

# Cost of Attendance & Cost to Attend



## Introduction

One area that often causes confusion for families is being able to distinguish between the "Cost of Attendance" and the "Cost to Attend" at an institution.

## Direct Costs

There are many costs associated with attending Lynn University. Direct costs are those that are directly billed by the university:

- 1) Tuition
- 2) Room and Board
- 3) Student Services fee
- 4) Technology Fee

All of these costs must be paid in order to attend the university. These can be described as the "Cost to Attend".

## Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are those additional costs that are not billed by the university. These are financial expenses that a family may wish to consider when selecting a university to attend. Examples of indirect costs include transportation costs. If the student is from out of state, it may be important to budget for transportation costs for the holiday period or Spring Break. Families may also want to budget for books, entertainment and other personal expenses such as laundry, toothpaste and shampoo! These are best known as Indirect Costs.

## Cost of Attendance

$$\text{Cost of Attendance} = \text{Total Direct Costs} + \text{Indirect Costs}$$

The "Cost of Attendance" is the total estimate of what families should be considering budgeting for their son or daughter to attend the institution. It should not be confused with the actual cost to attend. It combines the direct and indirect costs. Indirect cost figures are based on average amounts, some of which some students will incur and some which others will not. For example some students may live local and would not incur the same cost of traveling home for the holidays as a student who lives on the other side of the country. However, when calculating the "Cost of Attendance", both students would have the same indirect costs. When looking at your ESAS online, you will see the "Cost of Attendance" described as the total budget.

## Video

A video explaining the difference between the "Cost of Attendance" and the "Cost to Attend" can be found at the link [here](#).

## Questions

All questions pertaining to the "Cost of Attendance" can be directed to Student Financial Services at:

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