

Estimated Living Expenses:

These figures are reasonable estimates of educational expenses a student should plan for during the nine-month academic year, August to May. This budget is used to determine each student's eligibility for financial aid, including married students and students with children. The federal formula used to calculate aid eligibility accounts for a student's spouse and/or children through allowances against income. Thus, these figures, are the same for all students. While we do not expect students to spend exactly what's listed in each category, the total estimated cost should be adequate for the categories shown. Expenses not listed such as car payments, consumer debt payments, child support payments, alimony and other expenses not related to attendance at Hastings are the responsibility of the student. These expenses cannot be included in the budget. Similarly, bar review course expenses, bar exam fees, and interviewing expenses cannot be included in the budget. **We urge you to plan accordingly.**

Books and Supplies

This allowance includes the cost of textbooks, outlines, pens, paper, pencils, highlighters, general supplies, etc.

Housing and Utilities

This allowance is based on our survey of studios offered for rent in San Francisco. Students could also share a two-bedroom apartment on this allowance.

Food Allowance

This allowance includes the cost of food and household supplies such as toiletries, cleaners, brooms, mops, etc.

Personal Expenses Allowance

This includes expenses for laundry and cleaning; recreation and entertainment; personal hygiene and grooming; over-the-counter health items, birth control and the \$25 deductible on the College health plan for prescriptions; and clothing including a suit, etc. for Moot Court, employment and interviews.

Transportation Allowance

This allowance is built on the following rationale; (1) 75% of current students live in San Francisco and (2) over 90% are California residents. Accordingly we are computing a \$70 per month allowance for a Muni "Fast Pass" and \$500 for trips to "home" in California. Non-residents can submit documentation for an additional transportation allowance for trips "home". Residents outside San Francisco generally pay less rent per month that offsets additional transportation costs.

Students are not expected to spend exactly the amount shown in each category. These figures are reasonable guides. Students are expected to make adjustments in one area if they overspend in another.

Allowances are not made for housing deposits.

Budget increases will be considered for medical, dental and optical expenses not covered by insurance; child care expenses; and other non-discretionary "emergency" expenses. Also, costs up to \$2,200 may be added one time for the purchase of a computer, printer and software. Adjustments to income will be considered for legal expenses, child support payments, and other non-discretionary expenses.

Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions/comments about these figures or if you have a special circumstance not covered within these guidelines.

