

UNTRADITIONAL

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TO AFFORD COLLEGE

Beyond **traditional** grants, scholarships, and loans, these creative ideas can help students afford their college experience.

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Become a Resident Assistant

Resident Assistants work in housing for students, or dorms, and get free or discounted housing themselves. Sometimes there are other benefits like meal plans on campus.

Food Pantry

Locate the food pantry at your college. The food pantries are used to assist students in their needs for food. Many colleges even have gardens that contribute to the food pantry.

Become a Presidential Ambassador

Presidential Ambassadors are student leaders on campus. They usually help give tours, assist in recruitment, and help with activities. PAs are usually paid or receive reduced tuition rates.

Textbooks

Textbooks can be extremely expensive. There are many ways to make those price tags cheaper. One way is to buy used books or rent them from places like Chegg or Amazon. You can also consider sharing a book and cost with a friend or classmate or check out your textbooks from the library reserve.

Run for Student Body Officer Positions

Some student body officers can receive a stipend from the college to help pay their tuition. They are also great for resume building.

Work-Study

Work-study are part-time jobs that are usually on-campus. You can choose a schedule that works with your classes and build connections with faculty and staff. You need to fill out the FAFSA and check the work-study box to be considered.

Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding is asking for money for a cause. The most popular crowdfunding is for medical needs. However, there are many who may want to assist students and don't know where to start. Platforms like "GoFundMe," "Indiegogo," "Razoo," or "YouCaring" are great resources.

Tuition Reimbursement Jobs

Many employers give some type of tuition reimbursement to employees. Some of those companies include: Starbucks, UPS, Apple, Google, Home Depot, IBM, Chipotle, Wal-Mart, and more.

Research

Paid Internships On/Off Campus

Paid internships can lead to future higher level positions, are usually student schedule friendly, and give you real experience in your degree.

Find Summer Employment

Working in the summer between high school and college can help students put aside money for upcoming expenses. There are many good summer jobs like camp mentors, or youth programs that only last during the summer.

Research Student Discounts

Ask about discounts on-campus or at local businesses or invest in a student discount card. Sometimes there are free or discounted food at activities on campus.

Start at a Community College

Community colleges are great ways to save money the first year or two of college. They are normally cheaper and usually have a smooth transfer process to a university.

