



Finding Money for College: Cheat Sheet

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College Financial Aid Checklist

Print this checklist to keep track of your financial aid progress. You can link to [SayStudent.com](http://www.SayStudent.com) for more information and aid application forms.

Task to be Completed		Link for Information	Notes
UNDERSTAND AID PROCESS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make Yourself Eligible	www.SayStudent.com/eligibility.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependency vs. Independency	www.SayStudent.com/dependency.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Federal Aid Options	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note1.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Private Aid Options	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note2.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Other Aid Options	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note3.html	
STEPS IN THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Step1: Submit the FAFSA Form	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note5.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Step2: Review the SAR	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note5.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Step3: Get Your Award Letter	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note5.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Step4: Make Your Aid Submissions	www.SayStudent.com/aid-note5.html	
SUBMIT FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1st: Search for Scholarships	www.SayStudent.com/scholarship/	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2nd: Apply for Federal Student Loans	www.SayStudent.com/stafford.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3rd: Parents Apply for PLUS Loans	www.SayStudent.com/plus.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4th: Apply for Private Student Loans	www.SayStudent.com/private.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5th: Look for Other Financial Aid	www.SayStudent.com/other-aid.html	
MANAGE YOUR STUDENT FUNDS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Pre-Paid Money Card	www.SayStudent.com/card/	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Manage Your Credit	www.SayGoodCredit.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	When You Need Extra Money!	www.SayStudent.com/start/	

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SUMMARY AID CHARTS: FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Federal Financial Aid Campus-Based Programs

Student Financial Aid Program	Type of Aid	Other Information	Annual Award Limits	Disbursement
Federal Pell Grant	Grant: does not have to be repaid	Available to undergraduates only	Up to \$4,000	School acts as the U.S. Department of Education's agent
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	Grant: does not have to be repaid	Available to undergraduates only; check to see if you school participates in campus-based programs	Up to \$4,000	School disburses funds to students
Federal Work-Study	Money is earned: does not have to be repaid	Available to undergraduates and graduates; check to see if you school participates in campus-based programs	No annual maximum	School disburses earned funds to students
Federal Perkins Loan	Loan: must be repaid	Available to undergraduates and graduates; check to see if you school participates in campus-based programs	\$4,000 for undergraduate students; \$6,000 for graduate students	School disburses funds to students

Federal Financial Loans Direct Loan and FFEL Programs

Student Financial Aid Program	Type of Aid	Other Information	Annual Award Limits	Disbursement
Subsidized Stafford Loan more info: SayStudent.com	Loan: must be repaid	The Federal Government pays interest while the student is in school and during grace and deferment periods.	\$2,625 to \$18,500, depending on grade level	Direct Loans: The federal government provides funds to schools; FFEL: private lenders provide funds to schools to disburse to students
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan more info: SayStudent.com	Loan: must be repaid	The borrower is responsible for interest during the life of the loan.	\$2,625 to \$18,500, depending on grade level	
PLUS Loan more info: SayStudent.com	Loan: must be repaid	Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students.	Cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received	

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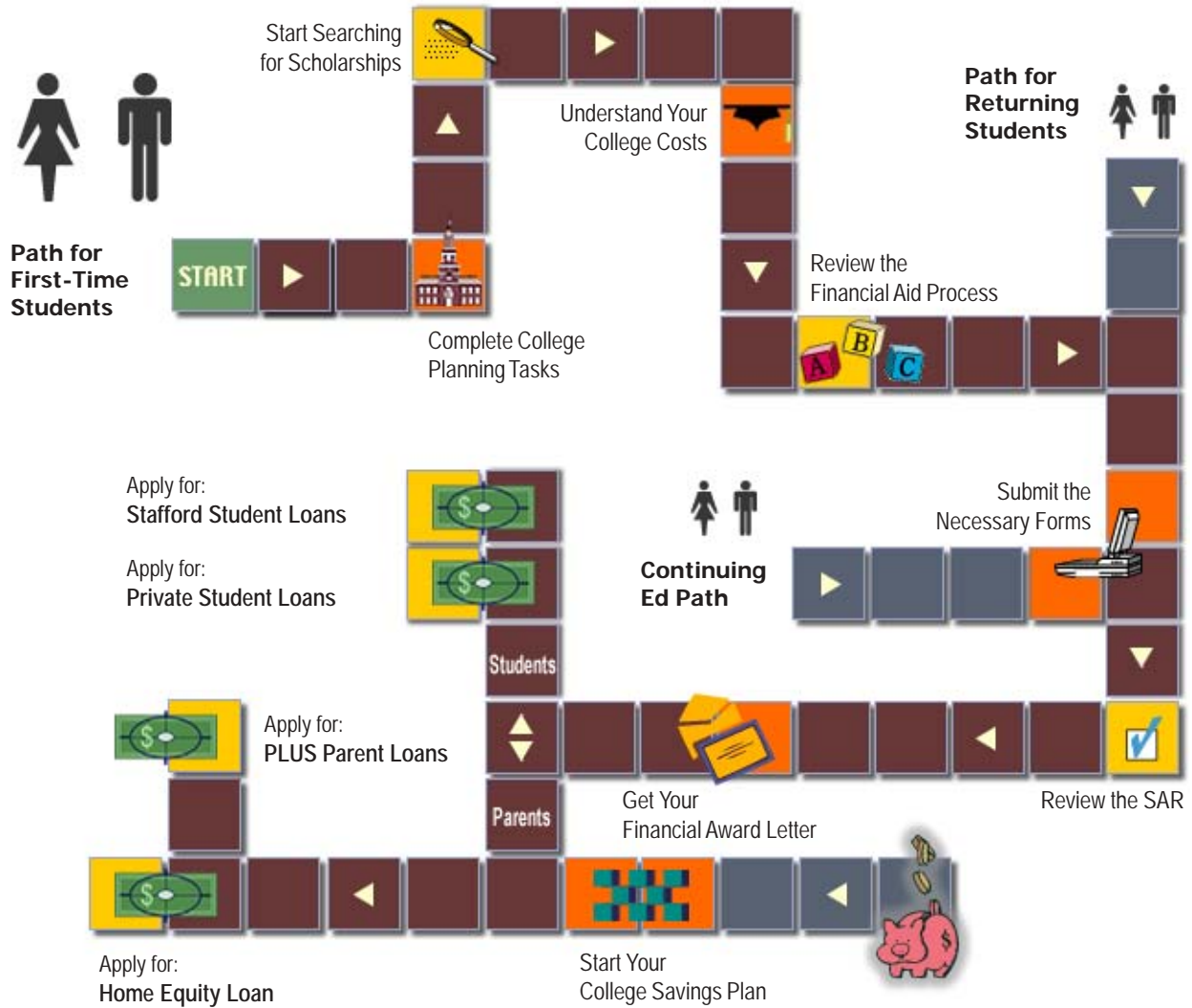
SUMMARY AID CHARTS: PRIVATE FINANCIAL AID

Private Financial Aid Programs Offered by Private Institutions and Colleges

Student Financial Aid Program	Type of Aid	Other Information	Annual Award Limits	Disbursement
Private Student Loans more info: SayStudent.com	Loan: must be repaid	Available to undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program at an approved college or university.	\$1,500 to \$30,000; the five-year maximum is \$130,000	Funds disbursed directly to the student
Home Equity Loans more info: SayStudent.com	Loan: must be repaid	Available to homeowners with an equity position at qualified LTV ratios: calculate your LTV position	No annual limits. Total amount limited by the approved balance upon closing.	Home equity lines: funds available whenever needed upon writing a check. Home equity loans: funds disbursed to the homeowner upon closing.
Scholarships start your search: SayStudent.com	Scholarships: does not have to be repaid	Available to undergraduates and graduates	Limit set by the school or sponsor	School or sponsor disburses funds to students
Work Programs	Money is earned: does not have to be repaid	Available to undergraduates and graduates	No annual maximum	Students paid based on employer policy

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FOLLOWING THE "FINANCIAL AID PATH" FOR COLLEGE



Follow the Path with Links:

<http://www.SayStudent.com/money-path/>

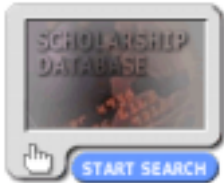
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SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available from many private and educational institutions:

the more common form of scholarships are athletic and academic:

however, there are a number of scholarships awarded for achievements in music, art, communications and by affiliation with private groups and associations.



Take note that many unfunded scholarships may be from your own local area — businesses and associations. So complete a thorough search using a comprehensive scholarship database.

start your search: <http://www.SayStudent.com/scholarship/>

Scholarship facts:

You need to start early to find all available scholarships. Check your field of study, ethnic background, social and religious affiliations, parent's employment, family club memberships, and local businesses and clubs.

Beware of potential scholarship scams. A general rule to follow is, "if the scholarship requests money from you in order to get money", they are likely a scam:

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detecting/reporting scholarship scams:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship/>

Scholarship requirements:

Every program is different, so check early on what will be required and make sure you meet all deadlines.

The scholarship may require an essay, written exam, or some demonstration/document of your eligibility

scholarship essay resources:

<http://www.SayStudent.com/scholarship/>

Most scholarships (including athletic) will require a minimum GPA. Failure to maintain your GPA level could forfeit your award.

Most scholarship funds will be sent to the college directly on your behalf.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT STUDENT LOANS

Federal Student Loans

Two types of federal student loans:

1) Stafford Student Loans

- available for undergraduate and graduate level
- amount limited per academic year
- FAFSA form requirement
- more information: <http://www.SayStudent.com/stafford.html>

2) Parent PLUS Loans

- available for parent of undergraduate students only
- amount limited to full cost of education minus student aid received
- FAFSA form requirement
- more information: <http://www.SayStudent.com/plus.html>



When You Need Money for College ... FAST!

You know what we are talking about. All of your —

- government student loans,
- scholarships,
- grants,
- and savings — don't add up to pay the full cost of attendance.

And the tuition bill is due.

That is when you turn to **private student loans** to fund the remaining portion of your tuition and college start-up costs.

Let's see how much you may need (use our online calculator):

<http://www.SayStudent.com/cost/>

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Loan Amount	up to \$30,000 annually
Processing Time	preliminary approval in minutes
Payments Begin	after graduation
Disbursement	funds disbursed directly to you

Apply Now: <http://www.SayStudent.com/private.html>

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MANAGING YOUR STUDENT FUNDS

How to Manage Your Money



Students can avoid credit card debt by using pre-paid credit to manage student aid funds —

- budget your monthly spending amounts,
- avoid interest rate charges,
- manage your account online,
- use wherever credit cards are accepted

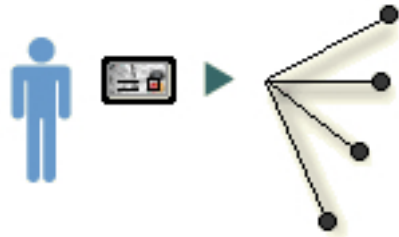
<http://www.SayStudent.com/card/>

How It Works

1 Student applies for prepaid card (approval guaranteed). Parent or student adds money to the card.



2 Student uses card to buy food, supplies, pizza, etc., at any merchant that accepts MC/VISA credit cards.



3 Parent and student can monitor account for budgeting purposes.



4 Parent or student can reload the card with additional funds whenever needed.



5 Using pre-paid credit cards protect student from accumulating credit card debt.



6 Student can use pre-paid cards to build a credit history for future credit approval on auto loans, employment, home mortgages, etc.



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QUICK LINKS TO PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATED SITES

FINDING MONEY FOR COLLEGE		NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understand the Financial Aid Process http://www.SayFinancialAid.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Your Financial Aid Options http://www.SayFinancialAid.com/options/	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Search for Scholarship Money http://www.SayStudent.com/scholarship/	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for Federal Student Loans http://www.SayStudent/stafford.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for Private Student Loans http://www.SayStudent.com/private.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for Home Equity Loans http://www.YourEquity.com	

COLLEGE PLANNING LINKS		NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/>	College Planning Guide http://www.OfftoCollege.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	College Search and Review http://www.OfftoCollege.com/search.html	
<input type="checkbox"/>	College Prep http://www.OfftoCollege.com/prep.html	

OTHER LINKS OF INTEREST		NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Buying / Home Selling / Home Building http://www.SayPlanning.com/ownmyhome/	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home Improvement Center http://www.SayImprove.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Debt Management Guides http://www.SayGoodCredit.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guides to Lower Your Monthly Bills http://www.SayLowerBills.com	
<input type="checkbox"/>	View Rebate Credit Cards http://www.SayCards.com	

College Planning Checklist

Task to be Completed		Month	Notes
COLLEGE PREP			online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/prep.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Why Go to College	August-September	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a Personal Assessment	August-September	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decide What Kind of Major	August-September	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet with Your Counselor	August-September	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review for Admission Tests	September	
COLLEGE SEARCH			online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/search.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Search for Colleges	September	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend College Fairs	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collect college information	September-October	
COLLEGE ADMISSION			online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/admit.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare College Applications	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write Your Essays	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get Letters of Recommendations	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize Your Test Scores	October	
COLLEGE FINANCING			online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/aid.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understand College Costs	November	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review Financial Aid Options	November-January	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Follow the Money Path	November-January	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit FAFSA and PROFILE	January	
<input type="checkbox"/>	View Financial Aid Charts	February-May	
COLLEGE MOVE			online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/move.html
<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop Good College Skills	On-Going	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Find that Summer Job	March-May	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get Moving-to-College Checklist	March-September	

College Application Checklist

Record College Admission Tasks

list three schools that you can definitely get in

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

list three-six schools that you would like to get in

- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____

list three schools that you would probably get in

- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

- 10) _____
- 11) _____
- 12) _____

Check each task completed by school

online guide: www.OfftoCollege.com/tools.html	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Application Materials Received												
Campus Review / Visit Completed												
Cost Comparison Against Other Colleges												
Entrance Requirements Analyzed												
Write Required Essays												
Request Counselor & Teacher Recommendations												
Send Transcripts and First Semester Grades												
Submit Financial Aid Forms												
Submit Scholarship Forms												
Other:												
Other:												