



Family Law

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Our oldest is in University and my ex wants me to pay the full amount of child support plus half of her expenses. My friend says that's not how it works, which way is right? I am still paying table child support and our daughter started University last September.

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With respect to child support payable for your daughter in University: normally, Court Orders and Separation Agreements are very detailed with respect to who pays what for extraordinary expenses such as University or College; the norm is that the child contributes \$2500-\$3000 per academic year from their employment, then RESPs, scholarships, bursaries and OSAP grants are deducted from the total. What expense is left over after all of these items are deducted, the parents split according to agreement, either a fixed percentage [e.g. 50/50] or a percentage according to relative incomes - [e.g. 40/60].

Absent your Court Order or Separation Agreement specifying that you will continue to pay the full amount of child support on top of half the University expenses, the child support tables have a category for College and University students called 'summer', which reduces the

amount of child support payable to 33.3% of what would be paid at full table rates, the justification being that first, this is a young adult who can earn an income from May through August and second, that the parents are presumptively already sharing in post-secondary costs.

To give you an example, if you had one child and you earned \$65,000 a year, table child support would be \$605 a month however 'summer' child support would be \$202 per month. If you need any help with these concepts or calculations, or to persuade your ex, contact a Family Lawyer, who can help you with this at a modest cost.

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