

Understanding Your Award Letter

To understand your award letter, you need to understand the below vocabulary words:

Cost of Attendance (COA):

The cost for attending a college. For local colleges your COA is the cost of tuition and fees, but for colleges outside Houston you should also consider room, board, and transportation.

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC):

The amount of money the federal government estimates a family can contribute to their children's education. The EFC is found in a student's processed FAFSA application.

Financial Aid Award:

This is the combined (grants, loans, and scholarships) a student receives to help pay for her education.

University of Houston Downtown Financial Aid Award Letter (Cost of Attendance)

Estimated Family Contribution = \$1,547

Need Calculation

Cost of Attendance	\$17,165.00
Estimated Family Contribution	\$1,547.00
Initial Need	\$15,618.00
Outside Resource	\$.00
Need	\$15,618.00

Expected Enrollment

Status
Full-Time

Financial Aid Award

Fund	Status	Fall 2013:8/26-12/20	Spring 2014:1/13-5/10	Total
Jones-UHD Full Time Sch	Auto Accept	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Outside Scholarship (s) 12 hrs	Auto Accept	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
Federal Pell Grant	Auto Accept	\$2,048.00	\$2,047.00	\$4,095.00
Total		\$5,798.00	\$5,297.00	\$11,095.00

Cost of Attendance

Tuition and Fees	\$5,238.00
Books and Supplies	\$1,100.00
Room and Board	\$4,185.00
Personal	\$3,852.00
Transportation	\$2,790.00
Total:	\$17,165.00

Notice the (tuition & fees) for the University of Houston Downtown is \$5,238.00.

Because UHD does not have dorms, you should not consider Room & Board as part of the Cost of Attendance.

Also personal expenses and transportation are not considered because they are not direct expenses for tuition and fees.

The student will receive \$4,095 in Pell Grant Funds.

The total aid the student received is 11,095.00. This student will receive several thousand dollars each semester as a refund. Money he can use for a computer or gas.

Houston Community College Financial Aid Award Letter (Cost of Attendance)

Financial Aid Year 2013-2014

Select the scheduled disbursements dates hyperlink to review when you may receive funds.

Academic Year			
Award Description	Category	Offered	Accepted
DLSY-DL Unsubsidized Loan 2	Loan	5,000.00	0.00
DLSY-DL Unsubsidized Loan 1	Loan	1,000.00	1,000.00
DLSY-DL Subsidized Loan 1	Loan	3,500.00	3,500.00
SY- TPEG/R	Grant	2,000.00	2,000.00
Academic Year Totals		11,500.00	6,500.00

Currency used is US Dollar.

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Financial Aid

Financial Aid Summary

Financial Aid Year 2013-2014

How Your Financial Need Was Determined? (14409,504)

Academic Year

Estimated Financial Aid Budget	<u>18,494.00</u>
Expected Family Contribution	823.00 -
Estimated Need	17,671.00
Total Aid	11,500.00 -
Remaining Need	6,171.00

Non Standard Per.

Estimated Financial Aid Budget	<u>9,247.00</u>
Expected Family Contribution	0.00 -
Estimated Need	9,247.00
Total Aid	0.00 -
Remaining Need	9,247.00

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Houston Community College calls their Cost of Attendance, the Estimated Financial Aid Budget.