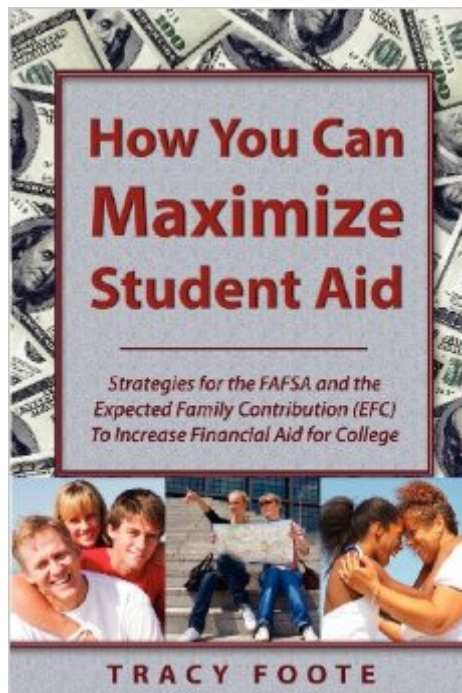


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# How You Can Maximize Student Aid: Strategies For The FAFSA And The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) To Increase Financial Aid For College



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This book is a great reference to answer that question "how to pay for college". It helps navigate and understand the frustrating but now unfortunately required FAFSA process and other financial savings and aid possibilities. The author discusses why the system works as it does and what financial options work best for families in their individual situations. When I brought the book to a

college planning night at school, other parents were interested in getting the book. While the bulk of this book gives clear examples in a straight forward manner, I was laughing uproariously as I read the preface - clearly the author has been through the college application/reality moment of the cost with her daughter. I've experienced this and seen other parents struggle with this issue as well. The author helps parents be the grounding force that encourages students to spread their wings for their college dreams, but still find the options that avoid family debt. My sophomore grade son even enjoyed reading a bit of it as he'd seen our family go through a similar scholarship application parent/student disconnect that the author mentions in the preface. Fortunately, placing emphasis on such applications helped our oldest son garner a scholarship that is significantly helping with his tuition. I wish I'd gotten this book sooner as I was struggling through the FAFSA/scholarship/savings process. The book is a hit for those doing the planning and filling out those college forms.

Bought this in conjunction with a couple of other books since our library doesn't have much. Wow what a wealth of information I have been missing. I couldn't believe how much I didn't know. Thank you for carrying such great information . I need all the help I can get to make the money stretch. There isn't too much to go around these days.

It was a good buy and can help to educate people on how financial aid is calculated. I had done some prior free research on the web and this book didn't offer a whole lot of new ideas compared to that. A nice read especially if you do not have time to scour the web and want to find all of your info in one place.

No-nonsense book to help parents understand what information to include when filling out financial aid forms for college. Most helpful book I have read so far.

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