Chapter 13J: Post-Secondary Education and Vocational Training

13J.1 Comparable Services and Benefits

*Student Loans*

Students are not required to accept student loans, although they may choose to in order to cover any remaining costs after SSB’s contribution. Student loans are not considered a comparable service or benefit and must not be applied to SSB’s contribution. Students should connect with their Financial Aid office prior to accepting loans to avoid being "over-funded" for the semester.

13J.6 Fee Schedules for Post-Secondary Costs

Housing

Post-secondary students may receive on-campus housing assistance if housing is not a normal living expense for the individual. Housing assistance will be provided under the following circumstances;

* While the student is enrolled full-time
* Living on-campus
* Not on academic probation, and
* Participating in their post-secondary program, and
* If the program is being supported by SSB or would be supported if financial aid did not cover the costs.

Housing is a secondary service that can only be provided in support of a primary service also supported by SSB. SSB will not pay relocation costs for students. See Chapter 13F: Maintenance for additional parameters around housing.

Housing assistance has the following fee schedule based on the average room and board rates established by Minnesota State:

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The amount SSB will pay for both room and board (dorm room and meal plan) must not exceed

$5,175/semester and $2,587.50/summer.

Applicable financial aid and CFP must be applied according to policy.

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~~SSB will pay for rent not to exceed $1,078/month or the monthly amount stated on the lease agreement, whichever is less. The maximum monthly amount is calculated by adding the maximum rates for fall ($5,175), spring ($5,175) and summer ($2,587.50) room and board, dividing by 12 months and rounding to the nearest dollar. The fee schedule is current as of August 2024.~~

~~The amount is prorated by the number of individuals living in the residence or on the lease agreement. SSB will not pay for utilities or meals for off-campus students.~~

~~SSB may pay for off-campus housing if housing has not been established as a normal living expense for the individual.~~

~~If there is applicable financial aid remaining after applying it to tuition and fees, the remaining amount must be put toward the cost of off-campus housing. CFP must be applied when it is in effect. Any costs in excess of SSB’s contribution are the responsibility of the student.~~

From August 10, 2022, until May 2025, the fee schedule was not applied to post-secondary housing. The fee schedule was reinstated effective summer semester 2025. For a historical view of fee scheduled amounts, view the Fee Schedule spreadsheet.