Financial Literacy

Resources for Every Stage of Federal Student Aid
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Workers who get an education beyond high school are more likely to be employed, earn higher wages, and rise up the economic ladder. Whether it’s getting a technical certificate or four-year degree, higher education is critical to today’s economy.

- Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, FLEC meeting, October 23, 2013
The Value of a Degree

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

THINK YOU CAN GET A GOOD JOB NOW?
Sure, maybe you could, but a college degree will make your chances even better. Check out the earnings and unemployment rates for people 25 years and older with different levels of education:

Mean (average) earnings in 2014:
- Less than a high school diploma: $30,108
- High school graduate, no college: $43,056
- Some college, no degree: $48,984
- Occupational program (career school): $48,152
- Associate degree (academic program): $52,364
- Bachelor’s degree: $74,308
- Master’s degree: $88,036
- Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D.): $105,456
- Professional degree (e.g., M.D., J.D.): $124,904

Unemployment rate in 2014:
- Less than a high school diploma: 9.0%
- High school graduate, no college: 6.0%
- Some college, no degree: 6.0%
- Occupational program (career school): 4.3%
- Associate degree (academic program): 4.6%
- Bachelor’s degree: 3.5%
- Master’s degree: 2.8%
- Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D.): 2.1%
- Professional degree (e.g., M.D., J.D.): 1.9%

84,372 high school students registered for the Financial Capability challenge and received a national average score of 69% on the exam.
What is Financial Literacy?

“The ability to use knowledge and skills to manage financial resources effectively for a lifetime of financial well being.”

2008 Annual Report, President’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability
Financial Literacy Resources...

can help build financial capability to make smart choices about college access, completion, and promote lifelong financial health
Comparison Shop: College Cost Center

Welcome to the College Affordability and Transparency Center. Start here to find information about how much it costs students to attend different colleges, how fast those costs are going up, and information related to why costs are going up.

**College Scorecard**
College Scorecards make it easier for you to search for a college that is a good fit for you. You can use the College Scorecard to find out more about a college's affordability and value so you can make more informed decisions about which college to attend.

**College Navigator**
Here you can search for and compare colleges on all sorts of criteria including costs, majors offered, size of school, campus safety, and graduation rates.

**Net Price Calculator Center**
Here you will find links to colleges' net price calculators. Net price calculators help you estimate how much colleges cost after scholarships and grants.

**College Affordability and Transparency List**
Here you will find information about tuition and net prices at postsecondary institutions. The site highlights institutions with high and low tuition and fees as well as high and low net prices (the price of

**90/10 Information**
Here you will find a list of for-profit (proprietary) postsecondary institutions that receive more than 90 percent of their revenues from Title IV Federal Student Aid.

**State Spending Charts**
Here you will find summary information on changes in state appropriations for postsecondary education, state aid for students, and tuition and fees.

Comparison Shop: College Navigator

Resources on this website are also available in Spanish.

AVAILABLE AT: http://nces.ed.gov/collenavigator/
The College Scorecard is available on the Department of Education’s website. This tool takes all schools in the country which accept federal funding (federal student loans) and allows them to be easily searched in one place. The tool allows students to select majors, states, size of the institution, even school mission and religious affiliation.

http://collegescorecard.ed.gov
Results show all schools that meet the selected criteria. Each school is broken down to show how it stacks up against national averages, in cost, graduation rate and salary after attending.

Clicking on “View More Details” brings up even more statistics students can use to compare potential schools.
Apply for Aid: FAFSA

Available in Spanish.

AVAILABLE AT: https://fafsa.ed.gov
Apply for Aid: FAFSA

30 minutes or less to complete

Real-time help available by phone at 1-800-4FED-AID or via on-line chat

Determines families’ ability to contribute to cost of attendance
Apply for Aid: FAFSA

IRS Data Retrieval Tool pre-populates tax information

Available at: http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out#financial-info
Apply for Aid: Financial Aid Shopping Sheet

“Know Before You Owe!”

More information on the financial aid shopping sheet is available at:
Have You Ever Said?

“I hardly make enough to cover my expenses”

“I can’t budget, I’m bad at math”

“I’ll figure it out, eventually…”
Budgeting to Reach Your Goals

https://studentaid.ed.gov/prepare-for-college/budgeting
Budgeting & Borrowing: FACT Tool

Expenses

Funds

Financial Awareness Counseling Tool (FACT) link: www.studentloans.gov/financial-awareness
Other Borrowing Resources

**Federal Loans First**
Understand differences between federal and private loans
http://StudentAid.ed.gov/types/loans/federal-vs-private

**Borrow Smart**
Free money first.
Consider accepting less loans than offered
http://StudentAid.ed.gov/types/loans
Borrowing: The Knowledge Gap

When students first enrolled in school, they may have had an idea of how much they expected to borrow in student loans. After finishing, did they end up borrowing more or less than they initially anticipated?

Loan Repayment Lessons

• Borrowers **MUST** repay their loans, regardless if they complete their education

• Federal loans have **various repayment plans** and other options
  - Income-Based & Graduated Repayment Plans
  - Deferment, Forbearance, Loan Forgiveness, Consolidation

• The **impact of not repaying can be detrimental** to future borrowing and financial opportunities
Manage Debt: Repayment Estimator

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Repayment plans and loan payment calculators are available at:
https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/mobile/repayment/repaymentEstimator.action
Stay Informed: Social Media

https://www.facebook.com/FederalStudentAid

https://twitter.com/fafsa

http://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid
Stay Informed: FSAIC

The Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) operates a toll-free hotline to provide comprehensive assistance in English, as well as Spanish on:

- General information about federal student aid (Title IV programs)
- The FAFSA application (paper and online)
- FAFSA corrections
- Student loan history

CALL OR VISIT AT:
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

HOURS:
Monday through Friday
8:00a.m. – 10:00p.m. ET
*Extended hours may be available*
Publications

The office of Federal Student Aid provides publications, fact sheets, online tools, and other resources

AVAILABE AT: StudentAid.gov/resources
Federal Financial Literacy Information

http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/

http://www.mymoney.gov/Pages/default.aspx

http://www.consumer.gov

http://www.federalreserveeducation.org

http://consumerfinance.gov/