

Funding Your Future



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Financial Resources for College Bound Students!

Find ways to pay for College



FINANCIAL AID

What is Financial Aid?

- Funds provided to students and parents to help pay for college and educational expenses like tuition, housing, meals, books, etc.
- Most students who are enrolled in college or a post-secondary program receive some sort of financial aid.

Sources of Financial Aid:

- U.S. Federal Government
- State Government
- Institutional (College or University)
- Private (Church, Employer, Non-Profit Agency, etc.)

How to Qualify for Financial Aid?

- You should complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** each year that you plan to attend college or a post-secondary program

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Scholarships

- Scholarships are monies applied for and awarded based on merit, skill, and unique characteristics.
- You do not pay this money back; however most scholarships require that you maintain a certain level of achievement or involvement.

Grants

- Grants are monies usually awarded based on financial need.
- You do not pay this money back

STUDENT LOANS

Different Student Loan Types:

- Subsidized Stafford Loans
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
- Parent Plus Loans
- Alternative Loans or Private Loans

Helpful Links about Loans:

- [Student Loan Simulator](#)
- [The Top 10 Student Loan Tips for Recent Graduates](#)

IKIC FUNDING

I Know I Can offers funding opportunities to help support students

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to high school seniors with four years of continuous enrollment in CCS. Minimum HS GPA: 3.0. Includes two writing prompts, two recommendation letters, and requires an interview process. **Worth up to \$10,000/year. Renewable up to four years.**
Deadline: March 1st



COLUMBUS PROMISE

CCS students must submit an application on time. **Worth up to full tuition at Columbus State Community College plus up to \$500/semester for education related expenses.**
Priority Deadline: May 15th



I KNOW I CAN GRANT

Qualifying CCS students must submit the application on time and be Pell-eligible. Minimum HS GPA: 2.25 /College Student GPA: 2.0. **Worth \$2,500/year. Renewable up to four years.**
Deadline: May 15th

A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be completed to be eligible for each of these opportunities. Find more information about our funding opportunities and apply online at <https://portal.iknowican.org!>

Annual Scholarship Opportunities

- [The Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [The Louise Ann Luckey Scholarship](#)
- [The Coca-Cola Scholarship](#)
- [The Doodle for Google Scholarship](#)
- [The Richard Holland Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [The Columbus Foundation](#)

FINANCIAL AID LETTERS

Understanding a Financial Aid Award Letter

- Financial Aid Letters are documents that colleges and universities send to students who have been accepted outlining their Cost of Attendance, Financial Aid, and potential remaining out of pocket costs
- Income (**aid, gift, and need-based**) - Expenses (**cost of classes, fees, books/supplies, etc.**) = **Cost of Attendance**
- **Cost of Attendance** will vary from college to college, but your **Student Aid Index (SAI)** will stay the same as determined by the FAFSA

