THINK COLLEGE
YOUR ROAD MAP TO PAYING FOR COLLEGE

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

Parents and students may be expected to help pay for college. The federal and state governments as well as the college can provide resources to families who are eligible for financial aid.

What does college cost?
College costs can include tuition, books, room and board, personal expenses, fees, transportation, and daycare expenses. Each college has a different cost of attendance (COA).

What is financial aid?
Financial aid comes in the form of grants, loans, need-based scholarships, and/or work-study jobs.

Below is a list of the UW, WAICU, and WTC colleges/universities in Wisconsin and their Federal Code:

**WI Association Of Independent Colleges & Universities**
- Alverno College - Milwaukee - 003832
- Belin College of Nursing - Green Bay - 006639
- Beloit College - Beloit - 003835
- Cardinal Stritch University - Milwaukee 003837
- Carroll University - Waukesha - 003838
- Carthage College - Kenosha - 003839
- Concordia University - Mequon - 003842
- Edgewood College - Madison - 003848
- Herzing University - Madison - 009621
- Lakeland College - Sheboygan - 003854
- Lawrence University - Appleton - 003856
- Marian University of Fond Du Lac - 003861
- Marquette University - Milwaukee - 003863
- Medical College of WI - Milwaukee - 015611
- Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design - 014203
- Milwaukee School of Engineering - 003864
- Mount Mary University - Milwaukee - 003869
- Nashotah House Theological Seminary - 003874
- Northland College - Ashland - 003875
- Ripon College - Ripon - 003884
- St Norbert College - DePere - 003892
- Silver Lake College - Manitowoc - 003850
- Viterbo University - La Crosse - 003911
- WI Lutheran College - Milwaukee - 014658

**WI Technical College System**
- Blackhawk Technical College - Janesville - 005390
- Chippewa Valley Technical College - Eau Claire - 005304
- Fox Valley Technical College - Appleton - 009744
- Gateway Technical Colleges - 005389
- Lakeshore Technical College - Cleveland - 009194
- Madison College - Madison - 004007
- Mid-State Technical College - WI Rapids - 005380
- Milwaukee Area Technical College - 003866
- Moraine Park Technical College - Fond du Lac - 003203
- Nicolet Area Technical College - Rhinelander - 009190
- Northcentral Technical College - Wausau - 005387
- Northeast Technical College - Green Bay - 005201
- Southwest Technical College - Fennimore - 007699
- Waukesha County Technical College - Pewaukee - 005294
- Western Wisconsin Technical College - LaCrosse - 003840
- Wisconsin Indian Technical College - Rice Lake - 011824
- College of Menominee Nation - Keshena - 031251
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College - Hayward - 17199

**University Of WI System**
- UW-Eau Claire - 00917
- UW-Eau Claire - Barron County - 003917
- UW-Green Bay - 003899
- UW-Green Bay - Manitowoc - 003899
- UW-Green Bay - Marinette - 003899
- UW-Green Bay - Sheboygan - 003899
- UW-La Crosse - 003919
- UW-Madison - 003895
- UW-Milwaukee - 003896
- UW-Milwaukee - Washington County - 003896
- UW-Milwaukee - Waukesha - 003896
- UW-Oshkosh - 003920
- UW-Oshkosh - Fond du Lac - 003920
- UW-Oshkosh - Fox Cities - 003920
- UW-Parkside - 005015
- UW-Platteville - 003921
- UW-Platteville - Sauk County - 003921
- UW-Platteville - Richland - 003921
- UW-River Falls - 003923
- UW-Stevens Point - 003924
- UW-Stevens Point - Marshfield - 003924
- UW-Stevens Point - Wausau - 003924
- UW-Stout - 003915
- UW-Superior - 003925
- UW-Whitewater - 003926
- UW-Whitewater - Rock County - 003926

If you need help filing out your FAFSA, consider attending a College Goal Wisconsin FAFSA completion event. There is no cost to attend. College financial aid professionals will be there to assist you with your questions. Visit collegegoalwi.org for dates and locations.

To order this pamphlet, please email collegegoalwi@gmail.com.

Need Help?
There are many people that you can contact for help as you begin to think about your future. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Your high school counselor.
2. A college financial aid office.
3. Call the FAFSA processing agency 1-800-4FED-AID.
4. Email collegegoalwi@gmail.com.
How do you apply for financial aid?
You must complete a form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for financial aid. The form is available on October 1 for the upcoming school year. You must apply for financial aid every year you plan to continue your college education.

Before you begin to complete the FAFSA, you will need an FSA ID:
- Visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid/ to set up a FSA ID.
- Your FSA ID is your electronic signature.
- You only need one FSA ID and it has multiple purposes.
- Both you and one parent (if his/her information is provided on the FAFSA) need a FSA ID.
- Each FSA ID user must have a unique mobile phone number and/or email address. Do not use your high school email.

Do you have any Special Circumstances that may affect your financial aid eligibility?
Please contact the College Financial Aid Office if your family would like to explain any special circumstances that may affect your ability to pay for college, such as a loss of employment, large medical bills, etc.

What is the verification process?
Sometimes the College Financial Aid Office needs additional paperwork to continue processing your financial aid eligibility. If you are selected for verification, please comply with the college’s request in a timely manner.

What is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?
The information that you and your family list on the FAFSA is sent to a processing agency. The agency puts this information into a formula that generates an “Expected Family Contribution (EFC).”

What are my college choices?
Check the back panel for a full list of WI colleges:
- 13 Four-year public universities within the University of Wisconsin System (UW)
- 13 Two-year public colleges which have merged with the four-year campuses
- 23 Private, independent colleges which are a part of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU)
- 16 Technical colleges which are part of the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTC)

What is the Student Aid Report (SAR)?
- The SAR is a summary of your FAFSA entries.
- The SAR also lists your EFC.
- It is emailed 24-48 hours after the FAFSA is submitted for processing to the college and student.

Looking for outside scholarships?
- Outside scholarships must be applied for separately.
- You must do your research to determine if you are eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- Some places to look for outside scholarships are your high school, community organizations, the college’s website, and free scholarship websites such as Fastweb.com.

The financial aid offer will be provided to you once the your financial aid file is complete. It will tell you how much financial aid you will be available for to help pay for college. Be sure to review it and accept or decline the financial aid offered.