**College Expense Comparison Worksheet**

When researching which college to attend, there are many factors to consider –cost of attendance, financial aid and many more. These factors can play an important tool in deciding which college is the best choice for you. Use the template below to note the financial characteristics of each college campus you research. Research a 2- year institution (or trade school), in/out of state public school, and a in/out state private school. When finished comparing- rank in order that you would want to attend.

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| Name of Collage |  | Florida Southern Collage | University of Tampa | New Collage of Florida |
| Expenses | How much is tuition & fees? | $41,670 | $36,944 | $43,347 |
| How much is room and board? | $6,720 | $9,900 | $8,932 |
| Estimate the amount needed for books, supplies, transportation, etc. | $720 | $1,842 | $4,470 |
| How much does it cost to apply to the college (application fee)? If accepted, how much is the deposit? | $1,000 | $55 | $30 |
| FinancialAid | What is the deadline to apply for financial aid? | March 1st  | November 2nd  | November 1st  |
| What forms must be submitted? | FASFA | FASFA | FASFA |
| What percentages of students receive financial aid? | 98% | 92% | 90% |
| What kinds of scholarships does the college provide? | Full tuition and fees, room and board, and funds for travel | Amount of money per year towards tuition/room and board  | Amount of money per year towards tuition/room and board |
| When is the deadline to apply? | March 1st  | November 2nd  | November 1st  |
| LivingOptions | What are the residence hall requirements? | Must live on campus unless parent or guardian live within 30 miles of campus  | Must share room with one other student at least | Must share room with one other student at least |
| What kind of dining options are available? | 20 meal plan plus on campus cafes/restaurants  | 3 to 4 choices depending on where you live on campus | 4 different meal plans available  |
| What is the cost of nearby apartments? | $7,665 | $7,000 | $609.23 |
| What would be the average cost of food if you did not have a meal plan? | N/A | $150 | $1,439.61 |
| How much money would you need above and beyond school expenses? | $3,000 | $3,500 | $3,000 |

The following links might be helpful, or check out each school’s website.

<http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/Default.aspx>

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