

# NEW LOOK for Financial Aid in the Skidmore Student System

Have you logged in and reviewed your Financial Aid, recently?

Maybe you've noticed the new, mobile-friendly version of the student system?

We were happy to implement this upgrade for improved user-friendliness.

Your estimated **Cost of Attendance** is now clearly stated on the Award Offer link. While the data available is no different from previous years, you may have more questions this year since you might not have paused long on the estimated expenses tab in previous versions.

**Cost of Attendance** is the basis for the determination of your financial need for financial assistance. Included in the Cost of Attendance are:

DIRECT expenses, or items you will find on your Skidmore bill, and

INDIRECT expenses, or costs we estimate you will incur but that will *not* be on a Skidmore bill

Here are some helpful tips on the data you can see on the Award Offer tab

## 1. "Billable Items"

This category includes tuition and basic fees, and housing. If you are housed in a Residence Hall, it includes the required Full Meal Plan. If you are housed in an on-campus Apartment, meal plans are an optional purchase and so will not appear in this category.

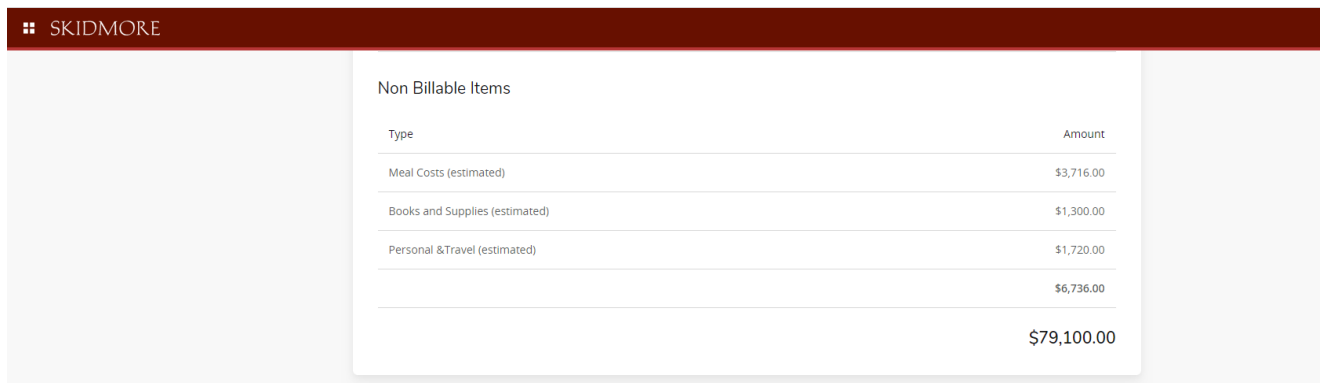
Optional fees and charges – such as the tuition insurance fee, optional partial meal plans, optional full meal plans, etc. are not included in the Cost of Attendance financial aid calculation.

The screenshot shows the Skidmore Financial Aid portal. At the top, there is a dark red header with the Skidmore logo and name. Below the header, the page title is "Financial Aid" and the "Award Year" is set to "2021-2022 Aid Year". A navigation menu includes "Home", "Award Offer" (which is highlighted), "Financial Aid History", "Resources", "Notifications", "Satisfactory Academic Progress", and "College Finan". A blue information box contains a message about financial aid eligibility and student loan awards. Below this, a "Cost of Attendance" section is expanded to show a table of "Billable Items".

Type	Amount
Tuition and Fees	\$60,152.00
Apartment Housing	\$12,212.00
	\$72,364.00

## 2. Non-Billable Items

This category includes our estimates of expenses you may have during the academic year, but will not be charged through your Skidmore bill. \*For the limited number of students who qualify for the Book & Supply award, your actual bookstore charges will show on the bill but will stay in the Non-Billable category for financial aid purposes.



The screenshot shows a table titled "Non Billable Items" with two columns: "Type" and "Amount". The table lists three categories of expenses: Meal Costs (estimated) at \$3,716.00, Books and Supplies (estimated) at \$1,300.00, and Personal & Travel (estimated) at \$1,720.00. A subtotal line shows a total of \$6,736.00, and a final line at the bottom shows a total of \$79,100.00.

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Meal Costs (estimated)	\$3,716.00
Books and Supplies (estimated)	\$1,300.00
Personal & Travel (estimated)	\$1,720.00
	\$6,736.00
	\$79,100.00

While your Skidmore Bill and the estimates for your **Costs of Attendance** may be quite similar, they are not the same.

Common items found on a Skidmore Bill but not the **Cost of Attendance** include:

Optional meal plan purchases, charges for Lost ID cards, Library Fines, Parking Fines, etc.

Common items found in the **Cost of Attendance** but not the Skidmore Bill include:

Meal costs (groceries) if in on-campus or off-campus apartment housing, Personal Expenses, Books, Supplies, Rent and Utilities (if off-campus housing) etc.

You may see "HEERF III Funding" in your Cost of Attendance estimate. This is NOT something that you will be billed by Skidmore. You may, however, ultimately see the *transaction* (i.e. both a <credit> and a debit, showing the funds passing through your account) on your bill, if you have this funding and were refunded the HEERF III Funding.

Skidmore's Bursar's Office is responsible for student account billing. Visit <https://www.skidmore.edu/bursar/> to learn more about the billing process.