

## Financial Aid Resources

This list was assembled from recommendations by admissions and financial aid professionals, as well as other higher education officials. It should not, however, be taken as a formal endorsement of any particular product or service.

### **Federal Student Financial Aid Homepage**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education

**Address:** <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

**Description:** Best starting point for information on federal student financial aid. Includes links to publications, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and information on tax credits for education expenses.

### **College Is Possible**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** The Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities

**Address:** [www.CollegeIsPossible.org](http://www.CollegeIsPossible.org)

**Description:** The Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities has developed resources to help parents and students who are looking for answers about college. The Coalition Web site, [www.CollegeIsPossible.org](http://www.CollegeIsPossible.org), is a "one-stop shop" with links and information on books, Web sites, and brochures recommended by admissions and financial aid professionals. Parents and students may access much of the same information by calling the U.S. Department of Education's special toll-free number for college information, 1-800-433-3243, and requesting the College Is Possible brochure.

### **Preparing Your Child for College: A Resource Book for Parents**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education

**Address:** [www.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare](http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare)

**Description:** This very popular book is now available only online.

**Think College...Learn for a Lifetime!**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education

**Address:** [www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/thinkcollege/edlite-index.html](http://www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/thinkcollege/edlite-index.html)

**Description:** This U.S. Department of Education Web site has special sections for parents whose children have not yet entered high school, high school-aged youth and their parents, and adults seeking to return to school.

**Think College? Me? Now?**

**Publication Type:** Booklet

**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education

**Cost:** Free

**Address:** [www.ed.gov/pubs/CollegeMeNow/](http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CollegeMeNow/)

**Description:** Encourages middle school and junior high school students to begin planning for their college education now and emphasizes that getting a good education is important in achieving future goals. This publication explains the benefits of taking certain academic courses now and describes ways of financing higher education, including new laws that allow for HOPE Scholarship tax credits, increases in Pell grants, and student loans, so that every child in America can pay for at least a two-year college education. This booklet is also available online at [www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/thinkcollege/early/edlite-index.html](http://www.ed.gov/students/prep/college/thinkcollege/early/edlite-index.html).

**National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators For Parents and Students**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

**Address:** [www.nasfaa.org/SubHomes/DoItAffordIt/afforditcover.html](http://www.nasfaa.org/SubHomes/DoItAffordIt/afforditcover.html)

**Description:** Information on preparing for college academically and financially from campus financial aid administrators.

**The College Board Homepage**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** The College Board

**Address:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**Description:** Designed for high-school students and their parents. Includes information on SAT registration and preparation. Students can create an organizer to get deadline reminders and update a college application checklist. The CSS/Financial Aid Profile, required by many private colleges, is also here. Features information on academic and financial planning, including a savings calculator.

### **College Answer Homepage**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** Sallie Mae

**Address:** [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

**Description:** Features interactive calculators to help families project future college prices and their expected family contribution, a scholarship search, and assistance in selecting a college.

### **Financing College**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** Kiplinger Business Times

**Cost:** \$17.95

**To order:** Call 1-800-280-7165

### **Funding a College Education: Finding the Right School for Your Child and the Right Fit for Your Budget**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** Harvard Business School Publishing

**Cost:** \$14.95

**To order:** Call 1-800-545-7685

### **Smart Parents' Guide to College: The 10 Most Important Factors for Students and Parents to Know When Choosing a College**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** Ernest L. Boyer & Paul Boyer

**Cost:** \$3.74

**To order:** Go to <http://www.amazon.com/Smart-Parents-Guide-College-Important/dp/1560795913>

### **College Times**

**Publication type:** Magazine for high school students

**Publisher:** The College Board

**Cost:** \$26.95 for package of 50

**To order:** Call 1-800-323-7155, M-F 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. (ET)

### **Find Your Community College**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** U.S. News and World Report and the American Association of Community Colleges

**Address:** [www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex\\_brief.php](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php)

**Description:** The publishers have produced this site to help students find the community college that best fits their needs.

### **ACT Assessment**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** American College Testing

**Address:** [www.act.org/aap/faq/general.html](http://www.act.org/aap/faq/general.html)

**Description:** Information and registration for the ACT Assessment.

### **Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education

**Cost:** Free

**To order:** Call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/)

**Need a Lift? College Financial Aid Handbook**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** The American Legion

**Cost:** \$3 + Shipping/handling

**To order:** call 1-888-453-4466 or write American Legion Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206

**Don't Miss Out: The Ambitious Student's Guide to Financial Aid**

**Publication type:** Book

**Publisher:** Octameron Association

**Cost:** \$13

**Address:** [www.thinktuition.com](http://www.thinktuition.com)

**Families' Guide to the 1997 Tax Cuts for Education**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Address:** [www.ed.gov/updates/97918tax.html](http://www.ed.gov/updates/97918tax.html)

**Description:** A summary from the U.S. Department of Education of new tax credit and savings programs for higher education authorized by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

**FinAid: The Smart Student™ Guide to Financial Aid**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** Mark Kantrowitz

**Address:** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

**Description:** One-stop shopping for all types of financial aid information. Provides links to many other sites.

**FastWeb**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** FastWeb

**Address:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**Description:** There are thousands of private scholarships available. This Web site boasts one of the largest free scholarship databases, with more than 400,000 listings.

### **CollegeNet Mach25 Scholarship Database**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** CollegeNET Address: [www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25)

**Description:** Features more than 500,000 scholarships from 1,500 sponsoring organizations. This Web site allows students to save listings and create letters requesting more information.

### **The College Fund/UNCF**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** The College Fund/UNCF

**Address:** [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

**Description:** Lists scholarships available to students attending historically black colleges and universities that are members of The College Fund/UNCF.

### **Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities**

**Publication type:** Resource paper, Web site

**Publisher:** Mark Kantrowitz

**Address:** [www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/disabled.phtml)

**Description:** On this page, you'll find information about scholarships and fellowships for students with disabilities.

### **Gates Millennium Scholarship Program**

**Publication type:** Web site

**Publisher:** The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

**Address:** [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org)

**Description:** Assists African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian-Pacific American, and Hispanic American students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs.