College Financial Planning tips

Use this checklist to help your children financially prepare for college to avoid stress and federal/private student loan debt.

Homework Tips Checklist for Parents

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Description generated with very high confidenceBy following my **4 Step Process**, I personally accrued over $80,000 worth of scholarships that allowed me to obtain both a Bachelors and Masters Degree. I have also assisted several students, enrolled in my Individual Coaching Program, accrue over $30,000 in scholarships.

# Step 1: Speak to Student’s High School Guidance Counselor or Find an Education Coach

Schedule a face to face meeting with student’s School Counselor

Ask Questions???

* What is the Student’s Current GPA?
* How to improve GPA if needed?
* Where to find scholarships/grants?
* How do I identify my child’s career interest?

Find a Scholarship Expert that has a successful track record

# step 2: Apply for Fasfa

Opens October 1st of Senior Year

* Financial aid
* Grant Opportunities
* Work Study
* Loans (do not have to accept)

Compile Parent tax forms

# step 3: Scholarship identification

Types of Scholarships

* Financial-Need Based
* Athletic Based
* Community Service Based
* Specific Career Field Based
* Merit Based
* Parent’s Employers
  + Associations
* Personal Identifier
  + Disability
  + Ethnicity

Regions Based Scholarship

* County of the Student’s High School
* State of the Student’s High School
* Federal level

Non-Profit Organizations

* Sororities/Fraternities
* Religious Organizations
* Youth Groups
* Charities

# step 4: Apply for scholarships

Compile Data

* Student Personal Information
* Parent Personal Information
* W2 Forms (financial need based)
* Transcripts
* Activities/Community Service List (Resume Format)

Develop Essays

* Give readers a story
* Emotion Provoking
* Professionally Written
* Seek Guidance from Teachers/Education Coach

Identify Recommenders (individuals who can attest to student’s academics, community service, leadership skills)

* Mentors
* Community/Religious Leaders
* Teachers
* Guidance Counselors
* Athletic Coaches