

Maryland Higher Education Commission
Data Dictionary

ELEMENT TITLE:

Cost of Attendance

DEFINITION: This is the budget (e.g., campus based budget) used by your campus to package financial aid. The institution should report this variable according to Federal Title IV regulations and should include, in addition to tuition, room and board (on or off campus), books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous fees. In addition, this budget should reflect the attendance and commuter status of the student.

FORMAT: numeric – 6 digits – Whole number only
No Decimal
Blank or ‘0’ not valid

CODES: Enter the cost of attendance budget at your institution
A default budget may be used for students who have not filed a FAFSA with your institution.
This field must not be “0” or blank.

COMMENTS:

RELATED TO: Fall or Spring Attendance Status and Commuter Status

GLOSSARY:

SYSTEMS: FAIS

SYSNAME: COA

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