



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department University

INVESTING IN YOUR EDUCATION

Going to school is a big investment of time and money. LASDU will help you as far as possible with scheduling accommodations and expert academic counseling. Even better, the LASDU has negotiated lowered tuition rates with many of their affiliated programs.

Most students can receive a government loan to help cover educational costs. Remember, though, even declaring bankruptcy will not erase a student loan! So make sure any school you're considering clearly states its tuition and fees. More important, make sure the school is regionally accredited and participates in the Federal Student Aid programs (see FAQ's, below). Finally, remember that any federal financial aid you get will be applied first to the school's tuition and other fees; only leftover money will go towards living expenses.

Fortunately, getting a degree is less expensive than people think. High-priced colleges are the exception: In 2009, the average annual tuition and fees for full-time undergraduates at a public university was \$12,075. Private schools may cost more but community colleges cost much less. You can also check out www.knowhow2go.org for extensive information about how to prepare and pay for your degree.

In addition, recent high school graduates or GED earners may qualify for a Cal Grant a gift, not a loan of nearly \$10,000 at affiliated California colleges, universities, and career or technical schools. Check your and your school's eligibility, then submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and verified Cal Grant GPA online.

Please review the following sites for more information:

<http://www.collegeboard.com> College Board

<http://www.collegeispossible.org> College is possible

<http://www.studentaidalliance.org> Student Aid Alliance

<http://www.uncf.org> UNCF / The College Fund

<http://www.fastweb.com> Fast Web

<http://www.collegenet.com> College Net Mach 25 Scholarship Data Base

<http://www.salliemae.com> Sallie Mae's Online Scholarship Service

<http://www.1stcollegescholarship.com> Free Money For College Scholarships

<http://www.scholarshipgrantguide.com> The Scholarship & Grant Guide

<http://www.wfalliance.org> Scholarship For Women

<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships> Fin Aid Scholarships

<http://www.petersons.com> NASFAA

<http://www.feteens.com/collegebound/applying/scholarships.html> Family Education
<http://www.shorterdegree.com/> Shorter College
<http://www.financialaidsupersite.com> Financial Aid Supersite.Com
<http://www.calgrants.org> California Student Aid Commission
<http://www.ed.gov/> U. S. Department of Education
<http://www.csac.ca.gov> California Law Enforcement Personnel/Dependents Scholarship
<http://camemorial.org/scholarship.php> California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation Scholarship
<http://www.sheriffs.org> National Sheriff Association Scholarship
<http://www.acfe.com/> Ritchie-Jennings Memorial School Program for Those Working On Criminal Justice or Accounting Degree
<http://www.nabcj.org> Thurgood Marshall School Award National Association of Blacks In Criminal Justice
<http://www.financialfreedomexpress.com> National Freedom Express
<http://www.freegrantsources.com> Free Government Grants
<http://www.college-scholarships.com> California College and Universities
<http://www.njcaa.org> NJCAA Scholarships Award
<http://www.nscaa.com> NSCAA Student Athlete-Direct Member Schools
<http://www.gibill.va.gov> Veteran Benefit Info for Veterans and Dependents
<http://www.supercollege.com> Super College.Com
<http://www.collegenet.com> College Net Scholarship Big Scholarship for Graduate Degrees
<http://www.aauw.org> American Association of University Women
<http://www.cfda.gov> Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)
<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm> Free Scholarship Resources
<http://www.allaboutcollege.com> College Admissions, Scholarships, Grants, Graduate and Undergraduate Resources
<http://www.scholarships.com> College Scholarships
 Finding The Right Graduate School & Funding — Go to <http://www.google.com> and enter: Ramsey Library Research Guides and enter on this page go to the The Real Name and you will find a lot of information for graduate school and funding. This is a very useful web site for Graduate students.

Books

- 1 Get Free Cash For College —Gen S. & Kelly Y. Tanabe — \$26.95
- 2 Petersons: Grants for Graduates & Post Doctoral Study — By Univ. of Mass Amherst — \$32.95
- 3 Student Guide to Financial Aid 2002 - 2003 Free Call 1-800-433-3243
- 4 Earn College Credit for What You Know — Kendall Hunt Publishing
- 5 Financing Your College Degree: A Guide for Adult Students — The College Board
- 6 The Government Financial Aid Book: The Insider's Guide to State and Federal Government Grants and Loans (Government Financial Aid Book, 4th Ed) by Student Financial Services (Editor)—\$14.95
- 7 Complete College Financing Guide — Barron's -- \$14.95
- 8 Unofficial Guide to Financing a College Education — \$16.95
- 9 The Complete Idiots Guide to Financial Aid For College — \$18.95

