

2017-2018 GET Prices and Fees

Program Prices

Unit Price Components	Amount
Expected Costs Covers the expected present value of the cost of future Tuition and State-Mandated Fees.	\$94.34
Expenses Covers the Program's annual administrative expenses. We calculate this by dividing the GET administrative budget for the coming State fiscal year by our estimated unit sales for the coming Enrollment Period.	\$4.18
Reserve (<i>current policy targets a 15% reserve</i>) Covers unexpected future costs such as higher than expected tuition growth or lower than expected investment returns.	\$14.78
Amortization (<i>optional - not included in current pricing</i>) Covers unexpected past costs from significant Program or policy changes.	N/A
Total Unit Price (<i>sum of components, rounded <u>down</u> to a whole dollar amount</i>)	\$113

Custom Monthly Plan Monthly Payment Components	
Principal Amount Calculated as the Unit Purchase Price (currently \$113) multiplied by the number of Units purchased, divided by the number of months/payments in the Agreement.	Varies (depending on contract term and number of units)
Finance Charge Offsets lost investment earnings that would otherwise have been recognized if the Units had been purchased up front. A small adjustment is also added to each payment to pay finance charges accrued in the three-months prior to the first monthly payment due date.	7.5%/annual
Payment Processing Fee Covers the administrative costs and banking fees for processing each monthly payment.	\$1.54/month

Custom Monthly Plan Payment Chart												
Contract Term (years)	Custom Monthly Plan Units											
	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600
18	\$49	\$97	\$144	\$191	\$239	\$286	\$333	\$381	\$428	\$475	\$523	\$570
17	\$51	\$99	\$148	\$197	\$246	\$294	\$343	\$392	\$440	\$489	\$538	\$587
16	\$52	\$103	\$153	\$203	\$253	\$304	\$354	\$404	\$454	\$505	\$555	\$605
15	\$54	\$106	\$158	\$210	\$262	\$314	\$366	\$419	\$471	\$523	\$575	\$627
14	\$56	\$110	\$164	\$219	\$273	\$327	\$381	\$435	\$489	\$543	\$597	\$652
13	\$59	\$115	\$172	\$228	\$285	\$341	\$398	\$454	\$511	\$568	\$624	\$681
12	\$61	\$121	\$180	\$240	\$299	\$358	\$418	\$477	\$537	\$596	\$656	\$715
11	\$65	\$128	\$190	\$253	\$316	\$379	\$442	\$505	\$567	\$630	\$693	\$756
10	\$69	\$136	\$203	\$270	\$337	\$404	\$471	\$538	\$605	\$672	\$738	\$805
9	\$74	\$146	\$218	\$290	\$362	\$434	\$506	\$578	\$650	\$722	\$794	\$866
8	\$80	\$159	\$237	\$316	\$394	\$473	\$551	\$630	\$708	\$787	\$865	\$943
7	\$89	\$176	\$262	\$349	\$436	\$523	\$609	\$696	\$783	\$870	\$956	\$1,043
6	\$100	\$198	\$296	\$394	\$492	\$589	\$687	\$785	\$883	\$981	\$1,079	\$1,177
5	\$116	\$229	\$343	\$456	\$570	\$683	\$797	\$911	\$1,024	\$1,138	\$1,251	\$1,365
4	\$139	\$276	\$414	\$551	\$688	\$825	\$962	\$1,100	\$1,237	\$1,374	\$1,511	\$1,648
3	\$179	\$355	\$532	\$709	\$886	\$1,062	\$1,239	\$1,416	\$1,592	\$1,769	\$1,946	\$2,122
2	\$258	\$514	\$770	\$1,026	\$1,282	\$1,538	\$1,793	\$2,049	\$2,305	\$2,561	\$2,817	\$3,073
1	\$496	\$990	\$1,484	\$1,978	\$2,472	\$2,966	\$3,460	\$3,954	\$4,448	\$4,942	\$5,436	\$5,930

2017-2018 Program Unit Pricing Assumptions

The Office of the State Actuary (OSA) provided a Price-Setting Analysis to assist the Committee in setting the 2017-18 Unit Purchase Price. Two key economic assumptions underlying the pricing analysis include expected investment returns and expected tuition growth. Below is a summary of how OSA treated these assumptions for the 2017-18 Unit Pricing Analysis.

Investment Returns. The OSA uses this assumption in the price-setting analysis to determine the present value of future Unit payouts. The OSA updated the assumed long-term rate of investment return from 6% to 5.65% based on WSIB's most recent capital market assumptions and the Program's long-term asset allocation targets. The OSA implicitly assumed the current long-term asset allocation targets of 60% global equity/40% fixed income will remain unchanged throughout the projection period.

Tuition Growth Assumptions. This assumption helps the OSA model the expected growth in future Unit payout values. In response to the tuition-setting policy enacted in the 2017-19 Washington State Operating Budget, the OSA updated in-State tuition growth estimates (*see table to the right*). The OSA relied on the tuition growth model disclosed in the 2016 GET Actuarial Valuation Report to develop the tuition growth assumptions. Actual tuition growth may vary from OSA's assumptions.

Setting the Unit Purchase Price. Ultimately, the Committee discussed and evaluated the information and assumptions presented in the 2017-18 Unit Pricing Analysis, and set the 2017-18 Unit Purchase Price.

Tuition Growth Assumptions (Best Estimate)	
Academic Year	Expected Tuition Growth
2017-2018	2.20%
2018-2019	2.00%
2019-2020	6.50%
2020-2021	6.50%
2021-2022	6.50%
2022-2023	6.50%
2023-2024	5.00%
2024-2025	5.00%
2025-2026	5.00%
2026-2027+	5.00%

2017-2018 Program Fees

Type of Fee	Amount
Account Fees	
Paper Enrollment Form Fee (<i>non-refundable</i>) Effective November 1, 2017, we only charge this fee for mailed paper enrollment forms. Additionally, if you open more than two Accounts for Students living at the same home address, we will waive all future enrollment fees for Students living at that address (accounts that have been refunded, canceled, or rolled over to another 529 plan are not included as eligible Accounts).	Paper Enrollment Form: \$50 Online Enrollment Form: N/A
Late Payment Fee For Custom Monthly Plans, all payments are due on the 15th day of each month. We will post a late fee to your Account if we do not receive your monthly payment by the 10th day following the due date.	\$10
Dishonored Payment Fee (Automatic withdrawal, electronic payments, and checks)	\$25 or actual fee charged by the bank, whichever is greater
Refund Fees	
Program Refund Penalty For all Refunds except in the event of death, disability, Scholarship, attendance at a U.S. service academy, or graduation/completion of a degree or certificate.	10% of earnings or \$100, whichever is greater
Account Cancellation Fee (<i>assessed on Refunds only</i>)	\$10
Account Maintenance Fee (<i>assessed on Refunds only</i>)	\$1.70 per month that the account was open and active
For Organizations	
Scholarship Set-up Fee (<i>non-refundable</i>)	\$100 per master account
Student Account Transfer Fee Assessed each time the Organization transfers Units from the master Account to a named Student Account (per Student Account).	\$25