

Muhlenberg College Cost of Attendance

The Office of Financial Aid creates a "Cost of Attendance" for the academic year. The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the **estimate** of the total amount it should cost to attend Muhlenberg College for one academic year. For traditional students, it is comprised of the actual costs of tuition, fees, a standard room charge and the GOLD meal plan. Estimates for books/supplies and personal expenses are updated every academic year by surveying students. Estimates for transportation are based on the current market. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the Cost of Attendance is:

Tuition/Fees	\$38,380
Standard Room	\$ 5,035
GOLD Meal Plan	\$ 4,150
Estimated Books/Supplies	\$ 1,400
Estimated Personal Expenses	\$ 1,240
Estimated Transportation*	\$ 515
TOTAL COA	\$50,720

*For someone living between 50-200 miles away. Other transportation allowances are done on an individual basis

Students who feel the estimated cost of attendance does not reflect their actual expenses for the academic year may submit a Muhlenberg College Financial Aid Cost of Attendance Appeal to our office. This form is available upon request in the Office of Financial Aid. Students appealing for the fall 2010 term, must submit an appeal by **September 10, 2010**. Students appealing the COA for the spring term must submit an appeal by **January 21, 2011**. It is important to remember that approval of an appeal **does not guarantee** receipt of additional aid.

Reasons to appeal your Cost of Attendance

- Course overload fee, applied music fee, student teaching fee or any other additional tuition charge for the semester
- Books and supplies exceed the current Cost of Attendance (attach copies of receipts)
- Housing or meal plan charges are higher than the Cost of Attendance (if non campus attach copy of bill/lease or other documentation)
- Travel expenses exceed the Cost of Attendance estimate (attach copies of receipts and a letter of explanation). Often times this occurs with students enrolled in one of our study abroad programs
- Disability. This includes reasonable allowances for costs associated with the disability if the expenses are not already covered by another organization. Expenses can include, but not limited

to, special services, personal assistance, transportation, equipment and supplies for the student to attend school. (attach copies of receipts/bills and a letter of explanation)

- Child care (attach copies of receipts)