

COLLEGE FUNDING INFORMATION SHEET

Many parents and students are concerned about paying for college costs. Listed below are resources that may help parents and students to find the college funds they need.

Crown Financial Ministries offers the following information only as possible sources of contact, not as endorsements or recommendations. It is up to you to make sure that any resource you choose to use provides services and counsel that are compatible with your own convictions and needs.

BOOKS

Cost-Effective College
by Gordon Wadsworth

The College Blue Book of Scholarships and Grants
from Harvard Press

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants, and Prizes
Guide to Distance Learning Programs
from Peterson's Guides (www.petersons.com)

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Federal Student Aid Information Center
(800) 433-3242

Gordon Wadsworth
Financial Aid Information Services
5830 Haterleigh Ste 130
Alpharetta GA 30202

FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEB SITES

Many Web sites that offer free scholarship searches sell your information or share it with their marketing partners and/or sponsors. They do this in order to obtain operating funds, and there is nothing unethical about this practice. However, you need to be aware that you could receive unsolicited mail (both e-mail and regular mail) unless you specifically indicate that you do not want your information to be shared or sold.

www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html

www.collegenet.com

www.collegequest.com

www.embark.com

www.salliemae.com

OTHER SOURCES OF COLLEGE AID

Federal Work Study program—applicants must complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Any college financial aid office will have this form.

Military Services—will pay for educational costs in return for years of service. For more information, contact individual branches of the armed services.

WEB SITES

www.about.com>money>financialplanning—Click on College>calculators—how much to save, how much will savings grow. Click on Investing for College—info from *Kiplinger's* magazine.

www.crown.org—General rather than specific college funding information. Click on Articles Index, select topic—college. Two articles, “Borrow for Education” and “Saving and Investing for College.”

www.collegenet.com—Look under Scholarship Search. No need to reveal personal data (e-mail address, phone number, and so forth).

www.collegequest.com—Peterson's site. “Join” free. Will “share” your info with others, *with your permission*.

www.collegesavings.org—State plans for saving for college. Click on “Your State” to see a U.S. map, then click on individual states to get phone numbers for more info on state plans.

www.collegescholarships.com—Site describes service started by private group of parents. Fee for personalized search. Privacy emphasized.

www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/express.html—U.S. Department of Education site. Gives FAFSA (free application for federal student aid). Note: student aid means students loans.

www.embark.com—Section on tax benefits, tax credits for college costs. Q and A on state tuition plans (QSTP—Qualified State Tuition Plan).

www.finaid.org—Site has several calculators.

www.petersons.com

www.salliemae.com—Includes articles on deferment or consolidation of student loans. “Cash for college” search requires lots of personal info.

www.signet.com—Under Search, type in college scholarships—hundreds of listings.

www.scholarshipcoach.com—Ben Kaplan offers CDs and books on this site.

www.smartmoney.com/college

www.soundmindinvesting.com—Click on the topic, College.

www.students.gov—Comprehensive info on planning and paying for college.