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There are many costs to consider when planning for college.

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> With an idea of what costs to expect, and a few suggestions to help save on those costs, we hope we can help college students plan accordingly.

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**Shane Cromer** 







## A sample budget

#### **Possible Monthly Income**

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Income for Part-time job: \$1,000 **Tuition and Fees:** Vary each year but maybe 3500 -4000 **Housing** On-campus housing range from 8,000 to 11,000 per academic year. Average off campus housing can range from 600 to 1200 a month,

#### **Food and Groceries**

CSUMB offers various meal plans that range from \$2,500 to 3,800 per academic year, depending on the number of meals per week.

#### Transportation

If you have a car, consider gas costs, insurance, parking fees, and maintenance. This could range \$150 to 400 per month.

#### Textbooks

\$500 - \$800 per academic year for required course materials and supplies.

#### Entertainment and personal expenses

Estimated \$200 to \$300 per month for clothing entertainment and miscellaneous expenses.

#### Monthly Saving

**Emergency Fund** 





## As a College Student there are several ways that you can save money





Scholarships and Grants Look for scholarships and grants. CSUMB offers a range of scholarships and grants for students. Be sure to explore all the available options to help cover the cost of tuition. Ensure you fill out your FAFSA information, to see what scholarships and grants you may qualify for.





### Food Expenses

Cook meals at home. Eating out can be expensive and cost can add up quick. Try to cook meals at home as much as possible.

Plan out meals in advance and shop for groceries at a budget-friendly stores like Trader Joe's or Grocery Outlet.





Consider using public transportation CSUMB offers free shuttle services and local buses can be affordable when compared to owning a car/gas.





# Take advantage of school

A lot of schools offer free access to gyms, counseling services, tutoring, health centers and many more. You pay a fee for these amenities so it's important to utilize them instead of paying extra for these services elsewhere.





Take advantage of student discounts Many local businesses offer student discounts. Be sure to bring your student ID with you when you shop or eat out.





Save of Textbooks. Textbooks can be a major expense. There are ways to save on textbooks by

Renting textbooks
Buying used textbooks
Finding the pdf online
Using the e-book

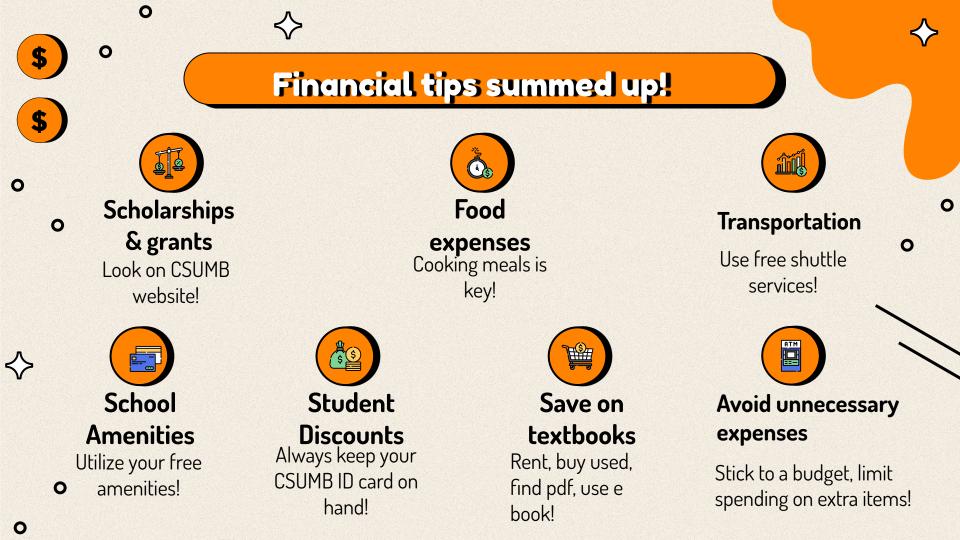




Avoid unnecessary expenses.

Limit spending on non-essentials items like clothing, electronics and entertainment. Stick to a budget and prioritize your expenses to ensure that you're making the most of your money.





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Do you have any questions?

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