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College Financial Aid Information

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COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

This is an exciting, yet challenging year for high school seniors who are looking to continue their education at the next level. They've visited numerous campuses and filed applications, but the real challenge is figuring out how to pay the tuition bill.

Searching and applying for financial aid can be a very daunting task, but there are a number of organizations that can help you with this process:

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is the state agency that helps people pay for college by administering the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), guaranteeing student loans, offering guidance and administering a highly successful College Savings program for students and families. To visit HESC's website, please CLICK HERE.

The New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association, Inc. (NYSFAAA)offers extensive information for Students, Families and High School Counselors. They operate an online resource centerthat students and their families can visit to get finanical aid information. NYSFAAA alsooperates "Ask the Expert", in which individualscan ask questions via email, and receive responses from finanical aid experts.CLICK HERE to visit NYSFAAA's online resource center.

Mapping Your Future is a public service web site that provides information on career and financial aid options. Their mission is to enable individuals to achieve life-long success by empowering schools, students, and families with free, web-based college, financial aid, career, and financial literacy information and services. To visit their website, CLICK HERE.

Financial aid information, forms, and workshops for students and families are often available at local high schools, libraries, and other community locations as well.