



# FAQs: 2024-2025 Tuition & Housing and Meals Rates

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2024-2025 Undergraduate Tuition	
Tuition	\$24,790
SGA Fee	\$450
Housing & Meals	\$13,830
<b>*Total</b>	<b>\$38,620</b>

*\*Additional costs may be incurred for lab or other class-specific fees, transportation, and personal expenses and will vary by student. With very few exceptions, books and supplies will now be covered at no additional cost to students. First-time freshmen and transfer students will pay a \$350 matriculation fee for the first semester of enrollment.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How much is the increase in Converse's tuition, housing and meals for 2024-2025?

- Total cost for undergraduate tuition, housing and meals will increase by \$2,450 for residential students; tuition will increase by \$2,044 for commuters.
- Converse II and graduate program tuition rates for 2024-2025 have not been set and will be announced following the next Board of Trustees meeting.

### What is the total for undergraduate tuition, housing & meals, and fees for 2024-2025?

Total is **\$38,620** for the 2024-2025 year, which includes tuition, housing and meals, and the Student Government Association (SGA) fee. This total **does not** include any additional costs incurred for lab or other class-specific fees, transportation, and personal expenses, which vary by student. First-time freshmen and transfer students will pay a \$350 matriculation fee for the first semester of enrollment.

### What about books and supplies? Does tuition cover these?

Beginning in Fall 2024, textbooks and certain required class materials for traditional undergraduate students will be included in tuition at no additional charge, with very few exceptions. Our First Day Ready Program will ensure that students have the right textbooks and course materials for their classes by the first day, helping them focus on their studies instead of worrying about paying for books and materials.

### Why is Converse raising tuition, housing and meals?

The convergence of several different factors has led Converse to adjust tuition – specifically, rising costs due to inflation and a reduction in state financial support. In response, we are working diligently to ramp up our fundraising efforts and increase the return on your investment in a Converse education.

### How does Converse's tuition compare with other colleges and universities in the region?

Our tuition is lower than the average cost of other Upstate South Carolina institutions and compares favorably with both private and premier public universities. In addition, you'll save money by graduating in four years with the Converse Guarantee.



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## With the increase in tuition, will students see any new benefits?

Yes! Here are just a few of the new benefits students will see for the 2024-2025 academic year:

- **First Day Ready Textbook Program** ensuring that traditional undergraduate students can focus on their studies instead of worrying about paying for books and materials
- **Residence Hall Upgrades** to improve navigation and comfort within our spaces
- **Enhanced Campus Experience** to enhance and expand living-learning community experiences
- **Food Service Improvements** including “grab-and-go” items, late night options, and ice cream
- **Technological Investments** in enhanced technology in Mickel Library
- **Program Expansion** with new majors added this year and more planned for 2024
- **Career Success** projects to ensure your pathway to success in today's job market.

## What else is Converse doing to keep tuition as low as possible?

Please know that being good stewards of students' tuition dollars is a responsibility we take with the utmost importance and care. Converse is determined to mitigate the impact on students and families through proactive planning, engaging fundraising efforts, and thoughtful stewardship of assets. We are committed to providing exceptional value as we fulfill our mission of empowering students to become transformative leaders who see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.

## Tips from Student Financial Services

Federal and state need-based aid and merit-based and talent-based scholarships help reduce your bottom-line cost. Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act taking effect this year, students will not be able to complete their financial aid files until at least December, but our Student Financial Services team is available to discuss financial aid and scholarship resources tailored to each student. Students and their families may contact Student Financial Services at 864.596.9019 or [financialaid@converse.edu](mailto:financialaid@converse.edu).

## Complete the FAFSA annually at [www.studentaid.gov/fafsa](http://www.studentaid.gov/fafsa)

- To ensure you receive the maximum of financial aid possible, be sure to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Due to the FAFSA Simplification Act, it will not open until at least December this year.

## Monitor your academics for State Scholarships (HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows)

- To renew your state scholarship each year, you must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and earn at least 30 credits. If you need to make up credits or raise your GPA, take Summer classes. Eligibility is based on Fall, Spring, and Summer hours earned.

## Apply for scholarships

- Submit as many third-party scholarship applications as possible. Consider scholarships from various sources. Use online scholarship search engines, approach local businesses or organizations, check with your employer for tuition reimbursement or scholarship options, etc.
- To find scholarship options online, check out this helpful page on our website: <https://www.converse.edu/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/scholarship-resources/>.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Converse Office of Student Financial Services at 864.596.9019 or [financialaid@converse.edu](mailto:financialaid@converse.edu).