

# Paying Your Way Through College

# **General Information**

### **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®**

PROFILE, the financial aid application service of the College Board, allows students to apply for financial aid online.

http://profileonline.collegeboard.com

### Can You Spot a Scholarship Scam?

Is it true that "millions of dollars in private scholarship money goes unused every year"? www.collegeboard.com (Click on "For Parents," then "Pay for College")

### **FAFSA**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov

### fedMoney.org

A free online resource for information on all U.S. government grants, scholarships, and loans for students. www.fedmoney.org

### FinAid! The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid

This award-winning site is a comprehensive source of financial aid information, advice, and tools. www.finaid.org

### **GIBill.com**

The new GI Bill offers up to 100% tuition and fee coverage, a monthly housing stipend, money for books and supplies, and more.

www.gibill.com

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# **Mapping Your Future**

A nonprofit organization providing career, college, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services for students, families, and schools, sponsored by student loan guaranty agencies. http://mappingyourfuture.org

### The Project on Student Debt

An initiative of the "Institute for College Access & Success," a nonprofit independent research and policy organization dedicated to making college more affordable to people of all backgrounds. www.projectonstudentdebt.org

### Student Aid on the Web

Free information about grants, student loans, work study, and more, from the U.S. Department of Education. http://studentaid.ed.gov

### students.gov

A cooperative effort between federal agencies, students, and other parts of the education community to provide access to information about government resources. www.students.gov (Click on "Pay for your education...")

# **Grants**

### ACGGrant.com

The Academic Competitiveness Grant is available to first- and second-year undergraduate students, and is awarded in addition to the Pell Grant award.
www.acggrant.com

### EducationGrant.com

Provides information and the latest news on financial aid resources to help students pay for education. www.educationgrant.com

### Federal Pell Grant Program

Provides information on this grant for low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students. www.ed.gov (Search on Pell Grant)

### **Grants & Contracts**

Information and applications from the U.S. Department of Education. www.ed.gov (Click on "Funding")

### **National SMART Grant**

The National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant is available to Pell Grant-eligible students who are majoring in physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, engineering or a critical foreign language; or non-major single liberal arts programs. http://studentaid.ed.gov (Search on SMART grant)

### Scientific Grants & Funding

Provides information on funding from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/funding

### **TEACH Grant**

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education grant provides funds to students who plan to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full-time for at least four years.

http://teach-ats.ed.gov

# **Scholarships**

# College Scholarships

Browse by type of scholarship, such as for certain health conditions, sports, majors, minorities, religions, military service, and more.

www.collegescholarships.org

# Imagine American Foundation | Scholarships for Education

High school seniors, military personnel, and adult learners can apply for career school scholarships through this foundation.

www.imagine-america.org

### **National Merit Scholarship Corporation**

Scholarships for academically talented American high school students. www.nationalmerit.org

### Reserve Officer Training Corps

Programs offering tuition assistance to cadets by granting numerous scholarships to members who qualify. www.rotc.com

# SallieMae® | College Answer: The Planning for College Destination

Provides access to a scholarship database containing more than 3 million scholarships, updated and expanded daily. SallieMae® is the nation's leading provider of student loans and administrator of college savings plans.

www.collegeanswer.com

# Loans

### **Direct PLUS Loans for Parents**

Parents of dependent students may apply for a Direct PLUS loan to help pay their child's education expenses. http://studentaid.ed.gov (Click on "Federal Student Aid Programs," then choose "PLUS Loans")

### **Direct Stafford Loans**

Low-interest loans for eligible students to help cover the costs at a four-year college or university, community college, or trade, career, or technical school.

http://studentaid.ed.gov (Click on "Federal Student Aid Programs," then choose "Stafford Loans")

# eStudentLoan: Compare Student Loans and Apply Online

Provides resources to help you understand everything you need to know about student loans for college. www.estudentloan.com

#### School Loans

Learn about different types of financial aid, and get tips for spending and saving while in college. http://schoolloans.org

### StudentLoans.gov

Your source for information from the U.S. Department of Education about how to manage your student loans. http://studentloans.gov

### SuperCollege.com

Provides information on getting into and paying for college; includes an "Ask the Experts" section. www.supercollege.com

# **Campus-Based Aid**

### **FSEOG.com**

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) are for undergraduates with exceptional financial need.

www.fseog.com

### Federal-Work-Study.com

Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for students with financial need. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study. www.federal-work-study.com

### **Perkins Loan**

Information about the low-interest loan for students with exceptional financial need. Federal Perkins Loans are made through a school's financial aid office. www.perkinsloan.net