

STUDENT FINANCIAL HUB

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COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)

The amount it will cost a student to go to school at Caltech. It includes tuition, room, board, fees, books, supplies, etc.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE(S) (SAF)

A fee charged to students at a school that is in addition to any matriculation and/or tuition fees. Caltech has several types of these SAF, including an ASCIT, BigT, House, etc

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEES

Each house has a membership due to aid in House activities, events, and other enrichment experiences. Dues vary by house and are collected via Bursar and charged directly to students after Add Day each term.

BURSAR ACCOUNT

The bursar is responsible for servicing student, club, and faculty accounts. Think of your bursar account as an internal bank account. This is different from but linked to a PTA.

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HOUSE OR RESIDENCE PTA

An internal financial code used to route payments to specific Institute department, office, house, grant, etc. Each house and residence has their own PTA.

P : PROJECT

The first section of the sequence and tells which office, project, program, or house to charge. Think ORE or Avery House.

T : TASK

The middle section of the sequence. A PTA can have one or multiple tasks depending on how detailed the department needs or wants to be.

A : AWARD

The last section of the sequence. Tells us if it's coming from the general budget, a particular department like Student Affairs, JPL, Mathematics, etc.

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