploma or GED equivalent weber.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Year-round	Priority: Dec. 1, 2024	Priority: Apr. 1, 2025	Housing: \$4,072 Meal Plan: \$3,380
Westminster University	\$0	\$43,260	Recommended curriculum, HS transcript & standardized test scores (optional), or essay westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2024 Regular: Feb. 1, 2025	Year-round	Year-round	Housing: \$7,220 Meal Plan: \$4,860

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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

Lowering out-of-pocket costs for college is possible by planning ahead and researching higher education options available in Utah.

Simple steps such as earning good grades to qualify for scholarships or volunteering in the community can make a difference.

While in high school



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



Take the ACT/SAT exams multiple times to improve your score

- **Pro-Tip:** Focus on a different subject each time to improve scores in each category. Colleges consider the highest score in each category rather than the best overall score from a single exam



Volunteer

- Volunteer in the community or participate in school leadership, clubs, or extracurricular activities like intramural sports or performing arts
- Explore [UServe.utah.gov](https://www.userve.utah.gov) for different volunteer opportunities in Utah

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

- Not all college degrees require a four-year commitment. Utah colleges offer technical certifications and associate degrees that can be completed in one to two years, depending on the field of study



While in high school



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

(CE)

Concurrent Enrollment

(AP)

Advanced Placement

(IB)

International Baccalaureate

(DE)

Dual Enrollment at a technical college

College prep and attendance



Housing: Consider living at home or with roommates to reduce housing expenses and save on on-campus housing costs.



Take advantage of plateau tuition: Plateau tuition – also known as "banded" tuition – offers a set tuition price for undergraduate students within a specific range of credits. At almost all Utah colleges, students pay the same tuition and fees whether they take 15 credits a semester or 12.



Student involvement and leadership:

- Apply to be a **presidential ambassador** for tuition benefits and leadership opportunities
- Consider running for **student leadership** positions that offer scholarships or tuition stipends
- Become a **resident assistant** for on-campus housing

College prep and attendance



Textbooks: Save on textbooks by renting or purchasing used copies and utilize the college's library reserve as an alternative to buying brand-new textbooks.



Earn credits to graduate on time: Ensure taking enough credits each semester to graduate on time to avoid additional costs for additional semesters.



Student discounts: Research and inquire about student discounts around town.



Transportation: Check if your college provides transportation benefits, which reduce transportation and commuter expenses.

College prep and attendance



Out-of-state savings: 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 out-of-state students an average of \$9,000 a year.

Students Who Are Citizens/Members of Federally Designated Native American Tribes



Tribal Citizen/Member
Handout

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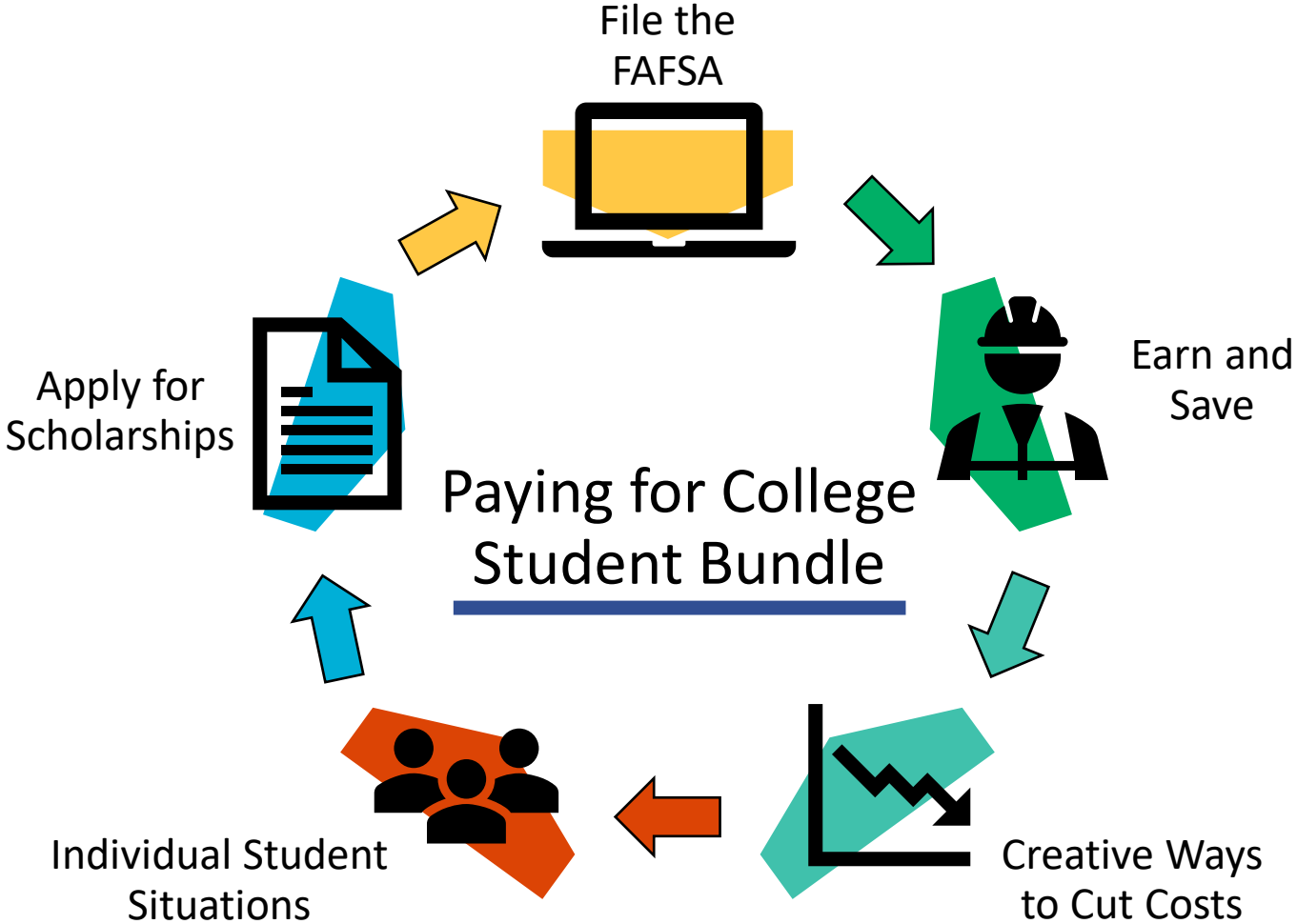
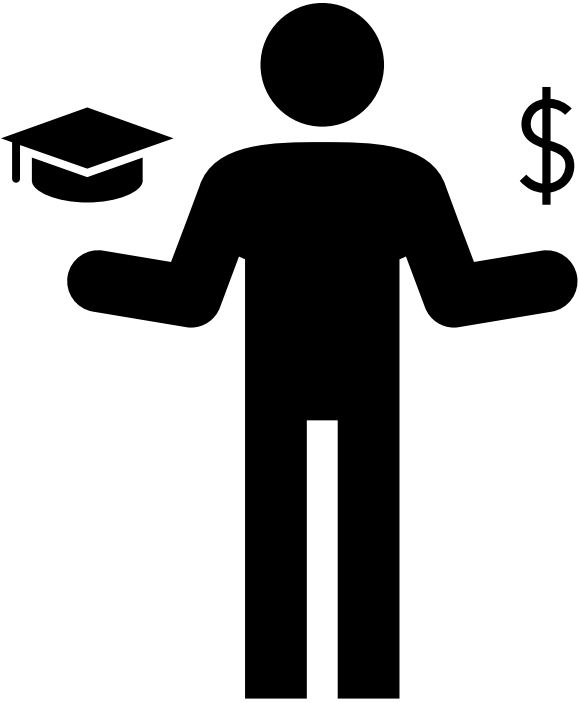
In-State Tuition Residency Tribal Access

Board Policy R512, Resident Student Status:

<https://public.powerdms.com/Uta7295/tree/documents/2022238>

- In-state tuition may be available to American Indians if they meet the following criteria for resident student status:
 - They are enrolled on the tribal rolls of a tribe whose reservation or trust lands lie partly or wholly within Utah or whose border is at any point contiguous with the border of Utah; or
 - They are a member of a federally recognized or known Utah tribe and has graduated from a Utah high school.
- For more details talk to your college's residency office

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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, Colorado, featuring a prominent domed building (the Colorado State Capitol) and surrounding urban landscape. The image is partially obscured by a large, semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay. The word "Questions" is written in white, sans-serif font within this overlay, positioned to the right of a vertical white line.

Questions