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Paying for Single Parent's College

The Simple Steps to a Better Life

Special Report

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Introduction

Do you want more out of life but lack the resources as a single parent? Do you feel that a college degree would make a difference in your life? Do you simply need a process for changing your life? If you answer “yes,” this report can assist you in fulfilling your dreams by completing college. As a personal coach and online advisor to families, I frequently get questions from single parents on paying for college. However, it is really more than getting the money. How does a single parent get the emotional and physical support to completing college? The college experience is a challenge in itself; single parents also have to consider their children and in many cases, working a day job to make ends meet.

This special report provides single parents with a proven method of getting financial and emotional support for obtaining a college degree. This strategy will be helpful to most individuals. However, if you want more details, I highly recommend you review my special books for a more comprehensive analysis. I have spent countless hours reading books, searching websites, and reviewing past advice to clients to provide my readers with credible solutions to paying for college. For your convenience, the information is in a “question and answer” format. Many times I get an email from a discouraged parent on this issue. Here is one of these letters, and a solution:

QUESTION

Hi Daryl,

My name is August and I got your email address from the Experts: Single Parenting web site. I have a question for you. I've heard that there is a grant out there that actually pays you to go to college. I think it was called a Pell Grant or something. I am a single mother of two children, and I'm looking to get my BA via internet classes. A grant like this would be a God send. Do you have any info on it or know who I can contact?

Thank you,

August (FL)

ANSWER

Hello August,

Thanks for trusting me. If you have the determination, all things are possible. Your question is pretty simple. Yes, grants are free money. However, grants are usually based on income. For grants and other financial assistance, you need to apply for financial aid. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. It will tell you all you need to know about obtaining grants and other financial help. You pick an outstanding way to get your degree via the Internet.

Since you are a single mom, I would like to give you more help than you asked for. I believe you have the will for being successful (we all need positive feedback). Here are some more suggestions:

1. Check out www.fastweb.com to set up a profile for possible scholarships.
2. Contact your potential online college or a local college in your area. Look for programs that work with adult learners. Contact the financial aid office. Many colleges have special scholarships for women.

3. Check out the latest College Scholarship Books at your library such as Peterson's Scholarship. You can also do a search at online bookstores such as Amazon.com.
4. Check out more non-traditional colleges. I love them and attend one. Go to Jonnie's Distance Learning Website at http://www.geocities.com/liu_jonathan/dluniv.html. I especially like Bellevue or the University of Phoenix. They target non-traditional students.
5. Submit 100 scholarship applications. Submitting this volume of scholarship applications is bound to net something positive for you. Many students just aren't willing to pay this price for success. However, this strategy does work.
6. Determine how much money you will need to attend your desired college. Write a letter about this need and send it to family, friends, co-workers, and other key people. Commit to sending out at least 100 letters.
7. Write a letter or call local community groups in your area and ask them about scholarships. As a scholar committee member for a community organization, I find it distressing to see the low submittal of applications. However, I found out that many other organizations were also having a difficult time getting students to submit applications. Unfortunately, many times these organizations are unable to find students for the scholarship money they have available. In doing my research on this problem, I found that many students didn't take the time to submit and had no one to push them.
8. Surround yourself with good, positive support for your family. Many single parents seem to forget this step. Personally, I love the support that you can get from a religious institution such as a church or synagogue. You can also get active in your local community groups such as PTA, sports clubs, or book clubs.
9. Be persistent and patient. This process is a marathon, not a sprint.

In closing, these approaches will work. Do you have the energy and desire? Please let me know how you do with my suggestions. It helps me to help others. Stay in touch. May God watch over your steps.

Take care,

Daryl Green, author of *My Cup Runneth Over: Setting Goals for Single Parents and Working Couples*

Do you want to improve your life? Do you lack focus?

If you answer "yes," then email me or go www.darylgreen.org.

You get results! This is my personal guarantee!

College Facts

Insider's Secret of a College Education:

- 1) In 1990, one out of four college students was over the age of 25. Today, almost half of these students are over 25 years old. Therefore, non-traditional students are fast becoming the norm for most colleges and universities.
- 2) The cost of college continues to climb. College cost is currently rising at twice the rate of inflation. Four years of college at a public university (tuition, fees, and housing) can now easily run \$20,000 and higher.
- 3) According to a U.S. Department of Labor study, individuals with a bachelor's degree earn \$1 million more over their career than an individual with only a high school diploma.
- 4) Average annual earnings for a full-time worker with a bachelor's degree (\$53,000) were considerably higher than for a high school graduate (\$30,000).
- 5) There are over 3,600 colleges and universities in America.
- 6) On average, students at four-year private colleges receive more than 60% of some types of financial aid while students at public colleges receive more than 75% of financial aid. [clarify this: 75% of other types of financial aid? 75% of overall financial aid?]
- 7) There are over \$32 billion of scholarships available.

Featured Books

Book	Description
<p>101+ Sources for Paying for Single Parent's College: The One-Stop Guide for Non-traditional Students</p> <p><u>Available</u> Lulu.com</p>	<p><i>101+ Sources for Paying for Single Parent's College</i> provides a comprehensive, one stop guide for helping single parents find money for college. With over 100 sources of funding for college, the author gives a simple strategy for gaining success for single parents in this endeavor. Learn about the financial aid process, discover scholarship websites, and gain support for your children. This indispensable guide will help turn your dream of attending a college into a reality.</p>
<p>My Cup Runneth Over: Setting Goals for Single Parents and Working Couples by Daryl D. Green</p> <p><u>Available</u> Amazon.com B&N.com Lulu.com</p>	<p><i>My Cup Runneth Over</i> is designed for traditional families, single parents, and working couples who want more out of life. This thought-provoking book teaches you how to set goals, communicate better, and move your family in the right direction.</p>

About this Expert

Daryl D. Green, the president of a strategic consulting firm, has spent more than 10 years leading scholarship committees, developing scholarship criteria, and evaluating students for scholarships for community organizations. Mr. Green is one of the leading authorities for GenXers on helping individuals make better decisions. He and his wife Estraletta have helped thousands of single parents and married couples through their seminars, workshops, articles, and personal coaching. A former nationally syndicated columnist, Mr. Green is an independent publisher and has been noted and quoted in such sources as *Associate Press*, *USA Today*, *BET*, and *Ebony Magazine*.

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