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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

## Notes on Financial Aid for International Students

The purpose of financial aid at Connecticut College is to provide access to a high-quality educational experience for students who could not otherwise afford the full cost. Because Connecticut College is a highly selective institution, all of our students bring special talents and abilities that enhance the quality of our community, and it is for these reasons they are admitted. Accordingly, it is not our intent to reward a student's meritorious performance through the distribution of financial aid. It is our desire to open the doors of the College to highly qualified students from all economic backgrounds.

### **Important Connecticut College Policies Regarding Financial Aid**

- Connecticut College does not negotiate financial aid awards based on offers made by other colleges. Your award is a result of a detailed assessment of family income, assets, and other resources.
- You will be asked to re-apply for financial aid every year. However, it is expected that the family contribution will be similar in each of the four years.
- Students are required to enroll in the College's health care plan unless otherwise covered. The cost of the health insurance for the 2009-2010 academic year has not been finalized. We have estimated a fee of \$626. For students with a family contribution equal to or less than \$5,000, financial aid will cover this expense. Information on student health insurance coverage is available at [www.conncoll.edu/campuslife/1545.htm](http://www.conncoll.edu/campuslife/1545.htm). Any fees not covered by insurance will be billed to the student account.
- The basic academic year budget for a residential student includes the following costs:
  - Tuition, fees, room and board payable to the College twice a year on August 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A modest estimate for books, supplies, travel and miscellaneous (i.e. linens or simple furnishings for room, toiletries, etc.). Depending on a particular student's spending behavior, you may spend less or more than the estimates listed. No additional financial aid is available if your expenses exceed these estimates.
- Students should arrive on campus with sufficient funds to purchase necessary books, supplies and miscellaneous goods for the first month. Earnings from campus employment should be sufficient to meet on-campus expenses after that.

- You are expected to cover the costs associated with your initial flight or other means of transportation to campus. Any additional travel expenses are to be covered from on-campus employment earnings.
- International students are required to work and only on campus. You will be required to obtain a social security card and complete the necessary work papers. More detailed information about this process will be sent to you during the summer.
- The student contribution (between U.S. \$1,350 - \$1,750) can be earned with an on-campus job, working 10 hours per week, based upon our average pay rate of \$8.00 per hour. Paychecks are issued twice a month. Most students, however, will not receive their first paycheck until the end of September. Earnings are considered taxable and you are responsible for the tax liability. Our college accountant will work with you to determine if any taxes are owed.
- The College grant awarded will be credited to your tuition account, half in July and half in December. If the grant exceeds the charges, the College will issue you a refund check shortly after the start of classes.
- Students who choose to remain on campus during semester breaks are generally required to pay housing and meal costs. The student will be charged U.S. \$110.00 per week (2008-2009 cost). However, the cost of housing (but not meals) may be waived. Students who wish to apply for a waiver of housing costs for breaks must petition for approval. Remaining on campus during semester breaks is not part of the student's financial aid package. Limited employment might be available during this time but it cannot be guaranteed. Please contact the International Student Advisor for housing arrangements.
- During summer breaks, students must vacate their rooms. The College does not provide storage for personal items. Storage facility companies are located in the surrounding area for a fee. This cost is the responsibility of the student.
- There is a \$200 fee for the U.S. government to process an initial I-20 (not a transfer) for the F-1 visa. For students with a family contribution equal to or less than U.S. \$5,000, financial aid will cover this one-time expense. There may be additional embassy and consulate interview fees that need to be paid in local currency.
- Grants received to cover room and board are considered taxable by the U.S. government. Connecticut College will pay this tax liability on your behalf.

It is our hope that we have answered your questions about your financial aid award. As the financial aid process is complex and confusing, you are encouraged to call, e-mail or fax our staff for assistance.

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