

2006-2007 Cost of Attendance Adjustment for Computer Purchase

Name _____ Student ID _____

Complete this form to increase your Cost of Attendance budget. By increasing your budget, you may become eligible for additional *loan money* in the form of Parent Loans, Stafford Loans and/or alternative loans. **NOTE: This process will not make you eligible for (more) grant funds.**

To increase your budget for a computer purchase, you must purchase the computer during the 2006/2007 Academic Year (5/26/06 – 4/30/07) or within a reasonable period of time prior to the academic year. **Complete this form and provide documentation of the computer, hardware, or software you have purchased (receipts).**

An initial computer purchase, including CPU, monitor, printer and basic software, can be obtained at a base price of approximately \$1000. Additional upgrades of hardware and software that may be needed during the college career should not exceed \$1500. Given this information, the Office of Financial Aid will allow students to increase their cost of attendance by a total of \$2500 for any 3-year period.

Additional Information:

- The adjustment does not have to be done at one time. You can purchase equipment as you need it.
- The adjustment may or may not result in a change in the amount of financial aid you receive.
- Any increase in aid will be in the form of loans. For PLUS loans, parents must pass a credit check.
- Additional funds offered will be available beginning May 15, 2006 after all paperwork is processed.
- See reverse side here for the university's recommendations for student computers.

Please indicate the amount by which you would like your budget increased:
High-end computer purchase: \$2500
Low-end computer purchase: \$1000
Upgrades/peripherals/software: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____

Please indicate which semester you would like the increase:
Fall/Spring evenly divided
Fall only
Spring only

CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING

I certify that any funds awarded to me based on this adjustment to my Cost of Attendance will be used solely for purchasing computer equipment. Furthermore, this computer equipment is intended for academic use during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Student's Signature

Date

Office of Student Financial Aid
P.O. Box 907
Normal, AL 35762

2006-2007 Computer Hardware – University Recommendations

Minimum Hardware recommendations for student computer:

- Desktop: Dual Core i5 or Intel i5-4570T/Celeron J1800 (Flat –Panel or newer); Laptop: MacBook i5 or Intel i7-4710/AMD Quad-Core A6-6310
- RAM: 4GB DDR3L System Memory (1Dimm)
- Hard Drive: 1 TB for desktop; 500 GB for laptop
- Video Adapter: Graphics Card with 256 MB or greater
- Network Access: 10/100 Network Card and/or Modem
- Wireless Network Access: for desktop, none; for laptop, wireless 802.11g card
- Warranty: 3 years parts and labor
- Optical Storage: DVD Rom/CD RW
- Ports: USB/USB 2.0, Firewire
- Audio: Sound card and speakers; for laptop, sound card and built-in speakers
- Backup Medium: Internal, firewire, or USB 2.0 CD-RW, DVD±RW
- Operating system: OS X Mavericks or newer, Windows 8 professional edition (not home edition)
- Word Processing: Office 2010-Word 2010 for Mac, Office 2010-Word 2010 for Windows
- Spreadsheet: Office 2010-Excel 2010 for Mac, Office 2010-Excel 2010 for Windows
- Web Browser: Internet Explorer (versions 10.0 and newer for Windows, or versions 5.2.3 and newer for MAC), Netscape Communicator (6.2 and newer), Safari (versions 5.1.x and newer), or Mozilla Firefox 5.x
- Electronic Mail: WebMail in browser, Outlook 2010 and Express, Entourage 2004 (Mac), OS X Mail, or Netscape Communicator 6.2
- Virus Protection: Virex 7, VirusScan 6, or Norton Security, Computer Associates 7.1