



Parent Conversation Starter

Talking with Your Parents

Many parents play an active role in helping their kids pay for college. In fact, unless you are considered an “independent student”, the Department of Education assumes that your parents will help you pay for college and adjusts your estimated need according to their financial situation.

This sheet will help you get started when talking to your parents about paying for college.

You may also want to download the Frequently Asked Questions document from the Fact Sheets section of PNConCampus.com.



Here are some points to cover:

I've been thinking about how I'm going to pay for my college education. Is this something you've been preparing for?

HINT: Create a parent account so they can read our advice for parents on last minute planning.

One of the pieces of information I need to submit in order to apply for financial aid is the FAFSA. It's easier to fill out if you have already filed your taxes. When you have all of that information together, can we work on the FAFSA together?

There are some scholarships and grants that have been created for students of specific socioeconomic status or ethnic backgrounds. Do you know if I might be eligible for applying for any of these? Do you know of any specific scholarships that I might be a good candidate for? Is it possible that your workplace, church, social, or alumni organizations sponsor any scholarships?

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