

Why is my cost of attendance so high?

I thought SIUE was cheaper than that. All the amounts I have been quoted before are lower than this, so why is this so high? Did you raise your prices?

The Cost of Attendance is **NOT** what you owe the university. Even though you see this term and this dollar amount all over your information that comes from SIUE, the Cost of Attendance is another name for your living budget. Just like you parents have a budget for the things for which they spend money for the household, mortgage, utility bills, insurance, car payment, food, entertainment, etc., you have a budget for the things for which you will be spending money during the school year. These things will include gas for your car, car upkeep expenses, food, entertainment, school supplies, computer supplies, tuition and fees, and maybe room and board. We try to figure what the average student living in the metropolitan St. Louis area spends, and that is your budget. This is also the “thing” that caps the total amount of financial aid you can receive in the academic year. Because of this, we try to get your budget as high as we can so that you can receive as much financial aid as you need to live.

The only place in which you will see what you owe the university in charges in on your e-bill.