# COLLEGE MAKING IT HAPPEN

SMART STUDENT BUDGETING



### AGENDA:

- **DECODING COST OF ATTENDANCE**
- **□** HOUSING OPTIONS
- **MASTER YOUR MEAL PLAN (FREE FOOD)**
- **□** TRANSPORTATION IS A CAR REALLY WORTH
  - IT?
- BARGAIN BOOKS
- **□** ON CAMPUS HEALTH CENTER (Free or opt out)
- STUDENT PERKS

# **DECODING COST OF ATTENDANCE: SDSU**

Estimated Cost of Attendance		Living with Parents	On Campus	Off Campus
Tuition & Fees		\$7,460	\$7,460	\$7,460
	Housing & Meals	\$4,316	\$15,966	\$12,761
	Books & Supplies	\$1,854	\$1,854	\$1,854
	Transportation	\$1,542	\$1,494	\$1,919
	Personal Expenses	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450
Estimated Cost of Attendance for CA Residents		\$16,622	\$28,224	\$25,444

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Everything else are considered estimates, meaning there's **money** that can be saved!

## **DECODING COST OF ATTENDANCE: UCSD**

Estimated Cost of Attendance		Living with Parents	On Campus	Off Campus
Tuition & Fees		\$13,672	\$13,672	\$13,672
	Housing & Meals	\$4,861	\$12,545	\$10,131
	Books & Supplies	\$1,521	\$1,521	\$1,521
	Transportation	\$1,686	\$814	\$1,632
	Personal Expenses	\$2,050	\$1,598	\$1,949
Estimated Cost of Attendance for CA Residents		\$23,790	\$30,150	\$28,905

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# **Housing Options**





# At Home

 Most affordable but only available if attending a local college.





# **On Campus**

- Dorm
- Apartment
  - Single= Expensive Option
  - Double
  - Triple= Cheapest Option
- RA (Resident Advisor)

Free room and board at most schools!





# **Off Campus**

 Often times students can find cheaper housing options in surrounding areas.

Find a roommate!





Living at Home VS Living on Campus

Whoa! That's a big number!

### **Master Your Meal Plan**

- Know how much \$ you have for the day / semester.
- Make friends with people that have a meal plan!
- Attend events that have free food!
- Buy non perishable items to keep in your
  - apartment
- Cook with friends

# **Transportation Tips**

- Don't bring a car freshman year
- Use campus shuttle
- □ Rideshare (Uber, Lyft)
- **□** Bike save \$ and get some exercise!
- Sign up for alerts for airline sales for flights home during holidays.
- □ Carpool home during breaks / holidays







# **Bargain Books**

### **Required?**

Ask your professor if your book is required

### **Library?**

Check if book is available to check out at your library or request from another library

### **Buy Used?**

You can buy used books online or at the bookstore

#### Rent

Newer option, but you must return book in good condition

#### **Older Edition**

Sometimes your professor will allow you to use an older edition of the required book

#### **Share Books**

Create a study group or team up with another person and share your book



### **Student Health Center**

- **☐** Included with Fees
- **Low Cost or Free Health Services**
- Opt out if you have health care with parents to



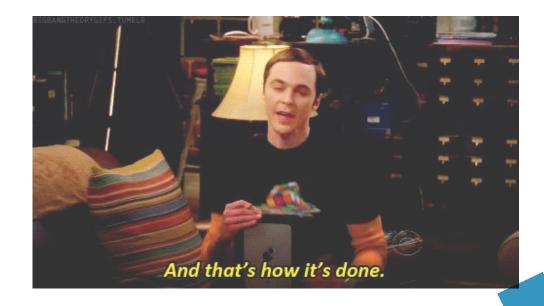


# **STUDENT PERKS!**

STUDENT DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED AT MANY PLACES:

- MOVIES
- ☐ CAR INSURANCE
- □ AMAZON PRIME
- TECHNOLOGY (APPLE, DELL)
- MUSEUMS
- ☐ FEDEX
- DISCOUNTED PRINTING ON CAMPUS





**Any questions?**