Cost of Attendance

The amount and type of assistance you have been awarded is based on the “Cost of Attendance”. The separate components included at Converse are listed below. Your housing status was determined from the information on the FAFSA. You will be billed for direct charges on a semester basis. See below for when fee payment is due.

Direct Charges (Costs Paid Directly to Converse College)
- Tuition (All Graduates except MFA and MFT) $416 per credit hour
- Enrollment, Technology and Parking Fee (All Graduates except MFA) $190
- Tuition and Fees (MFA Creative Writing) $12,820
- Tuition (MFT, not including practicum fees) $456 per credit hour

The following costs are not included in your bill from Converse College. These costs are based on averages and are included in the Cost of Attendance for financial aid purposes only. The costs below are for full-time, full-year enrollment. These additional costs do not affect the amount you will pay to the College. Your actual expenses may vary depending on your living arrangements, priorities and other personal obligations.

Indirect Costs Included in the Cost of Attendance for Graduate Students Except MFA and MFT Students
- Room and Board (with parent) $2,732
- Books and Supplies $1,350
- Transportation (living on-campus) $1,410

Indirect Costs Included in the Cost of Attendance for MFA & MFT Students
- Room and Board $14,574
- Books and Supplies $3,000
- Transportation $4,000 - MFA; $3,756 - MFT

When Is Fee Payment Due?
- Fall 2018: August 13, 2018
- Spring 2019: January 14, 2019
- MFA Summer/Fall 2018: May 13, 2018
- MFA Jan/Spring 2019: December 12, 2019

How Do I Get My Check?
If a credit balance remains after all direct costs are paid, a check will be available in the Student Billing Office beginning:
- Fall 2018: September 20, 2018
- Spring 2019: February 28, 2019
- Summer A&B 2016: June 25, 2019
- Summer 2&3 2016: July 30, 2019
- MFA Summer/Fall 2018: Mailed June 18, 2018
- MFA Jan/Spring 2019: Mailed January 21, 2019

Return to Title IV (R2T4) Policy
The U.S. Department of Education requires a return of Title IV financial aid if the student received federal assistance in the form of a Federal Direct Student Loan or PLUS Loan and withdrew from all classes on or before completing 60% of the semester. This return is based on a federally mandated formula. The percentage of Title IV aid to be returned is equal to the number of calendar days the student completed prior to the date of withdrawal divided by the number of calendar days in the semester. Scheduled breaks of more than four consecutive days are excluded.
If any funds are to be returned after the Return of Title IV aid, they will be used to repay Converse institutional funds, state funds, other private sources and the student in proportion to the amount received from each non-federal source as long as there is no unpaid balance at the time of withdrawal. If there is an unpaid balance, then all aid sources will be repaid before any funds will be returned to the student.

NOTE: If funds are released to a student as a refund because of a credit balance on a student's account and then the student withdraws from the institution, then the student will be required to repay some of the federal grants and/or loans to the institution. Failure to repay in a timely manner will result in the withholding of academic transcripts and other institutional information as well as collection fees.
Students who have borrowed at any time from the federal direct student loan program will be required to complete the federally required federal direct loan exit counseling. If a student leaves the institution without completing the required exit counseling, the Financial Planning Office will place a hold on all student records.

Summer 2019 Financial Aid
Financial aid is limited in a summer semester, is based on the 2018-2019 FAFSA and requires you to complete a Summer Application for Financial Aid. If during the fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters you borrowed the annual loan limit, you will not have any Direct Loan eligibility. If you plan to attend the summer 2019 semester, please plan accordingly and budget for your costs.