

Financial Information



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Trinity College of Florida operates on minimum costs so that our students may obtain a quality Christian education at a competitive price. The College's tuition charges are below the national average for a four-year private college due to scholarships and financial support from people who are vitally interested in Trinity College. The Business Office serves students and their families by assisting in the management of the financial aspects of your education.

TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2011-2012

Tuition - Traditional Program

* Per Semester (12-16 credits).....	\$5,677.00
Per Credit Hour (1-11 and 17 plus credits).....	\$473.00
Per Audit Credit.....	\$225.00
Per Credit Hour - Retired Senior Citizens 65+.....	\$200.00

Tuition - TrinityQuest

Credit Hour Per Semester	\$357.00
Tuition Online Per Credit Hour	295.00

(See TrinityQuest section for full tuition and fee schedule)

Residence

Room Security Deposit.....	\$150.00
Replacement Key Charge	\$30.00
** Room and Board Per Semester - 11 Meal Plan (double occupancy).....	\$3,430.00
** Room and Board Per Semester - 11 Meal Plan (single occupancy)	\$5,205.00
Summer Room Per Week.....	\$92.00

General Fees

*** Student Activity Fee Per Semester (5+ credits).....	\$400.00
Late Registration Fee.....	\$50.00

Special Fees

Graduation Fee.....	\$115.00
Internship Fee	\$65.00
Replacement Key Charge (other than room key)	\$15.00
Independent/Directed Study Fee (plus per credit hour fee).....	\$110.00
Practice Piano Fee Per Semester.....	\$110.00
Private Music Per Semester	\$165.00
(1/2 hour per week - 15 weeks) (Vocal, Piano)	

- * Additional hours are \$473.00 per credit.
- ** Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner available Monday through Friday and Lunch on Saturday.
- *** Students taking less than 5 credits pay only for involvement in specific activities.

Please note: All charges are subject to change.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The following is a list of costs related to your education at Trinity College:

Tuition

Tuition is billed at a flat rate for 12-16 credits per semester. Credits 1-11 and 17 and above are billed at the per-credit tuition rate.

Auditing

Persons auditing a course are expected to pay the audit fee in full at the time of registration.

Room and Board

All resident students participate in the Board Plan. They are responsible for paying the entire board cost even if all meals are not eaten. Any special arrangements related to the meal plan must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Development to receive consideration. Board charges exclude fall and spring vacations, and meals are not served at these times.

Room Security Deposit

A security deposit is required of all resident students. If no damage occurs during the student's enrollment, the entire security deposit will be refunded once the Business Office receives clearance from the Student Development Office. Failure to properly check out of a room will result in the forfeiture of the security deposit. If damage occurs due to negligence or misuse or if professional cleaning is required at the end of residency due to negligence, the deposit will be used to offset these costs. Additionally, students will be responsible for the cost of repairs or cleaning if those costs exceed the amount of the deposit.

Required Fees

Student Activity Fee: All students taking 5 or more credits are charged student fees which support student groups such as Student Government Association, Great Commission Missionary Fellowship, and other official student organizations. These fees also include full access to the adjacent James P. Gills YMCA Branch, provide for student admission to all college athletic events, and are applied toward the general maintenance of parking areas, common areas, and campus technology.

Graduation Fee: All associate's, bachelor's, and certificate graduation candidates will pay a graduation fee during their final semester. This fee is applied toward the cost of the regalia, diploma, and other graduation expenses.

Late Registration Fee: A late fee will be charged to continuing students who have not completed class registration before the registration deadline. The deadline is announced each semester at registration chapel.

Miscellaneous Costs

Students may incur fines (parking, library, etc.) that are not part of the registration process. These fines must be paid by the end of the month in which they are issued.

Textbooks

Trinity College does not operate an on-campus bookstore. The booklist for each semester is posted on the College web site and all required texts are available through *mbsdirect.net*. While the cost of books varies according to the classes taken, students should plan for estimated book costs of \$500 per semester.

Hospitalization

All costs of hospitalization and major medical needs must be met by the student. Trinity College does not assume any responsibility for serious illness or accidents on or off campus even if incurred during or as a result of recreational activities. Use of the College's facilities is at the student's own risk.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND POLICIES

Financing a college education is a major commitment and the process can be confusing at times. The Business Office and the Financial Aid Office are available to assist students and their families with any questions or additional information that may need to be addressed.

A student's charges for the semester may include some or all of the charges mentioned in the previous section. Once course registration is complete, a student's bill can be generated and the obligation to the College can be determined. At that point, the Business Office, in coordination with the Financial Aid Office, can work with a student to make the necessary financial arrangements for the semester. **The student must have his or her financial arrangements approved by the Business Office by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday of the first week of classes.** An approved financial arrangement will show that a combination of all payment methods equals or exceeds the total semester charges. Financial arrangements may include any or all of the following elements:

Grants and Scholarships: Several State and Federal grants are available to Trinity College students, as well as internal and external scholarships. See the Financial Aid section of the catalog for more details on these programs. The Trinity College Financial Aid Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed in order for a student to receive consideration for these funds. **These forms should be completed as soon as possible after January 1st for the following academic year.** Links to the FAFSA online and the Trinity College Financial Aid Application are available on *www.trinitycollege.edu*, the College's web site, under Prospective Students - Financial Aid, or Current Students - Financial Aid.

Stafford Loans: Students must complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for the Stafford Loan. Additional paperwork is required if students choose to borrow under the Stafford program. Information and instructions on this process will be provided to eligible students by the Financial Aid Office. The Master Promissory Note must be completed in order for a loan to count towards a student's bill.

Alternative Loans: Information is available from the Financial Aid Office on alternative loans. These loans require a credit-worthy applicant or co-signer. Students are encouraged to apply for these loans at least two months in advance of the semester so that they will be approved and available by the beginning of the semester.

FACTS Management Payment Plan: FACTS Management works with Trinity College to provide an interest-free payment plan that allows students and families to break the cost of their education into monthly payments. There is an enrollment fee to use this program, and late fees may be assessed if applicable. Eligibility to participate in this plan is based upon performance. Information on the plan is available through the Business Office or online at *www.factsmgt.com*. Enrollment forms can be obtained through the FACTS Management web site, *www.factsmgt.com*, or through the Trinity College web site, *www.trinitycollege.edu* (Admissions link to Tuition, then to "FACTS" Management).

Personal Funds (cash, check, Visa, MasterCard)

Approval of a payment arrangement will be contingent upon the status of the various payment types involved (authorization of loans, completion of FACTS Agreement Form, etc.). Personal funds used to pay any remaining balance after financial aid are due by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday of the first week of classes.

Past Due Status

Delays in processing financial aid may occur because of missing information, loan denial, or other circumstances. We encourage all students to begin the financial aid process as soon as possible to avoid these delays. If a student does not address these needs or respond to communications from the Financial Aid Office or Business Office promptly, their account may be considered past due and the student may be placed on financial suspension. Until the situation is corrected, a student on financial suspension cannot attend classes and receives failing grades on any work missed. Past due accounts are also subject to the following consequences, as determined by the Vice President for Business and Finance:

1. Financial hold on registration for future semesters,
2. Degrees, diplomas, and transcripts will not be issued to the student, or
3. Dismissal from the College.

Refund Policy

Trinity College's tuition refund policy is in compliance with all Federal, State, and Local laws, rules and regulations. (See the Financial Aid Office for a copy of the Federal Refund Policy.)

A student requesting total withdrawal from the College may be provided a full refund of tuition and registration fees paid prior to the commencement of instruction if the student submits a written request for withdrawal to the Registrar's Office before the end of the Drop/Add Period. **No financial adjustment will be made for course withdrawals after the Drop/Add Period unless total withdrawal from the College is sought.**

The following refund schedule applies to tuition and general and activity fees. Any other charges or fees are non-refundable.

Withdrawal on first day of class.....	100% Refund
Withdrawal on class days 2-8	90% Refund
Withdrawal on class days 9-20	50% Refund
Withdrawal on class days 21-40	25% Refund
Withdrawal after class day 41	No Refund

An administrative and processing fee of \$100.00 and any unpaid College charges will be subtracted from the refund.

It is the student's responsibility to initiate and complete the process to withdraw from the College and refund calculations are based on the date when the process is completed. If a student does not complete the withdrawal process, no refund is due.

Room Refund

Students who withdraw prior to the first day of class will be charged the daily guest room rate. Beginning with the first day of class, students will be charged a prorated semester charge.

Board Refund

Students who withdraw prior to the first day of class will be charged the guest meal rate. Beginning with the first day of classes, students will be charged a prorated semester charge.

Veterans Refund Policy

The refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, and other charges for veterans or eligible persons who fail to enter a course or withdraw or discontinue prior to completion will be made for all amounts paid which exceed the appropriate prorated portion of the total charges related to the total length of the course. The proration will be determined on the ratio of the number of days or hours of instruction completed by the student to the total number of instructional days or hours in the course. This policy applies only to veterans to conform to the legal requirements for veterans programs.

Priority of Disbursing Funds

If a student withdraws from the institution or stops attending for a length of time, funds must be returned to any financial aid programs from which they came. **We encourage all students to consult with the Financial Aid Office before withdrawing or dropping a class in order to understand any impact on financial aid.** Funds are refunded to Federal and State aid programs first, then to institutional or private aid sources, then to the student if applicable.

Special Circumstances

Every student is presumed to be familiar with the costs and other matters of the financial policy stated in the catalog. Trinity College reserves the right to make any exceptions to the above policies to insure the proper handling of individual situations and to comply with State and Federal requirements.