

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 website within the Financial Aid tab.

Federal Aid Limits

- Lifetime limits apply:
 - Pell Grant: Limited to the equivalent of 6 years (12 full-time semesters).
- Aid may run out before graduation if students change majors, repeat classes, or take unnecessary credits.
- Check your status: Encourage students to regularly view their aid usage on StudentAid.gov.



Appeal Deadlines:

Fall Only – October 15th
Spring only – March 15th



Declining Federal Aid

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