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

By 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