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Student Budget/Cost of Attendance – Journalism

Below is the 2010-2011 academic year Cost of Attendance for Journalism students. This budget is used to determine financial aid need and to award federal loans for students who will use federal financial aid to fund their Medill education. You will be required to re-apply for federal financial aid for your last required quarters of enrollment (Summer and Fall Quarters 2011, and, if you elect to enroll for an optional 5th quarter, Winter Quarter 2012) during Spring Quarter 2011. To receive federal aid, students must reapply for federal financial aid each year in the spring.

Please note: your University tuition account will only show the following charges: Tuition, Activity Fee, Residential Housing (if you live in Graduate Housing) and Student Health Insurance. Remaining costs are estimates of the cost of living while enrolled at Medill, but are not billed to you by Northwestern University. For planning purposes, you should expect that attending Medill will cost at least this much per quarter:

2010-2011 JOURNALISM COST OF ATTENDANCE

	Winter '11	**Spring '11**	**Summer '11**	***Fall '11***	***Total***
Tuition	$11,678	$11,678	$11,678	***$12,204***	***$47,238***
Room and Board	$5,100	$5,100	$5,100	***$5,100***	***$20,400***
Personal	$1,500	$1,500	$1,500	***$1,500***	***$6,000***
Books	$619	$619	$619	***$619***	***$2,476***
Transportation	$695	$695	$695	***$695***	***$2,780***
Computer[1]	$3,200				***$3,200***
Health Insurance[2]	$1,180			***$2,360***	***$3,540***
Activity Fee	$70	$70	$70	***$70***	***$280***
Cost of Attendance[3]	**$24,042**	**$19,662**	**$19,662**	***$22,548***	***$85,914***

1. Students using federal financial aid are able to borrow funds that can be used as reimbursement for computer-related costs. The computer cost is included on the budget in the first quarter of enrollment only: we do not anticipate you having to purchase this equipment more than once during your period of enrollment.

2. Students that participate in Northwestern University's Health Insurance program will be billed Winter Quarter 2010 for a prorated year of health insurance (please visit Student Health Services at

http://www.nuhs.northwestern.edu/evanston/insandfees.aspx

regarding coverage and additional information.) While enrolled at NU, participation in the Northwestern University Health Insurance Program is mandatory if you are not covered by another insurance policy. You will be billed again for a full year of health insurance Fall Quarter 2011. After you graduate from the MSJ program at the end of Fall Quarter 2011, if you no longer require student health insurance you may ask the Office of Student Health for a prorated refund.

3. Journalism students, on average, will enroll in three courses per quarter. Book costs can vary depending on course selection and the budget includes estimated costs for books, lab fees, photocopying, and other expenses related to course materials. Journalism students are required to commute within the city on a regular basis, and students will incur extra travel expenses such as taxi and train fares: "transportation" includes estimated costs for this as well as for two round-trip airfares, but does not include auto-related expenses. "Personal" includes laundry, dry cleaning, clothing, entertainment, haircuts, and miscellaneous costs related to room and board. Activity Fee includes the cost of the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) pass that Journalism students receive each quarter and the Metro Pass if enrolled in Washington DC.

Note:
Medill awards need-based grants and Federal Loans (Stafford, Perkins and Graduate Plus) to eligible U.S. citizens and permanent residents. The Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loan requires a loan application from the student to the Department of Education (studentloans.gov). The Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loan is a credit history-based loan. As part of the loan approval process, the Department of Education will review your credit report. An adverse credit report could endanger your ability to secure sufficient federal aid to fund your Medill education. Please visit the Annual Credit Report website

https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp

to learn how to receive a free copy of your credit report. Reviewing your credit report, and resolving any discrepancies, can help you avoid processing and approval delays.

Medill awards merit scholarships based on the content of the application file and the applicable scholarship criteria.