

# FINANCIAL AID

**Compare Financial Aid Packages** – part of College Board site that allows you to compare financial aid packages: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/compare-aid-calculator>

**The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** - A must for anyone applying for need-based aid. You can apply on line: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Cappex** – Every College, every scholarship - [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

**Completing the FAFSA** - detailed, step-by-step guidance on completing the form: <https://www.nitrocollege.com/fafsa-guide>

**CSS Profile** - If applying to private schools, check to see if they require this form. You can apply online: <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>

**FINAID** - general site for anything having to do with aid: [www.finaid.org/](http://www.finaid.org/)

**FastWeb** - general financial aid site with great scholarship search engine as well as an EFC calculator function: [www.fastweb.com/](http://www.fastweb.com/)

**Sallie Mae** - information about loans and payment options: [www.salliemae.com/](http://www.salliemae.com/)

**Comparing Financial Aid Awards** - A US News and World Report product that provides helpful charts enabling you to line up and compare awards: [http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/tools/brief/awards\\_brief.php](http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/tools/brief/awards_brief.php)

**Mach 25 Scholarship Search** - CollegeNet's search tool <http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/>

**Student Guide on Financial Aid** - Government site, a comprehensive site with info available in both Spanish and English: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources>

**Peterson's – A guide to upcoming scholarships:** <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search/>

**Scholarships** - A free resources for finding scholarships and other information about aid: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

**Savings Plans** - Though by the time you are in your junior year, this information might be too late, finding out about 529 Plans may offer some help: [www.savingforcollege.com](http://www.savingforcollege.com) & [www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org)

**Broke Scholar** - Free search engine with links to more than 900,000 college scholarships: [www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)

**Scholarship Scams** - A Federal Trade Commission-run site. It is always good to check on what you learn about on the web: <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search/>

**Unigo** – A search site for all types of scholarships by category. [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)

**Going Merry** – Scholarship match service. <https://www.goingmerry.com>

**Central Scholarships** – Specifically for MD students – open Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. <https://central-scholarship.org/>

**College Green Light** – for first generation and underrepresented students.

<https://www.collegegreenlight.com>

**Career One Stop** – Career exploration as well as over 8,000 scholarships and grants. <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>