

CURTIS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC
2026-27 STUDENT EXPENSE BUDGET
Estimated

*Please note: The information provided below is based on in-person instruction. All amounts may be subject to change. This is not an invoice. It is intended to outline the potential costs of living and going to school in Philadelphia and to the Curtis Institute of Music. Your actual Curtis invoice will be issued in July 2026. Billable items are Housing & Food and Additional Annual Costs. All other items are estimates and vary by student.

	<u>Lenfest Hall/Dbl</u>	<u>Lenfest Hall/S</u>	<u>Off-Campus w/parent</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
Housing & Food	\$ 22,567	\$ 25,787	\$21,405	\$18,000
*Off Campus Meals (see #9 below)	0	0		3,914
Electric, Gas & Water	0	0	1,563	1,563
Telephone & Internet	510	510	1,286	1,286
Clothing	500	500	500	500
Instrument Maintenance	1,573	1,573	1,573	1,573
Instructional Supplies	3,084	3,084	3,084	3,084
Laundry	0	0	400	400
**Transportation (see #10 below)	1,310	1,310	1,310	1,310
Miscellaneous	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>665</u>

ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COSTS – ALL STUDENTS

**Comprehensive Fee (see #8 below)	\$ 3,500
**Health Insurance, if required (12-month premium) (see #2 below)	\$ 4,046

TOTAL **\$37,755** **\$40,975** **\$39,332** **\$39,841**

Additional Information

1. Curtis will provide financial support for living expenses to students living off campus who qualify in amounts not to exceed \$1,500 a month for rent expenses. Students receiving financial assistance are expected to develop personal budgets to maintain spending within these limits. Apartments costing more than \$1,500 a month are the responsibility of the student. The cost example for off-campus students is 12 months of rent expenses.
2. Students are automatically enrolled in a health insurance plan through Curtis that provides coverage for the 12-month period beginning August 15, 2026. The cost listed above is an estimate and is subject to change. Exemptions are possible for students who have comparable coverage through parental or other private insurance plans. See our website for details.

3. Expense budget does not include the following one-time deposits: Library deposit (\$100), Piano deposit (\$300 if applicable), Instrument deposit (\$100 other than piano).

4. Expense budget does not include variable expenses students may incur such as apartment furnishings, piano moving expense (if applicable), etc.

5. **Students are responsible for their own summer living expenses. This expense budget is for 9-months of living expenses on-campus and 12-months for off-campus housing. Curtis will only consider 9-months of living expenses when calculating your financial expenses. Off-campus students usually sign a 12-month lease, please consider the extra expenses before signing a lease.**

6. **All expenses listed are estimates and subject to change without notice.**

7. For a complete fee structure for Lenfest Hall, please refer to our website. Deluxe Single rooms are available. **Students residing in Lenfest Hall are responsible for their own winter break housing and other expenses as Lenfest Hall is closed during winter break**, fall and spring break housing remains open, but dining is closed. The dining expenses for fall and spring break are the responsibility of the student.

8. Comprehensive fees include textbooks, facilities, security, internet, IT support, wellness initiatives and services, and recording fees. Curtis students will receive a grant to cover the Comprehensive fee expense for the 2026-27 school year.

9. Meal Plans are optional for off-campus residents; a meal plan can be purchased at \$3,914 including 9-meals per week with \$200 in dining dollars or “\$100 dining dollars per semester.”

Examples of cost if not on a Curtis meal plan:

* If you are not on a meal plan and purchased 3-meals a day in Lenfest Hall – estimated cost for the school year \$10,462. Estimated expenses for restaurants and groceries at \$50.00 a day, cost for the school year \$13,500. We strongly encourage you to purchase a meal plan when living off campus.

10. Curtis estimates transportation costs to and from residences and traveling around the city to be \$1,310. Your cost might be higher if you use Uber and/or other means of transportation.

Note: Transportation costs do not include your expenses for airfare or traveling home during the break periods. Costs for traveling home can range from \$2,000-\$4,000 per trip. **Curtis does not cover transportation costs for students returning home for break periods.**