

Intro Poll

Paying for College Toolkit Updates



Paying for College Toolkit 2.0

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Agenda

- Review ways to pay for college
- Explore the updated toolkit with new activities
- Finish with different ways to use the toolkit in your schools

Paying for College: Order of Operations

1st

Free money (such as scholarships or grants)

Nearly free resources (such as CE/AP/IB or dual enrollment)



2nd

Earned money (such as work-study or other employment)

Saved money (such as a 529, credit union, or bank account)



3rd

Borrowed money (use federal student loans before private)

Ways to Pay for College

1. Apply for Scholarships

- State scholarships, institutional scholarships, private scholarships

2. File the FAFSA

- Grants, work-study, student loans

3. Earn

- Work-study, other employment, benefits from work such as tuition reduction or tuition reimbursement

4. Save

- Bank or credit union, 529 education savings account, other investment accounts, ABLE savings account (STABLE) for students with disabilities

5. Find other ways to cut costs

- Take college courses while in high school and many other ideas

Poll Question 2

Paying for College Toolkit 2.0 Update

The new toolkit has seven PowerPoint presentations

- The Full Presentation
- The Simplified Presentation



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- The Full Presentation
- The Simplified Presentation
- Then there are five smaller presentations with each subject.

Apply for Scholarships



File the FAFSA



Earn and Save



Paying for College Student Bundle

Individual Student Situations




Creative Ways to Cut Costs



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- There are eight handouts to accompany the presentations:
 - Handout 1 – Apply for Scholarships
 - Handout 2 – File the FAFSA
 - Handout 3 – Earn and Save
 - Handout 4 – Creative Ways to Cut Costs
- Individual student situation handouts:
 - Handout 5 – Deferral
 - Handout 6 – FAFSA Eligibility
 - Handout 7 – Tribal Citizen/Member
 - Handout 8 – Students with Disabilities

Paying for College: Apply for Scholarships  Scan for scholarship video

Did you know?
Scholarships are not just for high school seniors or current college students! For example, these scholarship providers open applications to students in kindergarten:

- My529™ Make Your Mark
- My529™ Book Your Summer
- Doodle4Google™

Who provides scholarships?

- State and local government
- Technical colleges, community colleges, and universities
- Community organizations, school districts, and K-12 schools
- Companies and corporations
- Private donors

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES

- ✓ Merit-based scholarships
- ✓ Need-based scholarships
- ✓ Athletic scholarships
- ✓ Activity-based scholarships
- ✓ Identity-based scholarships
- ✓ Field of study scholarships
- ✓ Creative or artistic scholarships
- ✓ Military scholarships

Getting Started

1. School counseling or guidance office

- Ask: "Who can I talk to about scholarships in high school?"
- Set up a time to meet and be prepared with questions
- Apply to as many scholarships as possible

2. Apply through your college or university

- Scholarships upon admission
 - Many Utah colleges have automatic scholarship opportunities when students apply
 - Some colleges do have separate scholarship applications
- Departmental scholarships
- Leadership scholarships
- Private scholarships

3. Explore employer-sponsored tuition

- Tuition reduction
 - Employer benefits that provide reduced tuition
- Tuition reimbursement
 - Employer benefits that reimburse employees for tuition costs
- Employee scholarships
- Both parents' or students' employers may offer this benefit

4. Community scholarships

- Many community organizations and local businesses provide scholarship opportunities.
 - Inquire at your credit union
 - Check with local businesses
 - Ask community organizations
- Local scholarships can increase chances of earning the award
- Apply for small scholarships, too, \$250-1,000 scholarships can reduce out-of-pocket costs

5. Online scholarship search

- An online search for scholarships can go a long way. Just be aware of scams and fraudulent applications. Never pay to apply for a scholarship. If a website looks sketchy, then just leave and move on to an official site.

6. File the FAFSA

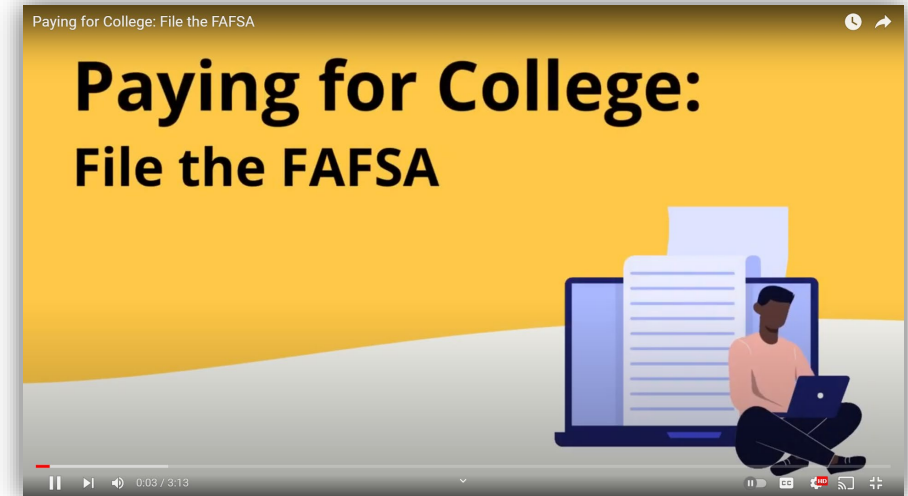
- Although the FAFSA doesn't give scholarships, it may be required to qualify for scholarships.
- Commonly, scholarships requiring the FAFSA are based on need. However, that isn't always the case.
- An example would be the Opportunity Scholarship, which is merit-based.

Additional Resources

USHE.edu/state-scholarships-aid	Goingmerry.com
KTSutah.org	Fastweb.com
Myscholly.com	Scholarships.com
Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships	Cappex.com
Unigo.com	Niche.com
Chegg.com/scholarships	Careeronestop.org

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- The toolkit has four complementary videos:
 - Video 1 – Apply for Scholarships
 - Video 2 – File the FAFSA
 - Video 3 – Earn and Save
 - Video 4 – Creative Ways to Cut Costs
- There are 13 more short videos available to support teaching techniques.



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- The toolkit has five activities for classes
 - Activity 1 – Scholarship Scavenger Hunt
 - Activity 2 – Financial Aid Estimator
 - Activity 3 – Resume Builder
 - Activity 4 – College Benefits Bingo
 - Activity 5 – my529 Exploration

Bingo Sheet 1 Degree-Granting Colleges and Universities

Instructions: Select a college and program you are interested in or plan to attend. Then explore their website and search online to answer the questions. First to five in a row, wins!

Housing: What is the name of one on-campus housing building? _____ _____ _____	Student Involvement: When do Presidential or Student Ambassador applications open or close? _____ _____	Textbooks: Where can you buy textbooks at this college? _____ _____ _____	Transportation: How much is a parking pass or permit at the college? _____ _____ _____	Student Discounts: Find a discount offered to college students, either at the college or in the community. _____ _____ _____
Earn Credits: What program are you interested in studying at this college? _____ _____ _____	Transportation: Name a transportation benefit provided by the college. _____ _____ _____	Student Involvement: What is one student leadership position at this college? _____ _____ _____	Textbooks: Name a website to buy or rent textbooks. _____ _____ _____	Housing: What is the name of one off-campus housing building? _____ _____ _____
Transportation: Name a transportation benefit provided by the college. _____ _____ _____	Student Discounts: Find a discount offered to college students, either at the college or in the community. _____ _____ _____	Earn Credits: How much are tuition, fees, and other costs for a full-time student for a semester or year? _____ _____ _____	Student Resources: What is one resource available to students from the Student Resource Center or Student Services? _____ _____ _____	Housing: What is the monthly or semester cost of one off-campus housing location? _____ _____ _____
Student Involvement: When do Residential Assistant applications open or close? _____ _____ _____	Textbooks: Where can you find textbooks on reserve at the college? Search library reserve. _____ _____ _____	Transportation: Name a transportation benefit provided by the college. _____ _____ _____	Student Discounts: Find a discount offered to college students, either at the college or in the community. _____ _____ _____	Earn Credits: For your interested program, how many credits are required to graduate? _____ _____ _____
Housing: What is the monthly or semester cost of one on-campus housing location? _____ _____ _____	Student Resources: What is one resource available to students from the Student Resource Center? _____ _____ _____	Housing: What is the name of one on-campus housing building? _____ _____ _____	Earn Credits: Does the college provide summer classes? _____ _____ _____	Student Involvement: Name one club at the college you're interested in joining. _____ _____ _____

Go to ushe.edu to find the Toolkit

Sharing the Toolkit

PCCRs

- Share slides or videos on your computer screen or associated TV
- Print handouts to share with families. They can take notes and bring them home





Sharing the Toolkit

Classroom presentations or lessons

- Present the shorter presentation—over 20-30 minutes
- Share the full presentation over a whole class period
- Print handouts for students
- Play videos to support teaching
- Work on activity sheets in class

Sharing the Toolkit

Workshops or family events:

- Host an event and share the first eight slides
- Show five individual presentations or activities
- Make handouts available in each breakout room
- Use the videos to help the presenters
- Volunteers to present will be easier to find with the toolkit





Sharing the Toolkit

Lunch activities or school news

- Share videos and handouts during lunch with students
- Videos can be shared on school news broadcasts. Invite students to visit the counseling office.

Sharing the Toolkit

Social media campaign

- Five-week or monthly series that discusses each section of the presentation
- Monthly plan
 - January: Scholarships
 - February: FAFSA
 - March: Earn and Save
 - April: Creative Ways
 - May: Review



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