

Some College Financial Aid Resources from: Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities www.projectyano.org

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Books:

- USA Today-Financial Aid for College: A quick guide to everything you need to know
- The Student Guide to Financial Aid, free download at www.ed.gov

Programs:

- **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)/Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)**—assists low income, educationally disadvantaged students by providing support services above and beyond what is provided by the larger college as a whole. ~Check with your college/university for a similar program.~
- **Federal TRIO Programs**—are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects. <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/resources.html>
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- **Federal Pell Grants**—unlike a loan, these grants do not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are awarded usually only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree (in some cases, however, a student enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Pell Grant). Pell Grants are considered a foundation of federal financial aid, to which aid from other federal and nonfederal sources might be added. The maximum award for the 2013-14 award year (July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014) is \$5,645 and can only be awarded for a total of 12 semesters (6 years). The maximum can change each award year and depends on program funding. The amount you get, though, will depend not only on your financial need, but also on your costs to attend school, your status as a fulltime or part-time student, and your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less. Consideration for this federal grant is based on information obtained from FAFSA application. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/pell>
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)**—are for undergraduates with exceptional financial need. Pell Grant recipients with the lowest EFCs will be the first to get FSEOGs. Just like Pell Grants, FSEOGs don't have to be paid back. You can receive between \$100 and \$4,000 a year, depending on when you apply, your financial need, the funding at the school you're attending, and the policies of the financial aid office at your school. Consideration for this federal grant is based on information obtained from FAFSA application. <http://www.fseog.com/>
- **Academic Competitiveness Grant**—NOTE: As of Fall of 2011 these competitiveness grants have been defunded and are no longer available, however

there is a possibility they be refunded in the future~ These grants were available for the first time for the 2006-2007 school year for first year college students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2006, and for second year college students who graduated from high school after January 1, 2005. The Academic Competitiveness Grant award is in addition to the student's Pell Grant award. An Academic Competitiveness Grant will provide up to \$750 for the first year of undergraduate study and up to \$1,300 for the second year of undergraduate study to full-time students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and who had successfully completed a rigorous high school program, as determined by the state or local education agency and recognized by the Secretary of Education. Second year students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. Consideration for this federal grant is based on information obtained from FAFSA application as well as GPA verification. <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/ac-smart.html>

- Scholarship without Social Security Number (SSN) Requirement

<http://www.dreamactivist.org/faq/education/scholarships/>

Other scholarships/Databases/College info:

- www.fastweb.com –one of the most popular scholarship sites, but beware: they promote military scholarships and send recruitment ads to your email
- <http://e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplists.html> - Educators for Fair Consideration
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.finaid.org- established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. This award winning site has grown into the most comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools -- on or off the web.
- www.scholarships.com
- www.collegeboard.org
- www.collegeispossible.org
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.salliemae.com -tips on college financing
- www.fastaid.com
- www.collegeview.com
- www.collegenet.com
- www.scholarship-page.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.quintcareers.com/teen_aid.html
- www.freescholarshipguide.com
- www.supercollege.com
- www.cityofcollegedreams.org
- www.gmsp.org
- www.dellscholars.org