

# Connecticut College

## Financial Aid Services

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### 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.
- The basic academic year budget for a residential student in academic year 2009 – 2010 includes: tuition and fees - \$43,816.00, room and board - \$9,088.00 and, in some cases, health insurance \$754.00.
  - Students are required to enroll in the College's health care plan unless otherwise covered. 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 student is expected to cover the costs associated with:
  - your initial flight or other means of transportation to campus (any additional travel expenses can be covered from on-campus employment earnings)
  - books and supplies estimated at \$1,000 for the year and miscellaneous items (i.e. linens, desk lamp, toiletries, etc) are estimated at \$500 for the year. The actual miscellaneous costs will depend on the spending behavior of the student.
- If the aid awarded exceeds the total charges for tuition, fees, room and board, you will be issued a refund at the start of each semester that can be used to help pay for the above costs. Earnings from campus employment should be sufficient to meet on-campus expenses after that.
- International students will have the opportunity to work on campus. It is not possible to work off 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). However, the cost of housing (not meals) may be waived. Students who wish to apply for a waiver of housing costs for semester 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 the I-20. 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.

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.

**For more information, call, fax, or email  
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