

Launch Into Your Future

Net Price Calculators and Affordability Tools

Student Learning Deck

Three ideas to use now

- **Know this**

- Use the calculator on the institution's official website and record the date, inputs, and academic year.
- Net price estimates may treat grants, scholarships, housing, and indirect costs differently across institutions.
- Students should compare the remaining gap and verify unclear assumptions with the financial-aid office.

What to know. What to verify.

Start here

- A net price calculator is a planning estimate based on entered information; the college's actual aid offer and bill determine the student's real cost.
- Use the calculator on the institution's official website and record the date, inputs, and academic year.

Verify before acting

- Do not call an estimate a commitment.
- Do not assume calculators use identical inputs or methods.

Build your action plan

- **Next moves**

- Open the institution's current net price calculator.
- Enter accurate information and save the date, academic year, and assumptions.
- Separate estimated gift aid from loans, work-study, and costs not shown.
- Compare direct charges, indirect costs, and remaining gap using the same categories.

Use it now

Exit ticket

Write the next action you will take about Net Price Calculators and Affordability Tools.

