

## Cost of Attendance Items

### Overview

Definition: COA Items are the different budget elements that a student may be assigned when calculating the student's yearly budget. These COA Items can be assigned to a student manually on a one-by-one basis, or added to a COA group and assigned to the student in a batch. When defining COA Groups, the configurator is able to create a student's budget, with the budget amounts and to which terms they apply, and create a dPIG (Oracle provided tool) to assign each COA Group (and therefore the associated Item) to the student's record. It is the difference of the budget calculated using COA Items and the student's EFC that produces the student's need. The student's need is used when packaging a student.

The Item and Description fields allow a user to define a COA Item. The Item Category field allows a user to map the COA item to a seeded value (thereby allowing the system to understand why type of COA Item is being defined by the user). The seeded value is used to enforce some limits on the COA item.

### Configuration Guidelines

This workbook contains several worksheets. The design worksheet is used to capture configuration decisions reached during meetings such as: consensus reached for certain values, or if a field will be used to capture miscellaneous information from the school. The configuration worksheet will capture the actual values to be configured in the system.