Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Student Budgets
- 1st component of the formula for determining financial aid eligibility

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Cost of Attendance Components

- Tuition
- Fees
- Room and Board
- Transportation
- Personal
- Books and Supplies

Costs should be reviewed annually
Cost of Attendance/Student Budgets Development

**Purposes**

- Realistic
- Accurate Projection
- Equitable

**Principles**

- Comprehensiveness
- Reasonableness
- Systematic Development
- Documentation
Additional Costs/PJ documented

- Computers/laptops
- Daycare costs
- Study abroad
- Disability expenses
- Clinical/practicums

Proper documentation required
COA for Groups/Categories of Students

- Freshman
- Dormitory/off campus/commuter
- Different majors/Different costs
- Part time enrollment
- In County/Out of County/Out of Stat

✓ Must be on College websites and Award notifications
Professional Judgment with COA

- Higher credit load
- Work Experience/Clinical – additional transportation, meals
- Professional Credentials (one time cost for licensing or application)

Impossible to individualize COA’s
Cost of Attendance Required Adjustments

• **Incarcerated Students**
  - Tuition/fees and books/supplies if required

• **Correspondence Study**
  - Actual contractual tuition/fees
  - Actual contractual costs books/supplies
  - Transportation/Room and Board costs incurred during period of training
COA Adjustments

• Less than half-time students
  ▫ Tuition and Fees
  ▫ Books, Supplies and Transportation
  ▫ Dependent Care Expenses
  ▫ Room and Board (optional)
    — for not more than 3 terms or equivalent of
    not more than 2 consecutive terms
On Line Enrollment

• General rule no distinction made due to mode of instruction

• Professional judgment can be made if you find there is a substantial reduction in cost
Summer Budgets/COA

• Average Costs
• 2 – 4 months Cost
• Actual summer tuition
• Allowance for other components
  ▫ Books/supplies
  ▫ Personal
  ▫ Transportation
  ▫ Room/Board
Costs Waived or Paid by Other Sources

• When a specific component of a student’s cost of attendance is waived or paid by another source, special treatment may be necessary

Example: Tuition Waived for Employees

• Remove tuition from COA
• Use tuition waiver amount as a resource
COA Perspectives

- Helping make college affordable
  - Larger financial aid package
  - Available resources to meet COA
  - Student Loan Debt
    - Default Management
### Butler County Community College
### COA Examples

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