



# COLLEGE BUDGET CHECKLIST

How prepared is your back-to-school budget?

## CAMPUS LIFE

Living and learning in a new place is exciting, but there are some costs that are often overlooked. Remember to work them into your budget.

- STUDENT ID REPLACEMENT**  
*(if lost or stolen)*
- SPIRIT WEAR**
- YEARBOOK**
- ENTERTAINMENT**
  - Music/Movie Streaming Service
  - Cable
- SPORTING EVENTS**
  - Tickets
  - Parking
  - Snacks
  - Tailgating
- PARENTS' WEEKENDS**
- SENIOR WEEK**
- HOMECOMING**
  - Prep Courses
  - Registration
- GREEK LIFE**
  - Dues & Fees
  - Recruitment Clothes
  - Formals & Other Events
  - Housing
  - Gifts for Sisters/Brothers
- PHILANTHROPIC FUND**
- BUSINESS CLOTHES FOR INTERVIEWS & GRADUATION**

## LODGING & FOOD

Daily comforts from bedding to eating out can add up. Working them into your budget can help you prepare.

- BEDDING** *(XL in dorms)*  
**& MATTRESS PAD**
- CLOTHING & LAUNDRY EXPENSES**
- FOOD BUDGET**
- DORM/APARTMENT HOUSEWARES**
  - Microwave
  - Router
  - Shower Curtain & Liner
  - Furniture

## TECHNOLOGY

Tech purchases can set you back, but planning ahead can keep your budget on track.

- ONLINE TEXTBOOK ACCESS CODES**
- FITNESS TRACKER**
- MOBILE PHONE & CHARGER**
- COMPUTER & CHARGER**
- HEADPHONES**
- EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE/ CLOUD SUBSCRIPTION**

## TRANSPORTATION

From road trips to flying home for the holidays, travel expenses can add up.

- MOVING COSTS**
  - Storage Unit
- CAR WEAR & USE**
- CAR BATTERY**
- ONSTAR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE**
- PARKING PASS**
- TRAVEL TO & FROM HOME**
  - Gas
  - Plane Tickets
  - Airport Parking
- ROAD TRIPS**
- SPRING BREAK**

## ACADEMIC

Pens and paper aside, you'll need to budget for a few more things as you hit the books in college.

- PRINTING ASSIGNMENTS**
- TESTING FORMS & BOOKS**
- STUDY ABROAD**
- ONLINE TEXTBOOK/PORTAL ACCESS CODES**

## GRADUATION EXPENSES

When you're heading into the last year of college, a lot is on the horizon. Remember to celebrate your accomplishments by factoring in everything you need to walk across the stage.

- CLASS RING**
- CAP, GOWN & TASSEL(S)**
- ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FEES**
- GRADUATION PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**