

**COMPARISON OF RESIDENTAL MEAL PLANS AT SELECTED INSTITUTIONS**  
(The sources of this information are the web sites of the universities.)

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Type of Plan</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Central Arkansas	Unlimited cafeteria meals	\$1,120 <sup>1</sup>	
ASU-Jonesboro	Unlimited cafeteria meals	\$1,295	
UA-Fayetteville	Unlimited cafeteria meals	\$1,663	Includes \$140 in flex dollars
UA-Little Rock	15 cafeteria meals per week	\$1,300	Includes \$100 in flex dollars
McNeese State	Unlimited cafeteria meals	\$1,199	Includes \$75 in flex dollars
Nicholls State	19 cafeteria meals per week	\$1,470	Includes \$225 in flex dollars
Texas State	250 cafeteria meals	\$1,200	Includes \$75 in flex dollars
Sam Houston State	Unlimited cafeteria meals	\$1,650	Includes \$100 in flex dollars

<sup>1</sup>UCA's budget shows a slightly smaller figure.

**Note 1:** Flex dollars means credit for purchasing meals in other on-campus dining facilities such as food courts, student center snack bars, or coffee shops.

**Note 2:** Listed in the table are all Arkansas schools which compete athletically in NCAA Division I, except UAPB. I was unable to obtain the cost of the 20 meal per week plan but the costs of individual meals included in that plan is between \$5 and \$6 per meal. Extrapolating that would make their cost approximately in line with UA-Fayetteville and UA-Little Rock.

**Note 3:** The other four schools were randomly selected from the football playing members of the Southland Conference (UCA's conference).

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Per Meal<sup>1</sup></b>
ASU	4.54
McNeese	3.94
Nicholls	4.36
Sam Houston	5.44
Texas State	4.50
UAF	5.34
UALR	6.67
UCA	3.93

<sup>1</sup>For those institutions that have unlimited meals the number of meals was computed as 19 meals per week \* 15 weeks which is a total of 285 meals. Estimated cost per meal was computed as (cost – flex dollars) divided by meals.

