

Financial Goals for High School Students

Background

Every family has a wide range of questions when planning for higher education. Each student's experience can vary based on availability of resources and information. Understanding how to finance higher education is at the forefront of the planning process, as it can be a bar to entry for many.

Problem Statement

Availability of information about funding college is one of many causes of inequity among rising high school students. Often there is financial relief available for post-secondary education, but students and families are unaware of the available opportunities and how to access resources.

How can we create a one-stop solution that helps high school students find a school that is a good fit for them, secure appropriate funding from sources such as loans and scholarships and create a positive transition into college?

Goal

Create a solution that:

1. Helps to formulate a precise timeline for the college admission process, giving access to reputable sources and information
2. Simplifies the college application process and selection decision based on students' unique expectations (major, region of preference etc.)
3. Upon college acceptance, clearly outlines available financial aid options and remaining family financial obligations for the education

Potential sources

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

www.College-prep.org

<https://www.usnews.com/education>

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/admissions-calculator/>

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/create-a-to-do-list-for-your-college-search>

<https://www.kaggle.com/kerneler/starter-national-student-loan-data-62f8d1bd-b>