



FAQs: 2026-2027 Rates for Tuition, Fees, Housing & Meals

2026-2027 Undergraduate Tuition		2026-2027 Converse II & Graduate Tuition	
Tuition	\$35,716	Converse II	\$575 per credit hour
Housing & Meals	\$14,524	MAT	\$525 per credit hour
SGA Fee	\$450	MEd	\$540 per credit hour
Total	\$50,690	MMFT, EdD	\$580 per credit hour
Commuter Fee	\$1,250	MM, MLA, MiM, EdS	\$550 per credit hour
		MFA in Creative Writing	\$700 per credit hour

Undergraduate fees include an annual \$450 SGA fee, an annual \$1,250 commuter fee, and a one-time \$365 matriculation fee for first-time freshmen and transfer students. With few exceptions, books and supplies are now covered at no additional cost to undergraduate and Converse II students. Additional costs may be incurred for lab or other course-specific fees.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the increase in Converse's tuition, fees, housing and meals for 2026-2027?

- Undergraduate tuition will increase by \$2,022; housing and meals will not increase.
- Commuters will have an additional \$1,250 annual fee; see below for details
- Converse II tuition will increase to \$575 per credit hour; CII students will continue to be included in the First Day Ready program, which includes the cost of textbooks and most required materials
- Graduate tuition is as follows:
 - o MAT tuition remains unchanged at \$525 per credit hour
 - o MEd tuition has increased by \$15 to \$540 per credit hour
 - o MMFT and EdD tuition has increased by \$5 to \$580 per credit hour
 - o MM, MLA, MiM and EdS tuition has increased by \$25 to \$550 per credit hour
 - o MFA tuition remains unchanged at \$700 per credit hour, with a \$725 fee per residency

What about books and supplies? Does tuition cover these?

Yes! Our [First Day Ready](#) program ensures that textbooks and certain required class materials are provided for all undergraduate and Converse II students, with very few exceptions. This means students will have the right textbooks and course materials by the first day of classes, helping them focus on their studies instead of worrying about paying for books and supplies.

What does the Commuter Fee cover?

After careful consideration, including comparisons with peer institutions like Brevard, Columbia, and Charleston Southern, Converse will institute a \$1,250 annual commuter fee beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year. This fee will help cover the added costs of services for commuting students, including student success, the Wellness Center, career development, and high-impact practices and internships. The commuter fee applies to students under the age of 24 who are otherwise eligible to live on campus; Converse II and graduate students will not be affected.



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How does Converse's tuition compare with other colleges and universities?

Converse's tuition remains well below the national average of private, four-year institutions (\$44,961 according to U.S. News & World Report), and we remain highly competitive among undergraduate peer institutions at private colleges and regional comprehensive universities in the Southeast. In addition, our students save money by consistently graduating in four years with the [Converse Guarantee](#).

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

Yes! We continue to carefully manage resources to invest in an improved student experience. Here are just a few recent and ongoing improvements that are aligned with our [strategic priorities](#), which focus on Converse's people, places, and programs:

- Updates to Hazel B. Abbott Theatre
- Upgrades to campus security and fire safety systems
- HVAC updates to Carmichael Hall
- Upgrades to general campus infrastructure and deferred maintenance
- Electronic access control security doors at the University Center of Greenville
- Expanded [veteran and military-affiliated student support](#) with the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Ongoing campus technology refreshes
- Continuation of the [First Day Ready](#) textbook program
- Continued commitment to [The Converse Guarantee](#)

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

Please know that being trusted with students' tuition dollars is a responsibility we take with the utmost importance and care. While we actively address the challenges facing higher education, Converse is committed to mitigating the impact on students and families through careful planning, fundraising, and responsible stewardship of resources. Above all, we want you to know that your Converse education is a lasting investment—one that empowers students to become transformative leaders who see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.

What if I have more questions? Can my family contact Financial Aid directly?

Our Student Financial Services team is available to discuss financial aid and scholarship resources tailored to each student. We also have instructional videos on [my.converse](#) and a list of scholarship information [on our website](#). Students and their families may contact University Student Financial Services directly at 864.596.9019 or financialaid@converse.edu. Under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Converse may not share students' educational information without permission. Students may complete a waiver to establish authorized users for their families by visiting the [Students section of my.converse](#) and selecting FERPA Permissions, then "Add Parent/Guardian." Requests to add users are typically handled the same day; requests received after 3 p.m. will be processed the next business day.



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Tips from Student Financial Services

Federal and state need-based aid and merit-based and talent-based scholarships help reduce your bottom-line cost. Our Student Financial Services team is available to discuss financial aid and scholarship resources available. You may contact them at 864.596.9019 or financialaid@converse.edu.

Complete the FAFSA Annually at 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. Once your FAFSA has been completed and submitted to Converse, we will be able to provide you with an official individual financial aid package. The FAFSA is open now, so don't wait to complete this important step in the financial aid process.

Monitor Your Academics for State Scholarships (HOPE, LIFE, and Palmetto Fellows)

- To renew your South Carolina state scholarship each year, you must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA and earn at least 30 credits over the course of the academic year. If you need to make up credits or raise your GPA, you may take summer classes, which begin on June 1. Eligibility is based on fall, spring, and summer hours earned.

Apply for Outside 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/>.

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