

Determining Cost of Attendance

“Cost of Attendance” typically refers to all of the factors associated with attending law school, including not only tuition, but also the cost of rent, food, transportation, books and supplies, personal, and miscellaneous items, as well as student and loan fees.

The Cost of Attendance figure represents expenditures for a nine-month academic year at Quinnipiac University School of Law. It also represents the maximum financial aid, including scholarships and loans you may receive for that academic period. The 2020–21 budget fairly represents average costs for our students.

Keeping the annual Cost of Attendance in mind, you should construct your own budget for living expenses. This will assist you in tracking your expenses to better manage your money while in law school. You not only will have an idea of the funding you will need, but also be aware of the amount you will be borrowing in student loans.

When developing Cost of Attendance budgets, the Office of Financial Aid relies on federal guidelines. Consideration for budget increases for childcare costs, health care issues, and additional credits must be requested in writing and should include appropriate supporting documentation. Listed below is additional information concerning the Cost of Attendance components.

Tuition: The annual tuition charge for full-time students enrolled between 12–15 credits per semester is \$50,510 (\$25,255 per semester). Students enrolled for 11 credits or less will be charged \$1,765 per credit. Students who enroll for more than 15 credits in a semester will be charged \$25,255 plus \$1,765 for each credit over 15 credits.

Fees/Additional Costs: Full-time Students are charged \$380 per semester for student fees. Part-time students are charged \$45 per credit for student fees, not to exceed \$405 per semester. A student bar fee of \$180 is payable once each year, one half in the fall semester and one half in the spring semester. The student health insurance premium is payable once each year in the fall semester and is not automatically included in the cost of attendance, as you may choose to waive it. If requested, this cost may be added to your cost of attendance budget for additional loan consideration. Full-time students incur a \$210 dining charge per semester and part-time students incur a \$100 per semester dining charge to spend on campus in any Chartwells food facilities.

Books and Supplies/Computers: A standard allowance of \$1,200 is provided for the annual expense of books and supplies. In addition, to use educational loan funding to help offset the expense of a computer purchase, you may receive a one-time increase to your cost of attendance during your law school academic career to cover the cost of purchasing a computer. The maximum allowance is \$1,500. In order to be considered a valid "education-related" expense, the purchase of a computer must occur within the 2020/2021 academic year, August-May and you must present the receipt documenting the cost. For first year students, we will honor purchases made up to four weeks before the start of classes.

Living Allowance: The living expense portion of the budget (rent, meals, utilities, and personal) for a student living in an off-campus apartment is \$17,608 and \$11,798 for a student living at home with parent(s). This amount is based on data from the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the Northeast and reflects increases in the Consumer Price Index as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The moderate nine-month budget for both living situations does not include your living expenses for the summer, or other debt. Rents in this area have increased sharply in recent years so living with a roommate can help to curtail expenses. Our academic year budget reflects the expectation that you will have at least one roommate.

Transportation: This amount is based on data from the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the Northeast and reflects increases in the Consumer Price Index as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The transportation allowance does not take into consideration expenses related to owning a car or relocating to Connecticut.

Loan Fees: Based on a 1.062% origination fee charged on the average law school total borrowed through the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans last award period.

Your overall individual costs will vary depending upon the number of textbooks purchased, number of roommates, proximity to campus, etc.

2020–21
Cost of Attendance Budgets

Off-Campus Budget

	Full-Time	Part-Time
Tuition	\$50,510	\$35,300
Fees	940	990
Books	1,200	1,000
Living Allowance	17,608	17,608
Transportation	3,608	3,608
Loan Fees	202	202
Total	\$74,068	\$58,708

Parent's Home Budget

	Full-Time	Part-Time
Tuition	\$50,510	\$35,300
Fees	940	990
Books	1,200	1,000
Living Allowance	11,798	11,798
Transportation	2,418	2,418
Loan Fees	202	202
Total	\$67,068	\$51,708

The full-time budget is based on 12–15 credits per semester for a flat rate (\$25,255 per semester).

The part-time budget is based on an average of 10 credits per semester @ \$1,765 per credit (\$17,650 per semester).