# Stamford High School

# WEEKLY COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

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December 21, 2021

Have a wonderful break and Happy Holidays!

# Counselor Corner

Be sure to check your inbox for this newsletter each week.

# CLASS OF 2022 NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE??

Scan to be connected with a counselor



**On-Site Decision Days** 

# **University of Bridgeport**

Tuesday, December 21st

Students will be able to meet with an admissions representative and also get additional information about scholarships they may be eligible to receive.

You must apply prior to December 21st and have your counselor submit materials as well.

To sign up please reach out to Ms. Forlenzo, <u>AForlenzo@stamfordct.gov</u>

# **Scholarship Survey**

Please be sure to take the 2021-2022 Scholarship Survey that is now available in Naviance. This survey is available to seniors and will prompt an email to you whenever there is a scholarship deadline approaching for a scholarship you might be interested in and eligible to apply for. Please note that the survey is set up so you can continue to update. Therefore, as you complete community service, activities, etc. you can come back and update the survey.

# **Hoby State Leadership Seminar for 10th Grader**

Each year SHS sends a sophomore student to the HOBY state leadership seminar. This is an opportunity for students to engage in self discovery through a 3-4 day life-changing leadership training. Students will experience college life by staying in university dorms and rooming with other sophomores from across the state, explore leadership, discover how personal, group and societal leadership can affect social change, as well as learn to cultivate your leadership skills and become effective, ethical leaders at home, school and your community.

You will return from the seminar with skills to effectively lead.

Only one student may be nominated from SHS.

Though HOBY has not officially announced their Seminar Date and Location, as soon as we have that information it will be shared. The selected student is expected to find their own transportation, and it is usually located at one of the CT State Colleges.

In order to be considered, please turn in your resume to Ms. Forlenzo in the school counseling department by the extended deadline of **TUESDAY**, **JANUARY 4th**. Students can print their resumes directly from Naviance. If I happen to be out of my office when you come by, please leave it under my door.

Please see Ms. Forlenzo if you have any questions!

# **Application Day**

# **Mercy College**

Tuesday, January 25th

Beginning at the start of Period 4 and ending at noon.

Students do not need to apply prior to the event, but certainly may if they choose. Mercy's representative will be able to assist you in completing the application if you have not previously applied. He will also be able to answer any and all questions about Mercy.

Please contact Ms. Forlenzo to register, AForlenzo@Stamfordct.gov

# Info Sessions

### Air Force Academy & Air Force Academy Q&A

Learn more about how a student can receive a college education and become an Air or Space Force Officer

These are targeted towards parents/guardians. Below is our zoom link.

- Jan 5, 2022 18:00
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- Jan 19, 2022 18:00
- Feb 2, 2022 18:00
- Feb 16, 2022 18:00
- Mar 2, 2022 18:00
- Mar 16, 2022 18:00
- Mar 30, 2022 18:00
- Apr 13, 2022 18:00
- Apr 27, 2022 18:00
- May 11, 2022 18:00
- May 18, 2022 18:00

Weekly:

https://afrotc.zoomgov.com/meeting/vJIscOirrD4uG4YPRZOVPPOYj3xWschW\_4c/ics?icsToken=98tyKu\_iurzwrGdaQtBjBel86FaPkbOnF1mRp\_pptriXKNRBjTTr8Zfp1lbF3J-eE

Join ZoomGov Meeting

https://afrotc.zoomgov.com/j/1617132541?pwd=Rk5FUWtuczA1bGhXQk9NZm9yLzlCdz09

Meeting ID: 161 713 2541

Passcode: wKCT5y

# Internship & Job Opportunities

## **Lifeguards & Swim Instructors**

The City of Stamford Recreation Services is hiring Lifeguards and Swim Instructors for the School year and Summer! Are you at least 16 years old? Are you responsible, friendly, and hard working? Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you American Red Cross Lifeguard certified? Fill out the application and learn more at <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/StamfordLG">www.tinyurl.com/StamfordLG</a> or email Sam Diamond at SDiamond@StamfordCT.gov.

## **JCC Counselor In Training (CIT) Program**

For Teens Ages 14-15

The program is designed to train students to be future camp counselors. Students that are accepted into the program will work during the summer from 8:30AM - 3:00PM Monday through Friday and will be placed at one of our three large Day Camps. All applicants must be 14 by March 1st, 2022.

Applications will be available beginning January 3, 2022 on-line at <u>www.stamfordrecreation.com</u>

All candidates will be required to take & pass a written test to be eligible for an interview. Applications must be turned in on your test date. Students can register for the test @www.stamfordrecreation.com.

The program is limited to 30 counselors in training. Interviews will begin after the test dates and students that qualify for an interview will be contacted. Interviewing for the position does not guarantee the applicant a position in the program. Interviews will be held Monday through Thursday & after school from 2:00PM - 4:30PM only!

The C.I.T program is not a paid position, but looks great on college applications. However, if the applicant turns 15 years old by June 1st, 2022 he or she will be eligible to receive a \$500.00 stipend if they successfully complete the program.

All candidates will be required to go through an interview to be selected.

For more information please call Bertrand Oubida, Recreation Leader at 203-977-4644.

Applications available online at www.stamfordrecreation.com

#### JC Test Date Information Test Dates:

Stamford Recreation Star Center, 1170 Shippan Ave

Friday, February 18, 2022 - 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 2:30PM – 3:15PM

Note: If you are selected at the end of the process for this program, students will not be permitted vacation days off during the summer.

#### **JCC Summer Positions Available**

If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a summer job then look no further. Applications will be available starting December 13 for summer camp counselor positions.. We are also looking for Directors, Assistant Directors, Arts & Crafts Instructor, Sports Instructors and Special Education Paras. For more information you can email Scott Kassouf / SKassouf@stamfordct.gov

Applications available online at www.stamfordrecreation.com

### **Stamford Kumon Math & Reading Center**

111 High Ridge Road in Stamford.

#### Early Learner Assistant/Grader at a Math & Reading Learning Center(Stamford, CT)

- We're looking to fill a part-time Early Learner Assistant/Grader position at an after-school Math and Reading learning center
- We have very high standards for our employees, and we are looking for a person who is focused, motivated, reliable, and relates well to children.
- We work in a fast-paced environment, where efficiency and an excellent work ethic are of utmost importance.

#### **JOB DESCRIPTIONS:**

#### **Grading Assistant:**

Accurately and expeditiously grade student assignments using answer books. Efficiency and accuracy are key! Maintain a neat work space during class sessions, and tidy up the work space (put away answer books, papers, pencils, etc.) after the session to leave the grading station organized and clean.

#### **Early Learner Assistant:**

Work with younger students to guide them through their class assignment. Experience working with children is a plus.

#### **Center Maintenance:**

After class, ensure that the Center is clean, tidy, organized, and sanitized - ready for the next day's class session:

- Answer books are neatly arranged at each grading station
- Tables and chairs are neatly arranged
- Any debris is picked up
- Workstations are cleaned and sanitized

The ideal candidate will have:

- A patient and positive attitude for working with children and young adults
- Ability to motivate students
- Willingness to follow a specified method as provided in training
- Good multi-tasking abilities and the ability to follow directions
- Good communication skills
- Ability to read and speak English fluently
- Flexibility to work on the following days (not all days are required):
  - Monday 4:30 7:00
  - Wednesday 4:30 7:00
  - o Saturday 10:00 1:00

Background check required, if over 18 years of age.

Interested applicants should send their resume and references to the Center email address: **stamford\_ct@ikumon.com** 

# **Frangos Take Out, Stamford**

www.eatfrangos.com

In need of 1-2 people for the weekends, specially for Sunday.

Must be reliable!

Responsibilities include:

- Prep (cut potatoes, lettuce, make rice, cut chicken and marinade it, etc)
- Work with a charcoal grill
- Take and prepare orders

Starting pay is \$13.00 per hour

Shifts are either 10:30am-4:00pm or 4:00pm-8:00pm.

If interested, please reach out to Margarita at 203-550 4929, and be sure to let her know you heard about this position at Stamford High School

#### **Student Driver Needed**

Local community member is in need of a student driver to bring him to the train station at 5:45am.

Pay is \$20, easy job, but early hours.

If interested, please reach out to Ms. Forlenzo in the School Counseling Department.

# **Stamford Cradle to Career Youth Leadership Internship**

Application is now open! The Youth Leadership will lead and inform the initiatives of Stamford Cradle to Career, Transition to Postsecondary Education College & Career, as well as uplift youth voice in our work with Stamford Public Schools and the general Stamford community.

This is a paid internship. Stipend: Up to \$150/month

You Are a Great Fit If You...

- Are a Stamford Public School high school student
- Are passionate and committed to the vision of a more positive school environment
- Have a passion for and committed to ensuring equity and excellence in education for children in Stamford, CT.
- Are interested in supporting first-generation students access a higher education, whether it be college and/or a career path
- Enjoy working in a team and in partnership with others toward a common vision
- Are interested in engaging with your community

No academic requirements or skills needed!

#### **General Responsibilities:**

- One year commitment
- Available to attend biweekly team meetings, monthly SC2C Transition CAN meetings, and participate in trainings and workshops
- Work hours: 10 hrs/month

#### PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION BY JANUARY 10, 2022

Application can be found here: <a href="https://forms.gle/aiovNbVDtBv6PU4X7">https://forms.gle/aiovNbVDtBv6PU4X7</a>

If you have any questions, please contact Akosgue Aqyei at Akosua.agyei@uwwesternct.org

# **Senior Internship Experience**

**WHAT?** The 2022 Senior Internship Experience is here!

WHEN? The Senior Internship Experience application will be available online until 1/31/22

This year the internships will run from 5/16/22 - 6/10/22. Students who participate will finish their regular classes the previous week and go to their internship sites full-time (30 hours per week) instead of attending school for the last 3/4 weeks of classes. Internships are UNPAID and will be supervised by the Program Coordinator. Students will also receive .5 credit for completion of the program.

#### WHERE?

You will be able to view available internship job descriptions online on 2/1/22 for various internships across the city.

You can create your own '**SELF-DESIGN'** internship with approval by the SIE staff. Company/supervisor name due by 3/31/22.

#### WHY?

The purpose of the **Senior Internship Experience** is to give seniors in good standing the opportunity to find out more about a field they are already interested in, or to explore an area of interest they want to learn more about. At the same time, it's a chance to prepare for the next stage in their life, either academic or professional, by giving them a taste of life outside of school.

#### HOW?

In order to participate, seniors must meet the following prerequisites:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Online Teacher approval in software

- Successfully meet grade, attendance, and behavior requirements for both semesters 1 and 2 of senior year
- Must not have failed or be in danger of failing any senior year course (this includes Physical Education)
- Must be meeting all graduation requirements including the senior survey.
- Endorsement from their parent or guardian
- Review and approval from the School Counselor.
- For any student who is at risk of not being able to maintain/complete prerequisites SIE Committee will have FINAL APPROVAL STATUS for students.

Due to COVID – we will have less postings than we have been able to acquire in the past. **SELF-DESIGN** is a great way to obtain an internship.

Login to the <u>www.stamford-sie.org</u> website to read more about the program or contact Michelle Lappas/Program Coordinator, MLappas@stamfordct.gov

# FAFSA Information for Seniors

The FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aide) opened for you recently (October 1st) for the 2022-2023 school year. This will be your first year of college or postsecondary studies. It reopens on October 1st each year, and must be filed for each year a student is in college.

Parents and students BOTH need to have their own FSA ID. However, parents who have a child who has previously filled out the FAFSA will be able to use their same FSA ID for all their children. Students have their own unique FSA ID.

For an extensive list of all documents you may need for your FAFSA see <a href="here">here</a>. Be sure you're prepared and have all these documents with you when you go to complete FAFSA, whether that's at your own home or with assistance from Ms. Shelley.

#### VARIOUS VIRTUAL FAFSA SESSIONS

## Student Financial Aid Appointments

Please see Ms. Forlenzo in the School Counseling Department. She will schedule you to meet with Ms. DeShayla Shelley, our Conntac representative, who meets with students for one-on-one assistance with FAFSA/CSS Profile/AACTUS completion.

### **Additional Links and Resources:**

• Copy of the presentation slides from the 2021-2022 Financial Aid presentation

- Publicar guía de recursos del seminario web
  - Repetición del seminario web
  - o <u>Diapositivas de la presentación</u>
  - Recursos de planificación y ayuda financiera universitaria (incluida información sobre becas)
  - Lista de verificación de FAFSA
- This Glossary of Terms is commonly used throughout the financial aid process
- Here is a breakdown of loan information, as well as websites, including the FAFSA site where you will apply for financial aid
- Again, here are the <u>documents</u> needed for FAFSA completion

Please make sure to continuously check here for articles, resources, and more information.

# **Enrichment Opportunity**

## **Bank of America's 2022 Student Leaders Program**

**Student Leaders**° was created in 2004 as part of Bank of America's commitment to youth development and economic mobility. Through the Student Leaders° program, we connect community-minded high school juniors and seniors to employment, skills development and service. Preparing high-potential students with the leadership training and skills they need to be successful in the workplace is vital to our approach to responsible growth and helps build thriving communities.

#### The Student Leaders® program provides students with:

- An eight-week, paid summer internship with a local nonprofit organization selected by Bank of America
- A week-long, all-expense paid Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. from July 25-30, 2022\*
- Financial wellness programs and education, including meeting with BOA's Better Money Habits® champions
- A dedicated mentor at Bank of America and the host organization of their internship
- A professional network of peers throughout the United States

#### The goal of the Student Leaders program is for students to:

- Develop interpersonal and professional skills in preparation for the workforce and ultimately,
   to become the next generation of community leaders
- Gain an understanding of how nonprofits create impact in the community
- Gain firsthand insight to board and executive leadership responsibilities and management routines
- Learn about civic leadership and understand the opportunities within their community to make a positive impact

#### What does the Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. entail\*?

- Learn how equity and inclusivity play a role in effective leadership
- Hear from a variety of speakers, including bank executives, government officials, community
  organizers, filmmakers and nonprofit leaders, who will engage them in opportunities to learn
  how to advocate for themselves and others and to recognize the role that we all play in
  effecting positive social change
- Meet with member of Congress and the Senate on Capitol Hill
- Volunteer with American Red Cross packing care kits for wounded soldiers
- Go on interactive museum and monument tours, simulations and presentations

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Current high school junior or senior in good standing at school
- Lives or goes to school in Bridgeport, New Haven, or Stamford
- Legally able to work in the United States
- Available for the entire 8-week internship, including the trip to Washington D.C. from July 25-30, 2022\*
- Must complete all application requirements (see below)
- Cannot be an immediate family member of a Bank of America employee

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Must submit online at <u>www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders</u> with a resume (optional) and letter of recommendation (required).
- Strong applications include demonstrated leadership within the community, an accomplishment as a result of community service, thoughtful and candid responses about lessons learned, barriers overcome and/or an inspirational story and a compelling answer to why you should be selected for the internship.

#### What is the process and timing?

- Friday, January 28, 2022: Student application deadline, no exceptions
- March/April 2022: Finalists will be interviewed in person
- April 2022: The four (4) selected Student Leaders will be notified
- **June 2022**: The eight-week internship will begin following the conclusion of the school year (exact date TBD)
- July 25-30, 2022: Student leadership summit takes place in Washington, D.C.\*

Over the last 18 years, Bank of America has contributed more than \$30 million and recognized more than 3,000 exemplary high school juniors and seniors who have a passion for improving their communities through the Student Leaders® program. **We look forward to making 2022 our best year yet!** 

For more information on Student Leaders<sup>®</sup>, visit: <a href="www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders">www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders</a> or contact me at kristina.beaudoin@bofa.com.

# **Naviance Information**

Students should make sure to log in through the <u>SHS website by using Clever.</u> Students MUST USE their SHS Student ID as both their username and password.

Returning parents can login through the SHS website by using the <u>Naviance Student portal page</u>. If you forgot your username or password you can retrieve it there. NEW parents must reach out to their students' school counselor to create an account. It is important to have an account because tons of information and emails are sent out via Naviance, including this Weekly College & Career Newsletter.

# **Absence Information**

To document your absence(s) see the process below. Failure to document your absences could/will result in a loss of credit. **Document your absences using the process below.** (Handwritten notes or emails will NOT document/excuse your absences). Only the process below.

#### **2021-2022 SHS Absence Documentation Process**

Please complete and upload documentation to the link below <u>using the student's School Gmail</u>

<u>Account</u> to document absences. The absence will be excused/exempted within 1 to 2 weeks.

<sup>\*</sup>In-person format subject to change as we continue to keep safety our top priority.

# Common App for Seniors:

- Writing requirements resource. This resource, updated for the 2021-2022 application year, helps students understand what writing questions they can expect to find for each college to which they apply.
- TikTok tutorials. Common App and Better Make Room have teamed up to roll out new
  tutorials that cover a range of application-related topics, including account creation, essay
  tips, and college search. Point your students to the Better Make Room TikTok channel to find
  the tips they need from members of the Common App team!

# Scholarships Available

There is always a running list on Naviance as well, this just highlights a few of the many that are available:

# **Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest**

Senator Murphy invites students to participate in his Office's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. We ask students from elementary, middle, and high schools from across Connecticut to participate in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by submitting essays that reflect on Dr. King's dream, their own aspirations, and the importance of what Dr. King means to them.

Submissions are now open and must be received by <u>January 12th</u>. Essays can be submitted online or mailed to our Hartford office. Further information about the contest details can be found in the attached flyer.

Further questions can be sent to Kay Muñoz at 860-810-8729 at MLK Essay@murphy.senate.gov

# John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

<u>Contest Topic</u>: Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a US elected official who served during or after 1917.

The contest deadline is January 14, 2022.

#### **Recognition and Awards**

First-place: \$10,000

Second-place: \$3,000

Five Finalists: \$1,000 each

Eight Semi-finalists: \$100 each

### **Jewish War Veterans Community Service Scholarship**

Eligible students must be a high school senior and a resident of Stamford. Scholarship recipients will receive grants up to \$7500 to use for higher education at an accredited institution of their choice.

The selection committee will choose recipients based on exemplary community service in Stamford, leadership roles, letters of recommendation and academic performance.

To apply, download an application <a href="here!">here!</a>

Submissions must be mailed and postmarked by February 28th.

Early Review Submissions by January 15th.

# **KPMG Future Leaders Program Scholarship**

will award 22 deserving high school female seniors from the Class of 2022:

- 1) A scholarship of \$10,000 per year for 4 years of college
- 2) A pairing with an executive woman mentor for one-year
- 3) A leadership development retreat and ongoing KPMG support

Applications must be submitted to KPMG by February 1, 2022 and can be found <u>here!</u> An independent selection committee will select and notify the recipients by April 15, 2022.

Since the program's inception in 2016, \$3.54M in scholarships has been awarded to 122 KPMG Future Leaders. KPMG is proud of the impact this program is having and look forward to expanding their reach in 2022.

## Dr Eugene Kramer Scholarship for Future Doctors of America

This scholarship is available for students in the United States who are currently enrolled in a

University or High School, and have plans to attend a University and plan to attend medical school in the future. We realize the rising costs of medical school, and the scholarship is meant to give back to the next generation of doctors in America.

Here is some brief information about our scholarship:

- This is a one-time award of \$1,000
- Deadline for this scholarship is February 15, 2022
- A winner will be announced by March 15, 2022

All of the details and criteria can be found on our page

# **Edgar Radjabli Scholarship for Future Healthcare Professionals**

This scholarship is available for students in the United States who are currently enrolled in a University or High School, and have plans to attend a University. The scholarship is meant to give back a little to those that are embarking on the journey to become a healthcare professional.

Here is some brief information about our scholarship:

- This is a one-time award of \$1,000
- Deadline for this scholarship is February 15, 2022
- A winner will be announced by March 15, 2022

All of the details and criteria can be found on our page

# The Connecticut Bar Foundation 22nd Annual Quintin Johnstone Statewide High School Essay Contest

Presented by the James W. Cooper Fellows

2021-2022 Topic: "Throwing Away Our Shot?"

The contest is open to all Connecticut students under the age of 21 who are enrolled in grades 9-12, or their equivalent, at an accredited high school, vocational-technical school, or adult high school credit diploma program located within the State of Connecticut. The contest is also open to all Connecticut homeschooled students in grades equivalent to 9-12.

- *Grand Prize \$2,000*
- Two Runner-Up Prizes \$1,000 each

Essays will be judged by federal and state court judges, law professors, and attorneys, with an awards ceremony planned for Spring 2022 at the Connecticut Supreme Court.

#### **Deadline for submission: February 22, 2022**

Entries must be submitted through the auspices of the Connecticut school the student attends, with the exception of homeschooled students. Each teacher shall select no more than three entries per class. Teachers of any subject may submit entries. There is no limit on the number of teachers who may submit entries from a single school. School counselors may submit no more than three entries per semester. There is no limit on the number of school counselors who may submit entries from a single school.

For more information, and to access contest materials and submit an entry, please visit our website: <a href="https://www.ctbarfdn.org/essaycontest/">https://www.ctbarfdn.org/essaycontest/</a>

Please contact us at ctbf@ctbarfdn.org with any questions

# The Brooking Industries Scholarship

The scholarship is designed for dependent high school and college students of current, full-time commissioned Law Enforcement officers and qualified First Responders.

The desired degree must complement any career within the Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, or First Responder fields.

#### Award

- An award of \$10,000 will be given (paid once).
- Four awards of \$500 will be given (paid once) to the four runner-up submissions.

#### **Timeline**

Recurring Annually.

The next deadline to submit your application and video is March 1, 2022.

#### **Application Requirements**

The applicant must be a high school senior or college student.

The applicant must be the dependent son or daughter of a current, full-time commissioned Law Enforcement Officer or qualified First Responder in the United States.

#### **Submission Requirements**

Record an original video describing your dream career.

#### **How To Apply**

Visit our website for more info and to apply online.

### **CollegeBoard Opportunity Scholarships**

The <u>Opportunity Scholarships</u> provide a guide for all students along their college journey and reward their efforts with chances to earn a \$500 scholarship for each completed step. When students complete all six steps, they'll have the chance to win one of 25 \$40,000 Complete Your Journey Scholarships!

Here are the six steps and timelines for the scholarship drawings:

- Build Your College List (closed June 30)
- <u>Practice for the SAT®</u> (closed October, but opens again in January)
- Explore Scholarships (July through February)
- Strengthen Your College List (closed October)
- <u>Complete the FAFSA®</u> (October through February)
- Apply to Colleges (October through February)

### **MicroScholarship Awards**

The best time to get started is in 9th grade, but even if you're an 11th grader, it's not too late! For example, entering your grades, taking the PSAT, taking an AP exam, etc. are all ways that you can begin earning these microscholarships to schools you're interested in

applying to! To get started make sure you create your account on <u>Raise.me</u>. The earlier you start, the better!!

It's free for you and you can earn money for doing everything you're already doing!

This is a great way to see that all your hard work is worth it.

# **FASTWEB.COM Scholarship Site**

<u>Fastweb's Scholarship Directories</u> provide students the ability to view new and large scholarships by category. Among the many categories offered, students can view Scholarships by School Year, Ethnicity Scholarships, Scholarships for Honor Students and Scholarships for Unique Situations.

# Financial Aid/Literacy Articles:

- FAFSA Future Changes
- The Debt Trap
- ABCs for Financial Independence
- CSS Profile
- College Pricing Trends
- FAFSA podcast
- Video on How to File the FAFSA
- Spanish: FAFSA on the Web worksheet
- English: FAFSA on the Web worksheet
- EFC Formula Guide
- FAFSA Resources
- How to Pay for College

- Shelter Assets on the FAFSA
- Income Cutoff for Financial Aid Eligibility?
- Yield and Why It Matters to Colleges
- How Much Does the Gov't Collect in Student Loan Payments?
- <u>Student Loan Debt Forgiveness</u>
- More Loan Forgiveness
- Don't Forgive 50K in Student Loan Debt
- Future FAFSA
- Millions Missed the Boat
- How to Start Saving
- Federal financial aid for college will be easier to apply for and a bit more generous
- New FAFSA Removes Roadblocks for Grandparent 529 Plans
- Evaluating What Really Matters on a College Campus Link for Counselors
- The Most Onerous Form in College Admissions
- How to get more financial aid for college (This is an awesome article that every parent should take the time to read, it's worth it!)
- How to get the most out of your college experience and cut costs
- So You Got Financial Aid for College. But How Do You Pay for the Rest of It?
- Episode Eight: "How Families Can Talk About Paying for College"
- 3 Easier Ways to Pay for College: FAFSA, Income-Based Repayment, 529 Plans: Recent Changes
- If Students Are Borrowing Less, Why Do They Owe More?
- Myth Busted: Turns Out Bankruptcy Can Wipe Out Student Loan Debt After All
- What FUTURE Act Means for FAFSA, Income-Driven Repayment | Paying for College
- Financial Aid Awarding GAP:
- Appealing for More Financial Aid:

- The EFC Formula, 2021-2022 August 2020
- Student Financial Aid Questions: What to know about college & COVID-19
- Negotiating a Financial Aid Award

# **Additional Articles:**

Five Ways to be an Active Listener for Your Teen

Empowering Teens: Talking About the Do's Instead of the Don'ts

How Do I Talk to My Child About Teen Alcohol Use?

2020 Report on How America Pays for College:

A guide to COVID-19 economic stimulus relief

**Student Loan Support At Work:** 

Pell Grants: Dwindling Power to Help At-Need Students

**How to Graduate Debt Free** 

**Student Loan Relief:** 

\$30,000 Student Debt Results In Loss Of \$325,000 Retirement Savings

#### **Borrow Federal Loans:**

<u>TuitionFit: Find a Better Price for College</u> Allows students/families to input their info and see actual (anonymous) award letters of students with comparable info. Could be used to bargain or just use earlier in the college search process to figure out true awards.

Navigating the coronavirus from The Common App-list of resources

**COVID-19 and Virtual Campus Tours** 

Common App and Coalition App Essay Prompts

NCAA proposes letting college athletes get paid for endorsements

American Household Credit Card Debt Statistics: 2019

Why so many students don't finish college: With Their Whole Lives Ahead of Them