

2025-26 Luther College Cost Estimate Worksheet

How much should I expect to pay directly to Luther? This is one of the most frequently asked questions by students and families in planning for college. This worksheet should better assist you in understanding your total charges and the portion that will be covered by the financial aid offered to you. The remaining amount is your family's cost for the year. Review the information on the financial aid website, finaid.luther.edu, to fully understand what you have been offered and to explore other financing options that may be available to you and your family.

Part One: Estimate Your Total Luther Charges for The Year

plan to enroll full-time (minimum of 12 credits per semester and a maximum of 36 credits per year), your	
2025-2026 tuition is:	\$53,190
On-Campus Housing and Food: The 2025-2026 on-campus charge for a double room and full (housing)	\$12,100
food plan is:	
 If this is not your housing and food arrangement, please see the 2025-26 Cost and Payment Information on 	
the Financial Services website for the applicable cost associated with your housing and food choice. Please	
remove this charge if you are not planning to live on campus.	
Total Direct Charges for Living On-Campus and Attending Full-Time:	\$
Additional Fees: In addition to the mandatory Technology fee, Health and Well-being fee and Student	
Activity fee of \$1060, additional fees may be charged according to your particular course work and activities.	\$
• If you are taking private music lessons, add \$680 per semester for each credit hour of private lessons you are taking (\$1,360 for the year).	
• First-year student also pay a one-time Commencement Fee of \$80 and a Lifetime Transcript Fee of \$140.	
Total Estimate of Academic Year Charges for Student Living On-Campus:	\$

Part Two: Estimate Your Total Credits for The Year

Total Grant Assistance: Include all grants and scholarships listed on your offer of assistance:	\$
• Luther College requires that all outside agency awards be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. Federal	
regulations require that these funds be coordinated with your financial aid.	
Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Direct Unsubsidized Loan: The Federal Direct Subsidized and/or	
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan requires an estimated reduction of a 1.057 percent origination fee:	\$
• The total loan will be adjusted as shown (example: \$5,500 x 0.9894 = \$5,442 if a first-year student takes the	
whole amount of their federal loan).	
Total Estimated Credits for the Academic Year:	\$

Part Three: Estimate What You Will Pav

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Subtract the total estimated credits from the total estimated charges to determine the approximate	
amount you will owe Luther College for the full academic year:	\$
Work-Study: Earnings are normally used to cover personal expenses during the school year. However, by	
participating in the Work Study Payment Agreement, you may to apply up to 90% of your earrings to your	
bill by completing a Work Study Payment Agreement Application. (example: \$2,500 x 0.90 = \$2,250)	\$
Subtract the work award earnings you'll contract through the Work Study Payment Agreement from	
the previous figure for a revised estimate of what you will owe the college for the year:	\$

Other Expenses to Consider: It is a good idea to work out your own personal budget each year so you'll know ahead of time what your total out-of-pocket expenses will be. For the academic year, we estimate the cost of books and supplies at \$1,040, transportation at \$1,290, and personal expenses at \$1656. These expenses will vary according to individual needs. You should plan to bring funds with you to cover your fall books and initial personal expenses.