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Great Websites for Education Financial Aid

(Websites active as of February 2010)

http://studentaid.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid-Student Aid on the Web …source for free information from US Department of Education on preparing for and funding education beyond high school…Federal Student Aid programs, applying for college, applying for financial aid, and repaying loans.

www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)… formulates federal postsecondary education policy and administers over 40 programs that address critical national needs in support of mission to increase access to quality postsecondary education…education planning, student resources, and publications.

www.studentloanfunding.com

Student Loan Funding℠...a Sallie Mae® company, offers superior planning- and paying-for-college tools and information, and a variety of options, including a Tuition Payment Plan℠ and private education loans, to help families pay for college.

www.FastWEB.com

More than 1.5 million scholarships in database, updated daily. System matches awards that fit your profile from freshman year through grad school and alerts you when a new scholarship becomes available. It's 100% free. Will want you to sign up to receive advertisements, etc.

www.finaid.org

The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid …search for scholarships that match your profile (beware of scholarship scams.), look for information about student loans, financial aid applications, find forms and instructions here, tips on filling out the FAFSA and maximizing eligibility, savings information with prepaid tuition and section 529 college savings plans, military aid from ROTC to military aid for veterans and recruits, and other types of aid including grants to graduate school fellowships and education tax benefits to tuition payment plans.

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid…simplified the process of filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Follow each section all of the way through for a comprehensive set of instructions…get organized, fill out the application, and view your results online and deadlines.

www.collegescholarships.com

College Connection…private financial aid service. No fee to apply to any scholarship listed on our website, but must contact them directly. Private sector scholarship database for undergraduate, graduate, vocational and international students. Customized quality scholarship search service for a small fee, $39.95, includes gives a personalized letter to each scholarship contact that you just sign and send.

www.findtuition.com

FindTuition…free scholarship search service that allows users to search and manage scholarship opportunities. Employs an innovative new scholarship search. Only need to fill out one page of information using drop down menus and can always update profile.

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www.cffredco.org

The Community Foundation of Frederick County… is community foundation established to ensure financial support for nonprofit organizations primarily serving Frederick County, MD area and to award educational scholarships to deserving Frederick County students.

www.frederick.edu/student_services

Frederick Community College…one of our hallmarks is the personal service and attention we provide students. The campus experience will be much more enjoyable for you if you avail yourself of our many opportunities, helpful staff and resources.

www.collegeanswer.com

College Answer…find pointers on entire "Going-to-College" process from preparation to getting loans. Interactive tools to analyze schools' affordability, compare financial aid award letters, and search for scholarships, and a Sallie Mae® company.

www.usafunds.org

USA Funds® …nonprofit corporation that works to enhance postsecondary education preparedness, access and success by providing and supporting financial and other valued services. Links colleges, universities, private career schools, private lenders, students and parents to promote financial access to higher learning. Largest guarantor of loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan Program, the largest federal source of financial aid for higher education. Serves as federal education loans designated guarantor in eight states: Arizona, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada and Wyoming.

www.estudentloan.com

eStudentLoan…provides resources and tools to help students and parents research, compare student loan programs, find financing for higher education, and understand everything need to know about student loans for college. NOTE – the ongoing credit crisis has drastically affected the availability of private student loan options. Before applying for private student loans, ensure you have exhausted your federal student loan eligibility. Most private student loans will require a qualified co-signer. Additional information on private student loan options on a non-affiliated website may be accessed by clicking the private student loans link below. This website compensates EStudentLoan when you visit its website and select a lender and click on the "apply" button for such lender. There is no obligation for requesting more information on such website.

www.universities.com/financial_aid

Universities.com…organized extensive collection of Post-Secondary distance learning and on-campus colleges and universities.

http://www.financialaidsupersite.com/

Financialaidsupersite.com…help financial aid seekers to have better understanding of college financial aid process and provide affordable financial aid services to help with financial aid package. Fee based.