

Alternative Ways to Pay for College

I receive many questions particularly from parents about finding different means for paying for college. If you need more information just enter the topic in your Search Engine (Google, Yahoo ...) of choice.

Below I have listed some known tips (I have used many of them) on alternative ways to fund your education. Check with your college about whether any AP credits from high school will transfer:

1. Consider taking a couple courses at the community college during summers
2. Apply for scholarships within your major at your university
3. Continue to search and stay on top of the scholarships found on the Dream Mentor Program Website
4. Look into a co-op program - A great way to work your way through school while gaining experience in your chosen field
5. Scholarships, grants and loans aren't the only ways the federal government helps out. Educational tax credits can save you thousands (Hope and Lifetime Learning Credit).
6. Don't let your good deeds go unrewarded. Americorps, the Peace Corps and Teach for America all offer educational service awards to students seeking cash and a way to make a difference in the world.
7. Most universities offer some form of tuition remission to their full-time employees and many extend the benefit to part-time employees as well. If you can't land a staff position at the school of your choice
8. There are a number of businesses that offer college tuition reimbursement (AT&T, Gander Mountain, Dicks Sporting Goods, Starbucks, MacDonald's and Barnes & Noble to name a few)
9. If you qualify as an independent and your income is very low, you may be eligible for a Pell grant
10. If you really want to pay in-state prices, the best way to do that is simply to live in-state before you enroll in school. To establish residency, independent students or families (when students are dependent) must show proof of living in state for at least one year prior to enrolling in school.

There are marketing programs that can also help save money for college.

Babymint:

<https://www.babymint.com/default.aspx>

Upromise:

<https://uii.s.upromise.com/>

Good Luck,

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