

2025-2026 Request for Financial Aid Budget Increase

Student's Name: _____

PLU Email Address: _____

When calculating eligibility for financial aid, the cost of attendance is based on your enrollment and from the average cost associated with living on-campus, off-campus, or with parents. Your actual cost may vary from these standard budgets. Check the box(es) that applies to your circumstance(s) and provide all requested information [with documentation](#).

PLU will attempt to take your circumstances into consideration for additional assistance. Please be aware that any adjustment made to your cost of attendance will not cause an increase in your PLU administered gift assistance. It may allow you to receive additional outside scholarships or increases in your self-help financial aid (work study and loans). **To curb excessive student borrowing, PLU reserves the right to limit budget increases.**

Please attach receipt/bills to document your extra expenses. We cannot approve your request without supporting documentation of your higher costs.

I have out-of-pocket child care expenses. If these expenses are shared with spouse or someone else, report only the portion which is your responsibility. My day care provider is a: day care center family day care home

Number of children _____ Ages of children _____

Maximum budget increase: **Day Care Center**

Infant: \$1,600/month

Toddler: \$1,400/month

Preschool: \$1,213/month

School Age: \$442/month

Family Day Care Home

Infant: \$1,138/month

Toddler: \$1,083/month

Preschool: \$975/month

School Age: \$520/month

Above figures are from <https://childcareawarewa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Pierce-3-31-2024.pdf>

I have transportation expenses (vehicle maintenance costs, gasoline, repairs, insurance) for a vehicle that I use to commute to work or to school. These expenses total \$ _____ during the academic year and do NOT include payments for the purchase of a vehicle.

I have unusually high transportation costs due to living out of state. I pay the following amount for a round-trip airline coach ticket home: \$ _____

I purchased a computer for education purposes between June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, during an academic term in which I was enrolled at least half-time at PLU. The cost of the computer was \$ _____. *This adjustment can be made only once during your time at PLU.* (Budget adjustment is limited to no more than \$1000 for this expense)

I have unusually high living expenses. Please itemize your **monthly** living expenses while in school:

Do you share these expenses with a roommate or spouse?

If yes, only include your portion:

YES

NO

• Rent/Mortgage \$ _____

• Food \$ _____

• Utilities \$ _____

(Utilities include: heat, electricity, garbage, water, cable, phone & internet service. Sum of rent/food/utilities not to exceed \$1910 per month.)

Other _____
(Please describe and provide documentation of expenses).

I affirm that the information provided on this form is true and the figures provided are accurate to the best of my ability.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone Number _____

Please upload your documents directly to [our secure portal](#). Documents sent via email containing personally identifiable information (e.g. social security number, **PLU ID** number, state driver's license or identification card numbers, etc.) will be deleted before being opened.

Please feel free to use the reverse side of this page to add any additional information to explain or support your request.