

Academic Calendar

Activity	Date
Move into Dorms/Housing	
First day of School	
Medical Withdrawal Date (when your student may still receive a partial refund for qualified medical reasons)	
Parents Weekend	
Thanksgiving Vacation	
First Semester Exam Dates	
Semester Break	
Second Semester Begins	
Medical Withdrawal Date (when your student may still receive a partial refund for qualified medical reasons)	
Second Semester Final Exam Dates	
Last Day of School	
Date Tuition Checks Due- 2nd Semester	
Other Important Dates to note – voluntary academic withdrawal (loss of credit and payment without an academic grade)	

College Parents of America recommends to evaluate the financial risk to you if your student must withdraw from school for an unexpected illness, injury or death. At a minimum, evaluate if you can afford the financial loss that may result from such a medical withdrawal and consider purchasing tuition refund insurance to minimize the potential disruption to your college student and family.

Learn more at www.CollegeParents.org/tuition



Student Health & Medical Record Checklist

Essential Information	Phone Number or Address
Student ID #	
Student Health Center at College	
Emergency Counseling Services	
Nearest Hospital to College	
Nearest Urgent Care to College	
Nearest Pharmacy to College	
Name of any prescription(s) being taken	
Child's Eyeglass Prescription	
Childs Blood Type	
Childs Family Doctor	

College Parents of America recommends to evaluate your family health insurance plan to determine if it is accepted by your school or any medical facilities or doctors near your campus. At a minimum, make sure that your student is covered for major medical issues such as injuries or accidents.

Learn more at www.CollegeParents.org/health



Student Personal Property Checklist

Items	Estimated Value
Electronics	
Musical Instruments	
Cell Phone	
Clothes	
Sports Equipment	
Bicycle	
Camera	
Furniture	
Jewelry / Watches	
Textbooks	
Other	
Add \$1,000 for additional items	\$1,000
Total	

College Parents of America suggests that parents consider purchasing renters insurance (generally between \$8.00 - \$14.00 a month) that feature low deductible plans and include protection for the replacement value of your property, loss of use benefit and personal liability protection for your student. Speak with a licensed insurance agent for advice before purchasing any insurance.

Learn more at www.collegeparents.org/renters

Protecting Your Investment Checklist

Paying for college is often the second largest investment a family makes. As a result it is important consider how to protect your capacity to pay it as well as the investment you make during college.

Three forms of tuition protection families should consider:

Protection	Question	Calculator
Tuition Payment Protection	<p>Can you receive tuition payment protection through your campus tuition payment plan?</p> <p>Nearly 20% of college students appear to use tuition payment plans to pay for college. Some plans include tuition payment protection that may make your payments in the case of a parents' death or disability.</p>	<p>Determine the cost of participating in the tuition payment plan of your university.</p> <p>Tuition payment protection is frequently included within the annual administrative or enrollment fee.</p>
Tuition Refund Insurance	<p>Can you afford the financial loss that may result from an unexpected medical withdrawal of your student?</p> <p>Approximately 1% of college students appear to be eligible to complete a medical withdrawal due to an illness, accident, injury or death. In most cases families face the potential to lose thousands of dollars that can otherwise be protected through tuition refund insurance.</p>	<p>Determine how much tuition refund insurance you will need to protect your investment for each academic term.</p> <p>Tuition Payment _____</p> <p>Books & Academic Fees _____</p> <p>Room & Board _____</p> <p>Total Potential Non-Refunded Loss _____</p> <p><small>* Note some schools provide a partial refund for tuition during the initial five weeks of an academic term. Virtually all schools do not refund academic fees or books. As a result most families will benefit from having a minimum of tuition insurance such as the \$5,000 of annual coverage provided within each College Parents of America membership.</small></p>
Life Insurance	<p>Can your family or student afford to pay for college without your financial support?</p> <p>If not, consider seriously securing term-life insurance that will cover the cost of college in the case of an unexpected death.</p>	<p>Annual Cost of Attendance _____</p> <p>Expected Years to Graduate _____</p> <p>Total Potential Financial Need _____</p>

Note that tuition refund insurance is not drop-out insurance. It protects the student's family from the loss that may result from a medical withdrawal. Compare plans. Your school may offer a sponsored plan, or you may receive a special offer through other services, such as a student loan or student health insurance plan. Membership in College Parents of America provides \$5,000 of annual tuition insurance coverage. Additional coverage may be purchased at www.CollegeParents.org/Tuition.

Campus Security Checklist

Access to Campus	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the campus open or is access to campus restricted, requiring you to stop and check in or show ID? If so, during what hours?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all campus entrances and exits restricted, and how so?
Security/Police staff	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the college campus police office have the authority to make arrests?
<input type="checkbox"/>	What type of uniforms do officers wear – jacket and tie or police uniform?
Access to residence halls	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the buildings locked? During what hours? Observe how people get in the building. Is the door propped open? Is it locked?
<input type="checkbox"/>	What types of locks are used on exterior doors: push button pad, hard key or card?
Around the Campus	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you observe blue light emergency call boxes on campus? If you have an opportunity to visit after dark, observe exterior lighting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you observe campus security/police officers on patrol? Are they visible?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Does the college provide personal safety escorts?

We recommend that college families and their students carefully review their new college environment. Parents can often get an accurate picture of campus safety by talking directly with security personnel, looking at the campus report under the Clery Act and closely observing security systems around campus.