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(National Center for Educational Statistics (2002))



## Paying FOR COLLEGE

Every year, more than 7 million U.S. college students receive financial aid. You, too, may be able to receive aid, and you don't need to be a straight-A student or star athlete to qualify. The following resources will help you understand the student aid process. They include general information on financial aid, the forms you'll need to apply, and databases that you can search for grants and scholarships.

### The Student Guide

**Publication Type:** Book  
**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Cost:** Free  
**To order:** Call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or visit [http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student\\_guide/index.html](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html)

### Cash for College

**Publication Type:** Brochure  
**Publisher:** National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
**Cost:** Booklets are 50 cents each for orders under 500.  
**To order:** Call 202-785-0453, ext. 5. The brochure is also available online at <http://www.nasfaa.org/subhomes/cash4college/index2.html>

### Top 10 Financial Aid Questions

**Publication Type:** Brochure  
**Publisher:** National Association for College Admissions Counseling  
**Cost:** Free  
**To order:** Call 703-836-2222 or write 1631 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

### Need a Lift? College Financial Aid Handbook

**Publication Type:** Book  
**Publisher:** The American Legion  
**Cost:** \$3.95  
**To order:** Write National Emblem Sales, PO Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or call 888-453-4466

### Sallie Mae

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** Sallie Mae  
**Address:** [scholarships.salliemae.com](http://scholarships.salliemae.com)  
**Description:** Provides access to the College Aid Sources for Higher Education database.

### Financial Aid for Students

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Address:** [www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students](http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students)  
**Description:** Best starting point for information on federal student financial aid. Includes links to publications, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and information on new tax cuts for higher education.

### FastWEB

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** FastWEB  
**Address:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
**Description:** There are thousands of private scholarships available. This website boasts one of the largest free scholarship databases, with more than 400,000 listings.

### StudentLoan.com

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** Citibank  
**Address:** [www.StudentLoan.com](http://www.StudentLoan.com)  
**Description:** In addition to information on Citibank's student loan programs, this site features budget and student loan calculators, general information on student aid, and links to college search sites.

### College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** The College Board  
**Address:** <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>  
**Description:** This financial aid application form is required by many private colleges. Visit website or call 1-800-778-6888.

### The Financial Aid Information Page

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** Mark Kanrowitz  
**Address:** [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
**Description:** One-stop shopping for all types of financial aid information.

### 2003 Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** HEATH Resource Center  
**Address:** [www.health.gwu.edu](http://www.health.gwu.edu)  
**Description:** Updated annually. Explains the various types of financial aid, and lists organizations that offer disability-related grants and scholarships.

### Parent Guide for Paying for College

**Publication Type:** Book  
**Publisher:** The College Board  
**Cost:** \$14.95  
**To order:** Call 1-800-323-7155, M-F 8 a.m.-11 p.m. ET, or visit [http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/pay/aid\\_and\\_how\\_to\\_pay/](http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/pay/aid_and_how_to_pay/)



## CHOOSING THE Right COLLEGE

What sort of college do you want to attend? There are many options, from community and technical colleges, to small private colleges and large state universities. Each has its own distinct advantages and benefits. The following resources will help you choose the right school for you, as well as provide information about the college admissions process.

### A Guide to the College Admissions Process

**Publication Type:** Book  
**Publisher:** National Association for College Admissions Counseling  
**Cost:** \$6.00  
**To order:** Call 703-836-2222 or write 1631 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

### College Handbook 2004

**Publication Type:** Book  
**Publisher:** The College Board  
**Cost:** \$27.95  
**To order:** Call 1-800-323-7155, M-F 8 a.m.-11 p.m. ET, or visit [http://store.collegeboard.com/product\\_detail.asp?item=006941](http://store.collegeboard.com/product_detail.asp?item=006941)

### College Search

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** The College Board  
**Address:** <http://www.collegeboard.com/csearch>  
**Description:** This site features an online college search program as well as information on admissions and financial aid.

### CollegeQuest

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** Peterson's and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
**Address:** <http://www.petersons.com/ugchannel/>  
**Description:** This site features a college search program as well as information on financial aid and admissions tests.

### Find Your Community College

**Publication Type:** Website  
**Publisher:** *U.S. News and World Report* and the American Association of Community Colleges  
**Address:** <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/colhome.htm>  
**Description:** The publishers have produced this site to help students find the community college that best fits their needs.

### How to Choose a College: Guide for the Student with a Disability

**Publication Type:** Booklet, Website  
**Publisher:** A joint project of the Association on Higher Education and Disability and the HEATH Resource Center  
**Address:** [www.health.gwu.edu](http://www.health.gwu.edu)  
**Description:** Offers a step-by-step approach to the college search and decision-making process.