Web Resources

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov
FAFSA on the Web www.fafsa.ed.gov
PIN Registration www.pin.ed.gov
Pre-Application Worksheet www.fafsa.ed.gov
Click “Before Beginning a FAFSA”

Other Sources of Aid

FastWeb Scholarship Search www.fastweb.com
Pell Grants www.pellgrantsonline.ed.gov
Direct Loans www.ed.gov/StudentAid/Loans
Hope/Lifetime Learning Credit www.ed.gov/hope
JobCorps www.jobcorps.doleta.gov
AmeriCorps www.americorps.org
City Year www.cityyear.org
Resources by State www.ed.gov/Programs/easistate.html

Information about Financial Aid

FinAid www.finaid.org
FAFSA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov
Mapping Your Future www.mapping-your-future.org
Office of Postsecondary Ed www.ed.gov/offices/cpe
Project Scholarship Scam www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship
Student Guide to Federal Aid www.ed.gov/StudentAid

General Information

Access America for Students www.students.gov
Adventures in Education adventuresineducation.org
Campus Safety www.campusmanager.com
College is Possible www.collegeispossible.org
Think College www.ed.gov/thinkcollege
TRIO Programs www.trioprograms.org

Calculators

College Cost Projector www.fastweb.com
Loan Calculators www.fastweb.com
Savings Calculators www.finaid.org/calculators

Choosing a Major/Career

Career Planning www.fastweb.com
Monster-Job Search www.monster.com
America’s Career Infonet www.acinet.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/oco

Financial Aid Tips for Students

• Learn all you can about the college financial aid process. Visit the Web sites at the left and talk with a financial aid administrator.

• Complete a FAFSA even if you think you do not qualify for aid. Some scholarships and most schools require it before they will award aid.

• Financial Aid should not cost more than a postage stamp! All of the resources listed here are free! If you have questions ask your guidance counselor, financial aid administrator, or the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

• Apply! You can't win awards or receive funds for which you do not apply. Make a list of all your deadlines and refer to it often.

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www.fastweb.com

Standardized Test Dates

December
Dec. 7: SAT I & SAT II Test Day
Dec. 14: ACT Test Day
Dec. 23: Registration deadline for 1/25 SAT

January
Jan. 3: Registration deadline for 2/8 ACT
Jan. 25: SAT I & SAT II and ELPT Test Day

February
Feb. 8: ACT Test Day (not NY)
Feb. 28: Registration Deadline for 4/5 SAT

March
March 7: Registration deadline for 4/12 ACT
March 28: Registration deadline for 5/3 SAT
The federal government provides grant funds for students attending colleges, career schools, and universities. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. The major federal student aid grant programs are briefly described below.

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| Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) | • Awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree  
• Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority  
• Not all colleges participate in the FSEOG program  
• Funds depend on availability at the college; you should apply by your college’s deadline | Up to $4,000        |
| Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant | • For undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate students who are/will be taking coursework necessary to become elementary or secondary teachers  
• Must agree to serve, for a minimum of four years (within eight years of completing academic program), as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school or educational service agency that serves low-income students  
• Must attend a participating college and meet certain academic achievement requirements  
• Failure to complete the teaching service commitment will result in the grant funds being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that must be repaid  
For more information see the Teach Grant Fact Sheet at www.teachgrant.ed.gov | Up to $4,000        |
| Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant                         | • For students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11  
• Must be ineligible for a Federal Pell Grant due only to having less financial need than is required to receive Pell funds  
• Must have been less than 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent’s or guardian’s death | Up to $5,550        |


For additional information on federal student aid, visit www.studentaid.ed.gov/funding or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

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