

So, You Want to Go To Graduate School?

School-Related Costs: A Projection Based on Three Possible Choices

Graduate Schools			1		2		3	
Costs								
	Tuition							
	Fees							
	Books, etc.							
	Travel							
	Other							
Total for one year								
Sources of Funds								
	Savings							
	Earnings							
	Parents							
	Spouse							
	Scholarships							
	Fellowships							
	Financial Aid							
	Loans							
	VA benefits							
	Grants							
	Social Security							
	Stocks, Bonds							
	Other							
Total Available								

When doing a budget, the best strategy is to do it twice--once using a best-case scenario and again, using a worst-case one. That way you eliminate the possibility of being surprised by having either overestimated or underestimated. The actual amount you'll wind up using will probably be somewhere in between.