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The Cost of Connecticut Colleges - 2008 - 2009

Our twelve community colleges had a slight increase from \$2,828 to \$2,984. Tuition and fees at the Connecticut State University system now ranges from \$7,042 to \$7,406. The University of Connecticut's in-state tuition and fees went from \$8,852 to \$9,318. Eight institutions have annual total costs exceeding \$40,000. Once again, Wesleyan University's cost of attendance topped the list at \$49,470, with Connecticut College following close behind at \$49,385.

CSLF Counselor Workshop Filled!

Our free half-day workshop on November 7th, "The Essential Financial Aid Tool Kit" is filled. To be placed on a waiting list, email: ckarno@mail.cslf.org If there is enough interest we will add a second session.

College –State	Tuition and Fees	Total Charges w/ R&B
Connecticut Community Colleges	\$2,984	N/A
Central CT State University	\$7,042	\$15,880
Eastern CT State University	\$7,406	\$16,323
Southern CT State University	\$7,179	\$16,145
Western CT State University	\$7,088	\$16,281
University of Connecticut	\$9,318	\$18,618
Independent-Nationals		
Connecticut College	N/A	\$49,385
Trinity	\$38,724	\$48,624
Wesleyan	\$38,834	\$49,470
Yale	\$35,300	\$46,000
Independent Regional		
Albertus Magnus	\$21,014	\$29,920
Briarwood	\$17,300	\$21,300
Fairfield University	\$36,075	\$46,925
Lyme Academy	\$21,556	N/A
Mitchell College	\$24,358	\$35,335
Post University	\$23,325	\$32,325
Quinnipiac University	\$30,900	\$42,700
Sacred Heart University	\$28,790	\$40,940
Saint Joseph College	\$25,940	\$37,370
University of Bridgeport	\$22,780	\$33,380
University of Hartford	\$28,112	\$40,074
University of New Haven	\$28,190	\$37,573
Independent – 2 Year		
Goodwin College	\$14,870	N/A
Saint Vincent's	\$11,140	N/A

Changes to the 2009 FAFSA

There have been some major changes proposed for the 2009-2010 FAFSA. On the plus side, it will be easier for emancipated minors and students living with legal guardians or relatives to complete the form. The U.S. Department of Education has also eliminated worksheets A, B, and C, by removing some of the questions and placing others elsewhere on the form. On the negative side, the new FAFSA is still a long and cumbersome form. The FAFSA is still in draft form as it makes its way through the public review process. Don't expect the finalized version until mid to late November. Major changes include six additional questions to "Step 3", the section that deals with dependency status. Currently, the questions read as follows:

55. When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court?"

56. As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

57. As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

58. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

59. At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

60. At the time on or after July 1, 2008, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If a student answers, "yes" to any of these questions, he/she will automatically be considered independent and will be able to complete the FAFSA without any parental information. For more information on the 2009-2010 FAFSA, go to www.ifap.ed.gov. Scroll down and click on FAFSAs and Renewal FAFSAs.

5 Connecticut Colleges Make U.S. News "Best Colleges for 4-year Graduation List"

■ Yale – 87% ■ Wesleyan - 84% ■ Trinity 79% ■ Connecticut College ■ Fairfield U - 78%

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