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Cost of Attendance

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is an estimate of a student’s educational expenses at a modest but adequate standard of living for the period of enrollment and is used to award financial aid.

The COA budget components are determined by federal regulation and include tuition and fees, books, housing and meal plans, transportation, personal and miscellaneous educational expenses, and loan fees.

Information is collected from various sources and departments on an annual basis to determine the standard costs each year.

The University of Minnesota, Morris charges residents and non-residents the same tuition in an effort to make a high-quality education available to students from across the country. Morris has a 13+ credit tuition band; students taking 13+ credits are billed the 13-credit rate, students taking fewer than 13 credits per semester are billed on a per-credit basis.

All UMM fees, deposits, and refund policies are subject to change without notice. Current information may be obtained from the UMM Business Office or online at www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/costofattendance.

Estimated Cost of Attendance

Per Year—The approximate yearly cost of attendance for a UMM student living on campus is currently $20,210. This amount includes tuition and fees, room and board, and an estimate for textbooks and supplies. Not included are personal expenses such as clothing, travel, and recreation, which are best estimated by the individual student. (Reciprocity tuition rates vary from state to state.)

Per Semester—A breakdown of the estimated cost of attendance per semester for a typical student in 2011–12 follows. Note: Minnesota residents and nonresidents pay the same tuition, room and board, and fees.

| Tuition (13+ credits) | $5,661 |
| Room and board | $3,560 |
| (19 meals/week) | |
| Mandatory fees | $384 |
| Textbooks and supplies | $500 |
| Total | $10,105 |

Tuition

Semester rates for students taking 13 or more credits:
Resident and nonresident $5,661

Per-credit-hour tuition for students taking fewer than 13 credits per semester:
Resident and nonresident $435.47 per credit

Student Services Fees

Student Services Fees are mandatory assessments on each campus and provide non-instructional activities and services that make significant contributions to student development.

For more information about Student Service Fees, visit www.morris.umn.edu/committees/AFRC/yourfees.htm

Activities Fee—A fee of $93.50 per semester is charged to all students registered for 6 or more credits. Those registered for fewer than 6 credits may elect to pay the fee to participate in the activities, events, and services it funds, which include cultural and social events sponsored by student organizations and other UMM units.

Intercollegiate Athletic Fee—A fee of $25 is charged to all students registered for 6 or more credits to support the athletic programs at UMM. This fee provides free admission for UMM students to all athletic events.

Health and Wellness Services Fee—A fee of $75 per semester is charged to all students registered for 6 or more credits. Those registered for fewer than 6 credits may elect to pay this fee in order to have access to the Health Service, which provides limited outpatient care (students must have adequate health insurance coverage to supplement this care).

RFC (Regional Fitness Center) Fee—A fee of $82 per semester is charged to all students registered for 6 or more credits for student memberships, granting access to the RFC facilities and programs.

Student Center Fee—A fee of $39 per semester is charged to all students to cover the operational, repair, and maintenance expenses for the Student Center.

Summer Activities Fee—A per-session fee is charged to all summer students to participate in the activities, events, and services it funds, which include cultural and social events sponsored by student organizations and other UMM units.

Special Course Fees (charged in addition to tuition)

Music Lesson Fee—A fee of $350 per credit is charged to students registered in Individual Performance Studies (Mus 1200 through 1223 and Mus 3200 through 3223), Class Piano (Mus 1044), and Class Guitar (Mus 1045). Note: Applied music instructors are not expected to make up sessions for unexcused student absences from scheduled lessons.

Studio Art Materials Fee—A materials fee is charged for supplies that are used by students who are registered in any of the Studio Art (Arts) courses. The amount of the fee varies by the course being taken.
Supplemental Fees

Application Fee—A nonrefundable fee of $35 must be submitted with a paper application for admission to UMM. The online application fee is $25.

Admissions Confirmation Fee—A fee of $150 is necessary for admitted students to show their intent to enroll at UMM.

Campus Fee—A fee of $70 per semester is charged to all students registered for 6 or more credits. A fee of $35 is charged to those students with less than 6 credits and for summer term. This fee helps fund technological enhancements on campus that are of direct benefit to students and their educational programs.

Credit by Examination Fee—A fee of $50 per credit is charged to take special subject exams to demonstrate knowledge acquired outside specific courses offered at UMM. Special exams are given at the discretion of the discipline.

Health Insurance Fee—All UMM students who are registered for 6 credits or more are required to provide proof of health insurance. Students who are unable to provide such proof are required to carry insurance through a group plan provided by an outside agency contracted through UMM Health Services. The annual cost for the insurance premium is $1,860. Students from foreign countries are required to purchase the UMM group insurance or they may seek a waiver based on proof of equivalent coverage. For more information, call Health Services at 320-589-6070.

Locker Fee—A fee of $10 per year is charged for use of a locker and towel service in the Physical Education Center. Lockers also are available in the lower level of the Student Center and are accessible in two ways. Coin operated lockers are 25 cents per use and an unlimited use locker may be rented for $5 per year ($3 for the summer). These lockers are located on the west wall across from Louie’s Lower Level. Unlimited use lockers may be rented from the Information Center.

Parking Fee—A fee of $91 per academic year is charged for a permit to park in campus lots.

Storage Container Fee—A fee of $8 per academic year is charged for storing items with limited access. Contact the Office of Residential Life at 320-589-6472.

Testing Service Fees—Students are not assessed any testing fees for placement exams (foreign language and math) at UMM. Exams for national testing companies or agencies, i.e., for admissions, licensing, or CLEP (College Level Examination Program), are administered by the UMM Test Center and students register with and pay fees to the respective testing company. UMM’s Test Center is located in the Student Counseling office, 235 Behmler Hall.

Transcript Fees—If a student has no financial holds on his/her record, official transcripts are issued for a fee of $12.00. Transcripts are usually processed within one to two working days. Additional information, including how to request a transcript, is available at www.morris.umn.edu/transcript. Unofficial transcripts are available online at no cost to current students at the Student One Stop website.

U-Card Replacement Fee—A fee of $25 is charged to replace a U-Card, the University’s identification card. This fee applies to registered UMM students who have lost or damaged their cards.

Deposits

Housing Deposit—A $200 nonrefundable deposit must be paid by all newly admitted UMM students seeking on-campus housing.

Key Return Deposit—A $10 refundable deposit is charged for each key issued for an outside door of, or a room in, a campus building to ensure its return. A $20 refundable deposit is charged for Science Building keys.

Payments

Students must pay tuition, student services fees, special course fees, room and board, and other financial obligations by the due date shown on the billing statement. It is the student’s obligation to pay bills on time in order to avoid late fees.

For more information about billing and payment, visit www.morris.umn.edu/services/business.

Installment Option

Students may make installment payments for fall and spring semesters. Students may elect to pay by installments during the term by paying at least the minimum amount due listed on the bill by the due date. For students who elect to pay their bill in installments, a $35 installment/re-billing fee per semester will be added to the balance on their next bill. No application form is required to participate in the installment plan.

Non-degree students are not eligible for the installment plan.

The installment plan is not available for Summer Session.

Late Payment Fees

If a student pays less than the full amount by the due date, an installment/re-billing fee will be assessed on the next statement. Any time a student pays less than the minimum amount due by the due date, a $30 late payment fee, in addition to the $35 per semester installment/re-billing fee, will be assessed to the student’s account and a hold will be placed on the student’s record.
Financial Aid
The University of Minnesota, Morris financial aid staff is dedicated to providing students with the most comprehensive and simplified methods of financial aid delivery. Financial Aid Office procedures are designed to provide financial assistance to as many students as possible in an equitable and consistent manner. For more detailed information on financial aid, visit www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid.

Financial Aid Application
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application needed to receive federal, state, or institutional financial aid at UMM. Students should complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible to be considered for all available funding.

Criteria for Awarding Federal, State, and Institutional Financial Aid Funds
Financial Aid is awarded based on financial need and/or the eligibility criteria of scholarship, grant, loan, and student employment programs. The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and financial need are determined by federal methodology based on the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The EFC determines what the student/parent(s) can reasonably be expected to pay toward their educational costs. The University of Minnesota, Morris uses the EFC to determine financial need and the eligibility for financial aid based on federal, state, and institutional formulas, criteria, policy, regulations, and the availability of funds under the direction of the University of Minnesota administration.

Unusual Circumstances
Students should contact the financial aid office when/if a family's financial situation changes after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or a student/family feels that the results from the FAFSA don't fully represent their family's financial situation. Death, separation, divorce, unemployment, loss of employment, military service, nursing home expenses, unusual medical care expenses, tuition costs for a dependent student's parent attending college, tuition expenses for children attending a private elementary or high school, or loss of nontaxable income or benefits are all examples of unusual circumstances that may affect a student's financial aid eligibility.

A financial aid officer can help determine whether unusual circumstance adjustments should be made to the processed FAFSA by requesting the appropriate documentation.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
Each term, the Financial Aid Office is required by federal and state regulations to determine if students receiving financial aid are making Satisfactory Academic Progress. For more information, visit www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/academicprogress.

To maintain eligibility for federal, state, and institutional aid, students must meet University of Minnesota, Morris academic progress standards for financial aid recipients.

Scholarships and Waivers
For detailed information regarding scholarships and waivers, visit www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers.

Competitive Academic Scholarships
Incoming first-year students are invited to compete for UMM's top two scholarships, the Prairie Scholars Award and the Morris Scholars Award. Students must submit a completed Application for Admission, and complete a Competitive Scholarship Application by December 15 of the student’s senior year in high school. Recipients will be selected during a competitive interview process held at Morris in early February.

Prairie Scholars Award—The Prairie Scholars Award is a full-tuition scholarship renewable for up to four years by maintaining a 2.50 GPA.

Morris Scholars Award—Morris Scholars Award winners will receive up to a $20,000 scholarship—$5,000 per year—plus a one-time $2,500 scholarly stipend. The $5,000 per year portion of this award is renewable for up to four years by maintaining a 2.50 GPA. The stipend may be used during the second, third, or fourth year at UMM to engage in an eligible scholarly experience (e.g., to study abroad, to participate in a research or artistic project, or for travel to academic conferences).

Automatic Academic Scholarships
For more information about Automatic Academic Scholarships visit: www.morris.umn.edu/costsaid/scholarships/automatic.

Automatic Academic Scholarships for First-year Students—The following scholarships are awarded to first-year students based on their high school class rank (if applicable). Students who are home-schooled or attend a non-ranking high school are judged on alternative criteria. Scholarships are renewable for four years by maintaining a 2.50 GPA.

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<td>Top 5 percent</td>
<td>Chancellor’s Scholarship</td>
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<td>Top 10 percent</td>
<td>Dean’s Scholarship</td>
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<td>Top 20 percent</td>
<td>Associate Scholarship</td>
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No additional application is required to receive the Automatic Academic Scholarship. The Admissions Committee awards the above scholarships after reviewing the academic credentials provided with the student’s application for admission. Recipients of the Automatic Academic Scholarship are notified by mail with their admission decision. These
scholarships may not be combined with the Prairie Scholars Award, the Morris Scholars Award, or the National Merit Scholar Winner

**Automatic Academic Scholarships for National Merit Scholars**—National Merit Scholarships are awarded upon admission throughout the year to students who document and verify their National Merit Scholar status. The amount varies according to the table below. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years by maintaining a 2.50 GPA and enrolling for at least 12 credits per semester.

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<td>Semi-Finalist</td>
<td>$4,000 ($1,000 per year for up to four years)</td>
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<td>Commended</td>
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**Automatic Academic Scholarships for Transfer Students**—Students transferring to UMM from another college outside of the University of Minnesota system with 30 transferable credits (not earned prior to high school graduation) and a 3.75 grade point average (GPA) qualify for a $2,000 nonrenewable scholarship. Those with at least a 3.50 GPA qualify for a $1,000 nonrenewable scholarship to be used in their first year at Morris.

**Waivers**

For more information about waivers, visit [www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers](http://www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers).

**American Indian Tuition Waiver**—In recognition of the Morris campus history as an Indian Boarding School in the 1800s, federal and state legislatures have mandated that American Indians attending Morris are not required to pay tuition.

**Blind or Deaf Students Tuition Waiver/Assistance**—Minnesota resident students who are blind or deaf may be eligible for a tuition waiver or partial tuition assistance. To apply for either of these tuition assistance programs the student must complete the Tuition Waiver/Assistance for Blind or Deaf Students Application.

**Institutional and Donor-Funded Scholarships**

For more information regarding institutional and donor funded scholarships visit: [www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers/institutionaldonor](http://www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers/institutionaldonor).

**Institutional Scholarships**

**Josephine L. Merriam Scholarship**—Students must be admitted to UMM as first-year students to be considered for this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to first-year male students who demonstrate financial need as determined by UMM Financial Aid Office criteria. No application is required.

**Clyde Johnson Music Scholarship**—Clyde E. Johnson Music Scholarships honor Clyde Johnson, professor emeritus of music, who served UMM from 1961 until 1999. The scholarships are awarded to talented UMM music majors to cover one free year of private lessons in the student’s major performance area. Students who plan to enter UMM as music majors and who have demonstrated high music ability and performance may be eligible for this scholarship.

**William W. Stout Scholarship**—Students must be admitted to UMM as first-year students to be considered for this scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to first-year female students who demonstrate financial need as determined by UMM Financial Aid Office criteria. No application is required.

**Donor Funded Scholarships**

UMM manages over 75 scholarship funds, from which over 200 awards are made annually. First-year students must submit a completed Application for Admission by December 15 of the student’s senior year in high school. Returning students are automatically considered. Recipients are notified directly by the Financial Aid Office by May 1.

**Federal, State, and Institutional Programs**

Student who have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are admitted to UMM are considered for federal, state, and University funding. Awards are based on financial need (as determined by the FAFSA), any eligibility criteria specific to the programs, and availability of funds

**Federal Programs**

**Federal Pell Grant**—The Federal Pell Grant is a federally funded grant for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The results of the Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) will determine Federal Pell Grant eligibility. Students may receive a Pell Grant for three consecutive full-time semesters during the course of a single academic year.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)**—The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is a federally funded program for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The FSEOG amount is set by institution’s financial aid office criteria, availability of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education and enrollment status.

**TEACH Grant Program**—The TEACH Grant is a federally funded gift program for full-time undergraduate students or students enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher credential program. Eligible undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students will receive up to $16,000 with this automatic $4,000 ($2,000 per enrolled semester) TEACH Grant.
State of Minnesota Programs

**Minnesota State Grant**—The Minnesota State Grant is a State of Minnesota funded gift program for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree, are Minnesota residents, and have not attended a post-secondary institution more than eight semesters at full-time status. Students may receive the Minnesota State Grant for three consecutive full-time semesters during the course of a single academic year. The award is based on availability of funds from the state of Minnesota and enrollment status.

**Minnesota Postsecondary Child Care Grant**—The Postsecondary Child Care Grant is a state of Minnesota funded gift program for students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree, are Minnesota residents, have children 12 and under (14 and under if disabled), demonstrate financial need and have not attended a post-secondary institution more than eight semesters at full-time status. The amount of assistance will depend on the family size, annual income of the family, and the number of daycare hours necessary to cover education or work obligations.

**Minnesota Public Safety Officer’s Survivor Grant**—The Public Safety Officer’s Survivor Grant provides an educational benefit to dependent children under age 23 (age extended to 30 for those who served on active military duty for at least 181 consecutive days and were honorably discharged or released) and the spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Eligibility is determined by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

**Minnesota GI Bill**—The Minnesota GI Bill program was established in 2007 to provide postsecondary financial assistance to eligible Minnesota veterans who served on or after September 11, 2001. The Minnesota Office of Higher Education determines funding based on enrollment status.

**Institutional Programs**

**University Grant**—The University Grant is awarded to students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. The actual award amount is set by institutional financial aid office criteria, availability of funds, and the student’s enrollment status.

**University of Minnesota Promise Scholarship**—The University of Minnesota is committed to making a world-class education a great value for Minnesota families. The University of Minnesota Promise Scholarship (U Promise) has expanded the need-based programs to guarantee tuition aid for Minnesota resident undergraduates with a family income of up to $100,000.

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**Student Employment Program**

There are three types of on-campus and off-campus student employment programs: Federal Work-Study (FWS), State Work-Study (SWS), and Institutional Student Employment (ISE). All student employment programs are handled in the same manner; however, eligibility requirements differ for each. Students must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program, pursuing their first undergraduate degree, and registered for a minimum of six credits per semester to maintain eligibility. Students must meet satisfactory academic progress requirements as well as financial aid eligibility guidelines for all student employment programs.

For more information about student employment visit: [www.morris.umn.edu/studentemployment](http://www.morris.umn.edu/studentemployment).

**Loan Programs**

Student loans are sources of financial aid which must be repaid. UMM offers student loans as part of the financial aid award after reviewing eligibility for grants, scholarships, and work-study. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for federal loans. For more detailed information visit [www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid](http://www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid).

**Federal Loan Programs**

**Federal Perkins Loan**—The Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5 percent), need-based loan program available to students who have exceptional financial need (the lowest EFC). There is no origination fee and interest does not accrue while a student is enrolled at least half time.

**Ford Federal Direct PLUS Loan**—Parents of a dependent student may apply for a Ford Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) Loan, a non-need-based program that allows a parent to borrow any amount up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid awarded.

**Ford Federal Direct Subsidized Loan**—The Ford Federal Direct Subsidized Loan is a need-based loan program subsidized by federal funds that allows students to borrow money interest-free while in school at least half-time.

**Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**—The Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan is a non-need-based loan program. Students are charged interest on this loan, but have the option to defer paying the interest while in school at least half time.

**Alternative Loan Programs**

UMM recognizes that not all students and their families will be able to meet the financial burden of paying for an education, even with the assistance of traditional aid resources. UMM cannot recommend an alternative loan program since each student’s needs are unique; students should evaluate each loan program to determine the best loan for their educational plans.
American Indian Programs

For more information about American Indian programs, visit www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers/americanindian.

Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program (MISP)—Students who possess one-fourth or more Indian ancestry, are Minnesota residents, and have financial need should apply with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education. In order to qualify for this scholarship, students must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell or Minnesota State Grant. Recipients will receive an official notification of an award from the MISP.

Tribal (Bureau of Indian Affairs-BIA) Scholarship—Students who are enrolled with a state or federally recognized tribe are encouraged to apply for BIA funds by directly contacting their BIA Higher Education Program. The amount awarded is based on financial need and availability of funds through the BIA. Students are encouraged to apply with their tribe as early as possible. Recipients will receive an official notification of an award from the BIA.

Ethel M. Curry American Indian Scholarship—The Ethel M. Curry American Indian Scholarship is awarded to students who are admitted to the University of Minnesota, Morris as a first-year freshman. To be considered for the Ethel M. Curry American Indian Scholarship students must complete the American Indian Tuition Waiver Application providing proof of American Indian heritage. Students will be given priority if they are one-fourth American Indian, enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe, and a Minnesota resident. Recipients will be notified by the Financial Aid Office.

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Endowed Scholarship—The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) Endowed Scholarship was established in 2008 through a generous gift from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The SMSC scholarship program is designed to recruit and retain talented American Indian students with demonstrated financial need to the University of Minnesota.

Other Aid Programs

Morris Academic Partnership (MAP)

UMM offers the Morris Academic Partnership (MAP) program in which faculty select academically talented, qualified third-year students to assist them in scholarly and creative projects. Selected MAP students undertake assignments intended to enhance their intellectual competence and increase their interest in graduate or professional study.

Morris Student Administrative Fellows (MSAF)

UMM offers the Morris Student Administrative Fellows (MSAF) Program, in which academic and administrative staff select academically talented, qualified students to assist them in administrative and managerial projects. Selected

Multi-Ethnic Mentorship Program (MMP)

The Multi-Ethnic Mentorship Program (MMP) is an opportunity for second-year students of color to work with UMM faculty and/or staff on a year-long project and/or research endeavor.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) benefits students by allowing them to work with a faculty member on research, scholarly, or creative projects. Students develop detailed knowledge of research methods and have unique access to the faculty and facilities of the entire University of Minnesota system.

Veterans Education Benefits

UMM is approved by the Minnesota State Approving Agency to participate in all Veterans Education Assistance Programs. These programs include Veterans Administration (VA) benefits for those who have served on active duty and their eligible dependents, as well as members of the Reserve and National Guard.

Minnesota War Orphans Tuition Waiver

Students who have lost a parent through death as a result of a military service-related injury or disease may be eligible for a full-tuition waiver and assistance to help with other educational expenses at a Minnesota institution. Contact the director of financial aid for coordinated veterans’ services support at UMM.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Students may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation if they have a physical or mental disability that makes it difficult for them to find or keep a job. If a student is determined eligible for services, Minnesota’s vocational rehabilitation program considers the student’s eligibility for other financial aid and may fund some direct costs such as tuition, student service fees, books, supplies, and equipment.