IS IT WORTH IT?

College is costly. But the lifetime benefits of being a college graduate are worth the investment.

EARNING POTENTIAL

- 4-Year Degree - $53,300/year
- 2-Year Degree - $39,572/year
- High School - $32,552/year
- No High School - $23,608/year

** average annual Idaho salary based on education*

Eastern Idaho College Fair

October 19th

5-8 pm.

Skyline High School

Financial Aid

- Apply for FAFSA at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- Attend the FAFSA workshop at BHS on October 11 & 12 during Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Apply early. There is only so much money to go around.
- Don't assume that you will not qualify! There is over 150 Billion dollars available from the federal government each year.
- Private Scholarships make up only 2% of funding for college. The rest come from FAFSA, so it is worth your time to fill out the application.
- Attend the FAFSA workshop.

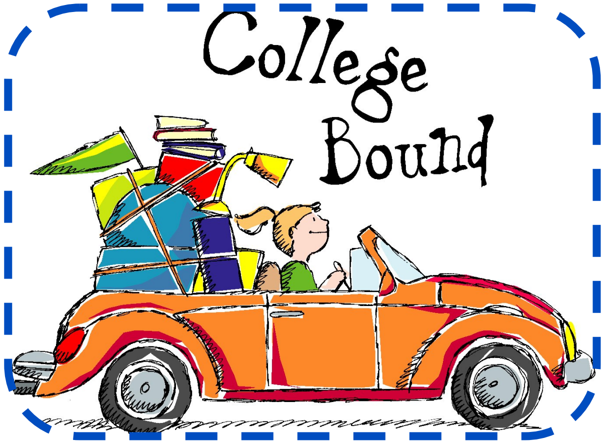
FAFSA WORKSHOP

October 11th & 12th during Parent/Teacher Conferences

Bonneville High School

How do I pay for College?

2017



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Things to Consider

- Different colleges have different admission standards. You don't have to have a high GPA and excellent ACT score to attend.
- You can take the ACT as many times as you like. Colleges will always accept your highest score, even if it is after your initial application.
- Many schools will admit anyone with a high school diploma or GED. Two-year schools and technical schools offer great opportunities to begin your higher education experience.
- Take the ACT even if you aren't thinking about college right now. Taking the ACT even six months after high school graduation can negatively impact your scores.
- Avoid scams! Don't pay someone to find scholarships or financial aid for you. If you have to pay money to get money, it is probably a scam!

Paying for College is Possible!

Don't assume you can't afford to go to college. There are many resources available to help you pay for your education. Some examples include:

- ***Grants***– Federal/State money given to those who qualify based on **FINANCIAL NEED**, no need for repayment.
- ***Scholarships***– money given based on achievement in areas like: academics, sports, music, leadership, and community service, no need for repayment.
- ***Work Study***– campus pays you to work for them.
- ***Loans***– money loaned at a favorable rate to students or parents, but must be repaid with interest.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awards typically based on unique criteria such as talent, achievement, financial need, etc. Billions of dollars worth of scholarships are available each year to college students across the country, and many scholarships go unclaimed each year simply because no one applied.

- Bonnevillebees.com
  (ForStudents>Counseling Center>Paying for College)
- Idahocis.org: Username: Bonneville
  Password: bees
- www.boardofed.idaho.gov
- Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college
- Check with your parents work
- Check with the university your are planning to attend
- Tuitionfundingsources.com

Every Wednesday from 3-3:30

Near Peers are in the Library to help with scholarships