

## 15 Money Saving Tips for College Students\*

1. Buy or rent used textbooks and sell last semester's books back.
2. Never go grocery shopping when you're hungry.
3. Limit the number of times you eat out monthly.
4. Always pay bills on time to avoid late fees.
5. When planning meals, make dinner with friends and split the cost of groceries. Often times, you'll be cooking too much for one person anyway!
6. Sell what you no longer use or need. There are plenty of stores and web sites, like Poshmark and Craigslist, where you can sell your used clothing, furniture or tech items.
7. Don't buy the most expensive college meal plans. Figure out what you'll actually eat and get the correlating package.
8. Shop where they offer student discounts. There are so many places that offer discounts to students with a school ID.
9. Never take out a loan for anything that's unrelated to your education.
10. Open a savings account that earns interest. Credit unions have fewer fees and are great for students.
11. Go to class. You're paying for it and skipping is like throwing money out the window!
12. Wait to get a pet until after college – a pet can become very expensive. Not only do you have another mouth to feed, but veterinary bills are costly. If you love animals, there are plenty of shelters that need volunteers.
13. Take advantage of what your campus has to offer in terms of activities, rather than spending money on going out. Many campuses have an array of museums, offer movie nights and other social events for cheap or sometimes for free.
14. Don't buy unnecessary school supplies. Why buy cumbersome notebooks when you can type on your laptop? It's better for the earth anyway!
15. Don't buy books you will only need for a short period of time – check them out from the library instead.

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