

# Cost of Attendance

## Fact Sheet

### COA is not your bill

It's an estimate of total education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, housing, food, books, transportation, and personal expenses.

### It sets your aid ceiling

The total amount of financial aid cannot exceed your Cost of Attendance.

### It varies by student

COA depends on things like residency, enrollment status, program, and whether you live on or off campus.



### COA Appeals

- Appeals may be an option if:
  - You have unusual financial hardship not reflected on your FAFSA (e.g., medical bills, loss of income).
  - You hit your COA limit as a Federal Aid recipient and believe your actual cost of living is higher than the allocated amounts in NHS College's COA Budget.
- Appeals require documentation and a written explanation.
- **Not all appeals are approved.**
- Appeal forms are located on [www.nhsc.edu](http://www.nhsc.edu) website within the Financial Aid tab.



### Declining Federal Aid

Any student has the right to decline Federal Aid to allow for an uncapped Cost of Attendance.



### Appeal Deadlines:

**Fall Only – October 15th**

**Spring only – March 15th**