



Creative Ways to Pay for College

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What You Can Do Now



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Making the Most of High School Opportunities

- Find out what your high school offers
- Make a plan for the upcoming school year
- Supplement high school offerings with other credit opportunities



Earning College Credit in High School

- E-Start
- Running Start
- Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS)
- AP Tests
- Local college campuses
- NH Career Academy (NEW!)



Becoming a N.H. Scholar

*The NH State Scholars Program
provides a framework for a
rigorous, college prep high school program.*

- Standard Core Course of Study accepted at most 4 year colleges
- STEM, STEAM (Stem with Arts) and CTE track options
- Scholarship and other opportunities (including free admissions application!) for those who officially join the program & complete the coursework

nhscholars.org





The College Application Proce\$\$



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Budgeting for the Process

- Campus visits
- Application costs/ fee waivers
- Taking standardized tests
- Sending SAT or ACT scores
- Making your deposit

Paying for College

- Net price calculators
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - File on or after October 1, 2019
- CSS Profile
- Financial safety school



The Next Steps



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Scholarship Opportunities

Local Resources

- School Counseling Office/Naviance
- Employer
- Library
- Civic organizations
- New Hampshire Charitable Foundation - nhcf.org
 - Statewide Student Aid Program
 - Career Aid for Technical Students



National Resources

- fastweb.com
- collegeboard.org
- [College Opportunity Scholarships](#) - NEW!!



Knowing Your Options

- DUAL NH/NH Transfer programs
- USNH Granite Guarantee program
- U Maine flagship program
- New England Board of Higher Education Tuition Break
- Schools that guarantee tuition freeze
- Accelerated programs
- International opportunities



Destination College: Arrived



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Paying the Bill

- Appealing an award letter
 - Merit aid versus need-based aid requests
 - Special circumstances
- Tuition payment plans
- Federal Direct **P**arent **L**oans for **U**ndergraduate **S**tudent (PLUS) loans
- Private student loans
- Waive health insurance fee

Being a College Student

- Look for used textbooks or rent online at sites such as Amazon and Chegg
- Earn money with a work-study job
- Consider paid internships
- Stay in school - Summer semesters
- Look for at home summer opportunities at local community colleges
- Consider online options



Questions?

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