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Paying For College Without Going Broke, 2015 Edition (College Admissions Guides)



Synopsis

The only annual college financial aid guide with line-by-line instructions for completing the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE aid forms! As seen in USA TODAY, the Wall Street Journal, Money, and the Los Angeles Times, *Paying for College Without Going Broke* will help you:

- Calculate the actual costs of college
- Increase your chances of receiving aid
- Compare aid offers and learn how to appeal if needed
- Plan strategically as an independent student or a divorced or single parent
- Understand long- and short-term money-saving tactics
- Avoid costly mistakes when applying

Paying for College Without Going Broke includes a foreword by Bill Clinton as well as in-depth line-by-line strategies for filling out 2015-2016 aid forms, including the required federal FAFSA form.

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Customer Reviews

A simple metaphor wraps up this entire book. Imagine someone is taking your photograph, the author says. You try to make yourself look as good as possible, right? You smile, you suck in your gut, straighten your tie. But in the game of college admissions -- and yes, folks, it is a game -- you're going for the exact opposite effect. You want to look as bad as possible to a college, so they'll offer you the very best financial aid package. So that means knowing where to put your assets and when, what kind of debt to assume and when, how to fill out the forms to your advantage and what changes to make from one college year to the next. Sound confusing? It is! My eyes glazed over by

the time I got halfway through the book. But, if you're in a situation where your child isn't likely to get academic or athletic scholarships and finances are going to be a problem, a parent might be willing to wade through all this arcane financial advice. And the advice often goes against accepted wisdom about wise financial moves: Take on debt? Sure! Pay more in taxes? It's good for you! Buy a car, fix up your house, take a vacation... get those assets out of here! On the one hand, it makes me sad that this is the reality of affording college today. But on the other hand, if taking some of the suggestions in this book will help my child build the future he envisions, I am all for it. If it's legal and ethical and advantageous, count me in. This book is worth your time both for the financial strategies it outlines and in the hand-holding it provides for filling out forms and submitting applications. I learned several things I didn't know and am glad to know as we enter this "competition" with our child.

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