



2026-2027 Cost of Attendance

Copper Mountain College uses the cost of attendance (COA) when evaluating/awarding a student's financial aid. The *Cost of Attendance* is known as the student's "budget." It represents a school's best estimate of the costs a student will acquire during an academic year. The financial aid office calculates the student's unmet need/cost by subtracting the SAI (Student Aid Index) from the COA. Students are considered to have financial (unmet) need if their COA exceeds their SAI:

Unmet Need = Cost of Attendance – (SAI + other financial assistance awarded)

SAI is calculated from the data on a student's financial aid application.

Typical Student Budget

Cost of attendance for CA residents and non-residents either living at home or away from home.		
9 - MONTH BUDGETS	At Home With Parent Resident / Non-Resident	Away From Home / Off Campus Resident / Non-Resident
*Enrollment/institutional fee	\$1,390 / \$13,650	\$1,390 / \$13,650
Books and Supplies	\$1,305 / 1,305	\$1,305 / \$1,305
Food and Housing	\$12,537 / \$12,537	\$27,896 / \$27,896
Transportation	\$1,206/ \$1,206	\$1,656 / \$1,656
Personal/Misc.	\$4,563 / \$4,563	\$5,706 / \$5,706
Totals:	\$19,611 / \$33,261	\$37,953 / \$50,213

Residency is determined by the Admissions & Records Department

*Enrollment fees are calculated on 15 units: Resident = \$46 per unit / Non-resident = \$455 per unit (\$46 + \$409); Institutional Fee: \$10 per academic year (\$5 for fall & \$5 for spring)

Military Affiliated Student Budget

Cost of attendance for military affiliated students either living at home or away from home.		
9 - MONTH BUDGETS	At Home With Parent Military Affiliated Student	Away from Home / Off Campus Military Affiliated Student
*Enrollment/institutional fees	\$1,390	\$1,390
Books and Supplies	\$1,305	\$1,305
** Food	\$6,269	\$7,884
** Housing	\$0	\$0
Transportation	\$1,206	\$1,656
Personal/Misc.	\$4,563	\$5,706
Totals:	\$14,733	\$17,941

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**For Military affiliated students receiving BAH, live on base or receiving VA chapter 33 benefits at home or away from home, the Housing cost is \$0 and food is calculated using CSAC's SEAR survey.

Additional Costs (vary by student)

- **RN & VN Nursing students** – A student may request a cost of attendance increase for licensure fees and program requirements with adequate documentation.
- **Childcare Expenses** – A student that has reasonable childcare expenses with adequate documentation provided may have their cost of attendance increased.
- **Loan Fees** – For student loan borrowers, actual or average loan origination and insurance may be assessed to increase their cost of attendance.

If you believe your budget does not reflect your status, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 760-366-3791 EXT 4235