

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.

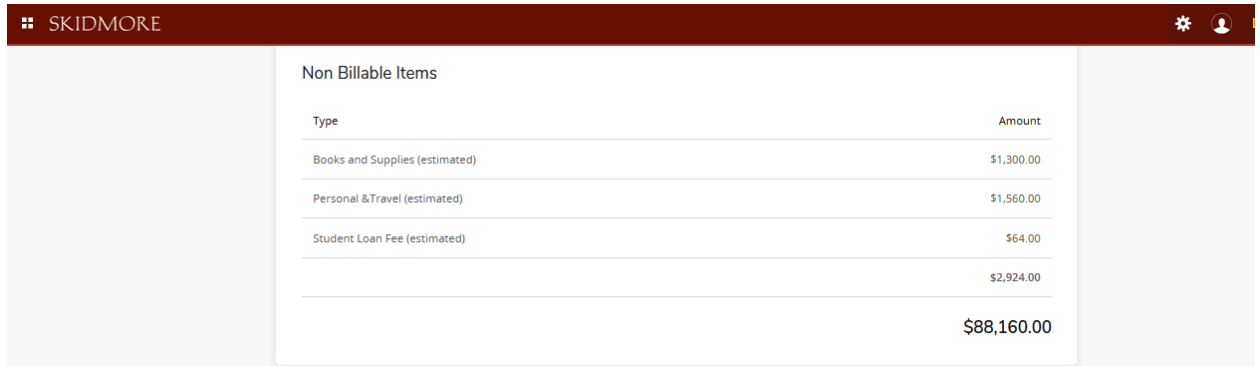
Optional fees and charges – such as the tuition insurance fee, optional partial meal plans, optional full meal plans, etc. are not included in the Cost of Attendance financial aid calculation.

The screenshot shows the Skidmore Financial Aid system interface. At the top, there is a dark red header with the Skidmore logo and navigation icons. Below the header, the page title is "Financial Aid" and the "Aid Year" is set to "2024-2025 Aid Year". A navigation menu includes "Home", "Offer" (highlighted with a red box), "Financial Aid History", "Resources", "Notifications", "Satisfactory Academic Progress", and "College Financial". A blue informational banner contains a tip about financial aid eligibility and loan awards. The main content area is titled "Cost of Attendance" and includes a sub-section for "Billable Items". A table lists the following items:

Type	Amount
Tuition and Fees	\$67,290.00
Food and Housing	\$17,946.00
	\$85,236.00

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 web interface for a Skidmore Bill. At the top, there is a dark red header with the Skidmore logo and navigation icons. Below the header, a white box titled "Non Billable Items" contains a table with two columns: "Type" and "Amount". The table lists three items: "Books and Supplies (estimated)" for \$1,300.00, "Personal & Travel (estimated)" for \$1,560.00, and "Student Loan Fee (estimated)" for \$64.00. A subtotal line shows \$2,924.00, and a final total line at the bottom right shows \$88,160.00.

Type	Amount
Books and Supplies (estimated)	\$1,300.00
Personal & Travel (estimated)	\$1,560.00
Student Loan Fee (estimated)	\$64.00
	\$2,924.00
	\$88,160.00

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.

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