

# COLUMBIA & NYC ON A BUDGET

## FLI TIPS SHEET




NAVIGATING COLUMBIA & NYC ON A BUDGET CAN BE HARD, BUT LUCKILY THERE ARE MANY PLACES TO GET WHAT YOU NEED FOR THE LOW.

CHECK OUT THESE TIPS COMPILED BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST-GENERATION AND/OR LOW-INCOME (FLI) COMMUNITY.



### ENTERTAINMENT

- Visit the Met, Met Cloisters, MoMA and many other museums, **free with your CUID**. 
- Through the **Arts Initiative at Columbia**, you can get free or discounted tickets to plays, movies, operas and so much more.
- Go to other parts of the city and **just explore!** Walk across the Williamsburg Bridge, ride the Staten Island Ferry, visit Washington Heights, etc.
- Check **Facebook Events** to see what free things are going on in the city.
- If you don't mind waiting, consider getting **standby tickets** to plays, operas, etc.

### DOLLAR STORES

Looking for toiletries, school supplies, laundry detergent and other small things for your dorm room? There are many dollar stores within walking distance and you can **buy everything there!**


- Dollar Variety (762 Amsterdam Ave.)
- Dollar Tree (280 St. Nicholas Ave.)
- 125th Street 99 Cent Mart (521 125th St.)

This is a great **group trip** especially if you're planning on getting lots of stuff, since the walks can be long, but almost everyone could use something from the dollar store!

### FOOD/GROCERIES

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- Just a little further from campus there are many places to buy more **affordable groceries** including:
    - Key Food (755 Amsterdam Ave.)
    - C-Town (560 W 125th St.)
    - Trader Joe's (670 Columbus Ave.)
  - Consider using campus resources like **The Food Pantry at Columbia** (Lerner Hall, 582)
  - During **Winter Break**, look out for free meals provided by the Student Councils and Undergraduate Student Life.

### CLOTHING & SUPPLIES

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- Go **thrifting!** Visit places like Urban Jungle, L-Train Vintage, Beacon's Closet, etc.
  - The **DSAF (Dean's Student Assistance Fund)** provides one-time funding for **winter clothing**, like a coat and boots. CC and SEAS students can apply through the Office of Financial Aid.
  - Check out the **Columbia Morningside Buy/Sell Group** on Facebook for clothing, lamps, small furniture and much more being sold by other Columbia students!

