NASFAA FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

COST OF ATTENDANCE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

The actual cost of attendance (COA) is unique for each student at each school. While some expenses are fixed (like tuition and fees), others are influenced and controlled by the student's lifestyle (like housing and personal expenses). When considering the aid offer from a particular school, or in comparing offers from multiple schools, you can use this worksheet to compare your cost expectations to each school's estimated total COA. The goal of this comparison is to better decide if the resulting difference is realistically manageable given the resources available to your family and the aid being offered by each school. Copy this worksheet as needed.

School Name	**1.**		**2.**		**3.**	
	My Expectation	**School's Estimate**	**My Expectation**	**School's Estimate**	**My Expectation**	**School's Estimate**
Tuition and Fees	$	$	$	$	$	$
Housing costs	$	$	$	$	$	$
Food costs	$	$	$	$	$	$
Books and Supplies costs	$	$	$	$	$	$
Computer costs	$	$	$	$	$	$
Transportation costs	$	$	$	$	$	$
Required license, certification, or professional credential costs	$					
Personal:						
Clothing	$	$	$	$	$	$
Laundry	$	$	$	$	$	$
Medical	$	$	$	$	$	$
Entertainment	$	$	$	$	$	$
Other_____	$	$	$	$	$	$
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Total COA	$	$	$	$	$	$
Difference between my expectation and school's estimate	$		$		$	

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