

# I AM NOT A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR!

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What questions do students have? What don't they know?



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Where do you want students to go to get the answers to their questions?

You are a teacher

You have been to college

You are preparing students for college

Your school needs to offer services to families

You have brothers and sisters in Christ who need help

# **“I have no idea what I want to do.”**

1. Pray about it. Explain what this means. Follow up with the student.
2. What are you interested in?
3. Spend some time talking. Ask people. Visit.
4. Spend time reading/researching.
5. **DON'T PANIC. MANY STUDENTS DON'T KNOW. MANY COLLEGES DON'T LET YOU DECLARE A MAJOR UNTIL YOUR SECOND YEAR.**

# “I have no idea what I want to do.”

## RESOURCES:

### Books:

*What Color is Your Parachute?, for Teens, Third Edition: Discover Yourself, Design Your Future, and Plan for Your Dream Job* by Carol Christens and Richard Bolles

*Do What You Are: Discover the Perfect Career for You Through the Secrets of Personality Types* by Paul D. Tieger

*Teens Guide to College & Career Planning* by Justin Muchnick (Peterson's)

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## ONLINE RESOURCES:

Occupational Outlook Handbook

[www.bis.gov/oco](http://www.bis.gov/oco)

Mapping Your Future

[www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

LiveCareer

[www.livecareer.com](http://www.livecareer.com)

Monster

[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)

California Career Zone

[www.cacareerzone.org/](http://www.cacareerzone.org/)

Bureau of Labor and Statistics

[www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/articles.htm](http://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/articles.htm)

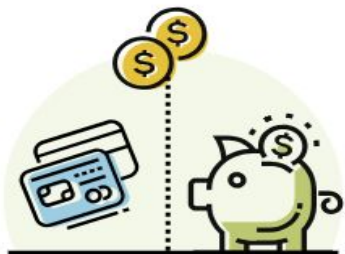
[www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)

\*\*College Data- compare stats for colleges

[www.collegedata.com/](http://www.collegedata.com/)



## You can use the following activities to learn more about yourself.



### Make Money Choices

How much money will you need to support your lifestyle, and which occupations will enable you lead the life you want? Developing a budget can help you explore these options.



### Interest Profiler

Discover what your interests are, and how they relate to the world of work. The Interest Profiler helps you decide what kinds of occupations and jobs you might want to explore based on your interests.



### Quick Assessment

Explore jobs that best match your personality. Are you realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising, or conventional? Find out with this quick assessment.



### Work Importance Profiler

What's important to you in a job? Discover how much you value achievement, independence, recognition, relationships, support, and working conditions in a job. Get a list of jobs that reflect your values.


# OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

Search Handbook

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[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) > [About](#) >

## Teachers Guide

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### A Note to Teachers

#### Dear Teacher:


The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (*OOH*) is an online publication that has information on hundreds of occupations in the United States. The *OOH* is a rich resource for those seeking career guidance. Using the *OOH*, students can explore different aspects of occupations by clicking on the following tabs:

- What workers do on the job
- Work environment
- Education, training, and other qualifications needed to enter the occupation
- Pay
- Projected employment change and job prospects
- State and area data
- Similar occupations
- Contacts for more information

As a teacher, you are in a position to help your students plan their future. Through the *OOH*, students can access valuable occupational information that can help them make career choices. By familiarizing yourself with the features of the *OOH*, you will be in a position to quickly and effectively help your students use this valuable tool.

#### What's New in the OOH?

#### Career Videos

Career videos have been added to some occupational profiles on the Summary tab. The videos, produced by [CareerOneStop](#) , provide a brief overview of the occupation, including typical duties and entry-level education needed.



## Navigating the *OOH* Homepage

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There are several ways to find career information about a detailed occupation:

1. **Occupation Group Search.** The *OOH* is broken up into clusters of similar occupations of interest on the left-hand side of the homepage. Clicking on a group results in a landing page with summaries, typical entry-level education, and median pay. Typical entry-level education is listed at the top of each column.
2. **Occupation Finder.** The occupation finder (located towards the top of the homepage) allows students to search for occupations based on five characteristics. For example, a student who wants to learn which occupations typically require a college degree more can use the drop-down menus to narrow down the occupations using those two characteristics.
3. **Search Box.** Students may also search for occupations by entering a title into the "Search" box.
4. **A-Z Index Search.** Students may use the alphabetical index to look for an occupation. For example, if a student is looking for "Accountants" in the A-Z index search. The student would then be directed to the "Accountants" page.
5. **Browse Occupations.** Clicking on these buttons takes students to three distinct pages: occupations with the most jobs growing, and occupations projected to have the most new jobs created.
6. **Featured Occupation.** With each visit to the *OOH* homepage, a different occupation is featured.
7. **OOH Glossary.** The *OOH* Glossary includes terms frequently used in the occupations.

# “ It’s so overwhelming. I don’t know how to start.”

1. Teach college vocabulary. Explain things to them: college credits, transcript, a college schedule for a semester, general education classes, program specific classes
2. Have students research degree requirements.  
<https://www.bju.edu/academics/programs/business-administration/>  
[http://catalogue.uncw.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=41&poid=6991](http://catalogue.uncw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=41&poid=6991)
3. Teach students how to write a personal essay. Assign personal essays in high school, starting grade 9 or earlier.
4. Have students create an account on sites like: The Common App, Big Future

[Plan Ahead](#)

[Explore Colleges](#)

[Virtual Counselor](#)

[How To Apply](#)

[Apply Now](#)

## We're Live!

The 2018-2019 Common Application is now available. We're looking forward to a great year ahead! Check out the many ways you can get prepared to apply.

[Let's Get Started](#)

**More than 800 colleges.  
Only one application.**

*Find Colleges*



THE COMMON  
APPLICATION**Log In to My Application**Don't have an account? [Sign up now](#)

Email

Password

[Forgot password?](#)**Log In**

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## Create Your Account

There is no preparation required for this step (*we promise*), so you can **create your account** as early as you'd like. All you'll need is some basic profile information – like your name, date of birth, address and phone number. And of course, you'll need to provide a valid email address.

**Note:** Your email address will become your username and the Common App's primary method of sending you updates and reminders, so make sure that you provide an email address that you check on a regular basis.

What tips do you have for filling out the Common App?



What is the Common App?



What's one tip for starting the Common App?



How should you start searching for colleges?



What's your advice for students who are stressed about applying to college?



What should you keep in mind when building your college list?



## College Search

Save Selections Clear All Selections

### SELECT FILTERS

Test Scores & Selectivity

Type of School

Location

Campus & Housing

Majors & Learning Environment

Sports & Activities

Academic Credit

Paying

Additional Support Programs

Diversity

You have  
3,772 college  
options. Choose a  
category on the  
left to find the  
right ones for you.  
We'll help along  
the way.

Not sure where to start?  
Go to **College Search  
Step-by-Step**, an  
interactive guide.

# “How do I get financial aid?”

DO YOUR RESEARCH!

[www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org)

<http://www.youcandealwithit.com/>

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources>

Every year the U.S. Department of Education gives over \$120 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds to more than 13 million college students. The FAFSA may also determine your eligibility for state and school aid.

STUDENTS

PARENTS

COUNSELORS

## Start Thinking About Life After High School

Explore careers that interest you.

Search for your perfect school.

Learn about student aid.

Find grants or scholarships.

Plan a campus visit.



Find out if you are a **SMART borrower**  
with **MySmartBorrowing.org**

Let's GO! ▶

for **Students**



for **Parents**



for **Counselors**





Career Planning

Preparing for School

**Paying for School**

Student Aid Checklists

Dollars and Sense

▶ **Student Aid 101**

- **Student Aid Basics: 10 Tips**
- The Importance of the FAFSA
- The Hidden Truths of Student Loans
- Are You Dependent or Independent?
- The Role of the Financial Aid Office

Ways to Pay

Find Grants and Scholarships

## Student Aid Basics: 10 Tips

1. **Complete the FAFSA® (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** regardless of your family's economic status.  
Nearly everyone who applies receives aid of some sort, regardless of their credit history.
2. **Renew your FAFSA** every year.  
Even if you did not qualify for much student aid last year, changes in family income and other factors can affect your eligibility.
3. **Apply for student aid as early as possible.**  
Many types of student aid are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply too late, and you'll have fewer aid options.
4. **Always apply for "free" student aid—grants and scholarships—first.**  
You do not need to pay back "free" student aid as long as you meet all of the obligations.
5. **Beware of student aid offers that seem "too good to be true."**  
Student aid scams offer the "promise" of funding—for a small fee—and then steal your money. You should never have to pay a fee to apply for student aid.
6. **Educate yourself about the different types of loans.**  
You have to pay loans back (with interest), so it's important that you select the best one for your situation.



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Student Aid 101



Grants, Scholarships, and Loans

Your Award Letter

Types of Loans

The Basics of Loans

The Language of Loans

About Interest

Your Responsibilities

Student Loan Q&A

The Hidden Truths of Student Loans

Exit Counseling

Beware of "Debt Relief" Organizations

Making Payments



Trouble Paying



Managing Money



## Student Aid 101



You CAN make sense of the complicated world of student aid.

Need to pay for college but don't know where to begin? You've come to the right place. Student aid is available to help you cover school-related expenses. Take a few minutes and get to know the basics:

- ▶ **Grants, Scholarships, and Loans**  
What's the difference between grants, scholarships, and loans? Which should you pursue first?
- ▶ **Your Award Letter**  
Read the award letter you receive from a school's financial aid office to understand the types of student aid you are being offered.
- ▶ **Types of Loans**  
Learn about the different loan types and choose the one that's right for you.
- ▶ **The Basics of Loans**  
Understand the building blocks that are the foundation of student loans.
- ▶ **The Language of Loans**  
Learn to talk the talk in the world of student aid.
- ▶ **About Interest**  
Learn what interest is and how it can impact your student loan.

### Helpful Hint

**Don't know who services your federal loans?**

To find out, [sign in to NSLDS.ed.gov](#) using your federal ID. Keep track of all of your servicers and their contact information.

### Test Your Knowledge

College is expensive. What was the average cost (tuition and fees) for a 4-year public school in the United States in 2013–2014?

1. \$7,020
2. \$8,893
3. \$12,756

[View Answer](#)



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Financial Wellness



Learning Modules



Creating a Plan



Three-Step Letter Series



Default Aversion Roster



Cohort Default Rate



Calculators & Downloads



How to Use This Website



## Financial Wellness Curriculum

### What is it?

The Financial Wellness Curriculum is a series of PowerPoint presentations on topics that are important to today's college students, such as financial wellness, understanding financial aid, and how to establish good credit.

### How does it work?

The Financial Wellness Curriculum is the perfect complement to your current orientation program or exit counseling. Use these presentations to teach your students the basics about money management and arm them with tips and information to help them make smart, educated financial decisions.

Topics can be presented separately or collectively, depending on your needs. Each topic includes a presenter's guide.

### Where can I obtain this resource?

Download the Financial Wellness Curriculum and presenter's guides here:

- [Introduction to Financial Management](#) 📄 / [presenter's guide](#) 📄
- [Understanding Financial Aid](#) 📄 / [presenter's guide](#) 📄
- [Budgeting](#) 📄 / [presenter's guide](#) 📄

Prepare for College

Types of Aid

Who Gets Aid

FAFSA® Process: Applying for Aid

How to Repay Your Loans

[Home](#) » [More Info](#) » Resources

## View and download resources from the office of Federal Student Aid.

We provide resources on preparing for college or career school, applying for aid, consumer protection, and more.

The office of Federal Student Aid provides publications, fact sheets, online tools, and other resources to help you prepare and pay for college or career school. Our resources are grouped by the following topics:

- Information on College Preparation and the Federal Student Aid Programs
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Information
- Loan Information

### Quick Links

- [Prepare for College](#)
- [Types of Aid](#)
- [FAFSA® Process: Applying for Aid](#)
- [How to Repay Your Loans](#)

# “How do I find scholarships?”

[Cappex.com](http://Cappex.com)



Your College Decision Headquarters™

## Find Colleges and Scholarships



### College Search

Compare colleges, find tuition and admission information and discover your admission chances from more than 3,000 schools. Our school profiles include statistics and majors.



### College Reviews

See what college students are saying about each school to learn more about their academics, extracurriculars and campus life. We currently feature more than 1.4 million reviews.



### College Scholarships

Conduct a scholarship search to find the ones that match your strengths and skills best. Our scholarship directory has more than \$11 billion.

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## We've Got More Than \$11 Billion in Scholarships

I AM A

Current High School Student ▼

EMAIL ADDRESS

CREATE PASSWORD

RETYPE PASSWORD

**Password must have**

- \* Eight (8) or more characters
- \* At least one lower case letter
- \* At least one capital letter
- \* At least one number
- \* At least one special character (e.g., - ( ) . & @ ? ' # , / " +)

**WE'LL HELP YOU  
DISCOVER THE ONES  
THAT FIT YOU BEST.**

**LOOKING FOR HELP SAVING MONEY ON  
COLLEGE TUITION? YOU'VE COME TO THE  
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# “How do I find scholarships?”

## What is Fastweb?

We're the leading online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school.



### Targeted Scholarships

Scholarships just for you based on your strengths, interests and skills



### Financial Aid

Resources to help you with tough financial aid decisions



### College Search

Discover the perfect school for your interests and budget



### Career Advice

Guidance to help you prepare for a promising future

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**No Essay**  
**Scholarship™**

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ENTER NOW 

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

# “How do I find scholarships?”

Cappex.com

Fastweb.com

Bigfuture.com

Parent's work, social organizations

Google it !!



# FAFSA steps

1. Get an FSA ID number. This is the username and password for federal student aid websites.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>

2. Start the FAFSA at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

3. Complete all of the parts: student demographic, parent demographic, financial information (using last year's tax information)

4. Send FAFSA to schools of your choice

For more information and details and links, visit [HOMEROOM](#), the official blog of the U.S. Department of Education.

**\*\*Federal Aid is first-come-first-served in NC & SC**

# How to promote Christian Colleges.

If you  
**value**  
something,



why  
would you  
go to a  
school that  
does not



**value the  
same thing?**



# THE GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

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  - FINANCIAL AID INFO
  - MAJORS LISTING
  - ATHLETICS LISTING
- IT'S ALL INSIDE...

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For students, parents, youth pastors, and counselors.

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Are you a parent of a high schooler who's looking toward his or her future and wondering what's next?

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You'll find tips about parenting your child in this season, as well as valuable information for your teen to consider as he or she starts asking questions about choosing a campus, narrowing potential majors and staying strong in the faith.

Please take a moment to tell us about yourself, and then download Focus on the Family's **FREE** 2017 College Guide!

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/magazine/college-guide-2017>

# Resources for Christians:

1. *How to Stay Christian in College* by J. Budziszewski
2. *10 Things Every Christian Should Know for College* by Austin Gentry
3. *Preparing Your Teens for College: Faith, Friends, Finances, and Much More* by Alex Chediak
4. *Thriving at College: Make Great Friends, Keep Your Faith, and Get Ready for the Real World!* By Alex Chediak

# Suggestions for your school:

1. Include college prep topics in your classes:

Application essays in English

Using college websites in computer class

Financial aid in Economics or math class

2. Parent seminar/workshop

3. Invite guest speaker to discuss financial aid. Ask a local college or a bank representative. Try Wells Fargo.





## Support for you



### Easily pass on info

Here's a [short email](#) pre-written and designed to help you quickly and easily share the info above with your students and their families. All you have to do is address it, sign, and hit send.



### Printed information to share

From scholarships to campus visits, we've put together a guide to the online tools and resources available to help students prepare, plan, and pay for college. You can order a supply through your local branch, or there's a [printable version here](#).



### In-person support

A Wells Fargo banker may be able to help guide your students and answer their questions face-to-face. Your banker can help you put your college planning or financial education event together, bring printed materials, and most importantly, give your students a chance to get answers to financial questions on the spot.

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## Suggestions for your school:

4. Encourage college visits. Create a policy allowing students to miss school without penalty. Take student to visit colleges or to college fairs.
5. Create a college-going culture in your school. Talk about college during class. Display your diplomas. Create a bulletin board with college pennants. Brag on your graduates and how they have succeeded.

## Suggestions for your school:

6. Prepare student to be leaders in Christian groups on campus. Teach them about different groups they can participate in.
7. Expose them to some of the difficulties facing a Christian on a college campus and what their rights are.

[Alliance Defending Freedom](#)

[Campus Ministry Link](#)

[InterVarsity](#)

## Suggestions for your classroom:

1. Talk about college. Demand college level work. Remind them that they are in a college-prep class.
2. Emphasize having a foundation in Christ

*Finding your self-worth in Christ will*

*help you stop comparing yourself to others.*

*prevent you from magnifying failures and misfortunes.*

*encourage you to pursue something you're actually passionate about.*