

#CollegeChat Transcript
May 15, 2012
How to Evaluate Colleges
Lynn O'Shaughnessy

RT @CollegeBlogs: @CollegeChat #collegechat People also often assume that state schools cost less than private schools but that's often not true.



[URCollegeSource](#) 7:14pm via HootSuite

!!!!!! RT @CollegeBlogs: #collegechat If you read the methodology about how rankings are created, families would realize they are a crock.



[URCollegeSource](#) 7:13pm via HootSuite

Amen! RT @askjohnabout: @CollegeChat the biggest mistake that many parents commit is not letting their kids own the process. #collegechat



[askjohnabout](#) 7:12pm via web

RT @jeannieborin: @nancyberk @CollegeChat good intentions + good guidance can equal transfer too - hahaha #collegechat



[CassandraGeiger](#) 7:11pm via web

RT @CollegeBlogs: #collegechat Here is a link to a post on how to use collegedata tools:bit.ly/uIolMk



[jeannieborin](#) 7:09pm via web

@CollegeChat Thanks for hosting #collegechat - a well spent hour!



[jeannieborin](#) 7:08pm via web

@[nancyberk](#) @[CollegeChat](#) good intentions + good guidance can equal transfer too - hahaha
[#collegechat](#)



[nancyberk](#) 7:06pm via [Twitter for iPhone](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) LOL True! Good intentions and bad guidance = transfer. [#CollegeChat](#)



[jeannieborin](#) 7:06pm via [web](#)

@[nancyberk](#) @[CollegeChat](#) well said, Nancy! guidance yes - domination no! [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 7:06pm via [TweetChat](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Thanks Monica! [#collegechat](#)



[CassandraGeiger](#) 7:06pm via [web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Counselors typically must have masters degree but the 400+ schools of education doesn't include college planning in classes!



[AidScholarship](#) 7:05pm via [HootSuite](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Thanks for a super [#CollegeChat](#)!!! :) Have a great night!!



[jeannieborin](#) 7:05pm via [web](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) thanks, Lynn - I enjoy your posts! [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 7:05pm via [TweetChat](#)

Thanks everyone for joining in tonight. I will work on a transcript and post tomorrow.
[#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship](#) 7:05pm via HootSuite

@[nancyberk](#) Yes, same car, student driver, parents are guides! :) [#CollegeChat](#)



[jeannieborin](#) 7:04pm via web

@[CollegeChat](#) help: being supportive, w/organization, contact fin aid offices- hinder:demanding, graphs, charts, college lists [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 7:04pm via TweetChat

@[nancyberk](#) It's the guiding I am worried about ;-) [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 7:03pm via web

[#collegechat](#) I guess the hour is up. Thanks everyone for coming. And Thank you Theresa for inviting me tonight!!!



[CollegeChat](#) 7:03pm via TweetChat

Thanks very much to Lynn @[CollegeBlogs](#) for sharing highlights from the new edition of her book [ow.ly/aWbBV](#) [#collegechat](#)



[nancyberk](#) 7:03pm via Twitter for iPhone

@[CollegeChat](#) Parents drive the process more than anyone wants to admit. BUT they need to move to the passenger seat & guide! [#CollegeChat](#)



[askjohnabout](#) 7:02pm via web

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) If you read the methodology about how rankings are created, families would realize they are a crock.



[CollegeBlogs 7:02pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) You can use the rankings for a tip sheet. I like the [#forbes](#) rankings better. I devote chapters in my book to the rankings



[CollegeBlogs 7:01pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) If you read the methodology about how rankings are created, families would realize they are a crock.



[AidScholarship 7:01pm via HootSuite](#)

[@jeannieborin](#) Oh I agree! Ug, never write essays for your kids!!! Brainstorm with them, proofread, etc... [#CollegeChat](#)



[askjohnabout 7:00pm via web](#)

[@CollegeChat](#) That is the million-dollar question, isn't it? One I work on all the time.
[#collegechat](#)



[URCollegeSource 7:00pm via HootSuite](#)

I find SAT scores 1st 4 Intl [@CollegeBlogs: #collegechat](#) For scholarships - schools value good grades challenging classes. Test scores 3rd



[CollegeChat 7:00pm via TweetChat](#)

[@jeannieborin](#) How do you recommend parents help and not hinder? [#collegechat](#)



[MatthewTForrest 7:00pm via web](#)

RT [@CollegeBlogs: #collegechat](#) Heres another problem. People believe the [#collegerankings](#)!!!! Not a good idea.



[CollegeChat 6:59pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) How do you re-educate parents to look beyond rankings etc? [#collegechat](#)



[jeannieborin 6:59pm via web](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) too much is when parents write college essays for kids.there is a place for parents in the college process! [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout 6:58pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Heres another problem. People believe the [#collegerankings](#)!!!! Not a good idea.



[CollegeChat 6:58pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[nancyberk](#): @[CollegeChat](#) Focusing on one school and one name. [#collegechat](#)



[nancyberk 6:58pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Here is a link to a post on how to use collegedata tools:[bit.ly/uIolMk](#)



[AidScholarship 6:58pm via HootSuite](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) OH I read you blog post on that! Great stuff! :) [#CollegeChat](#)



[nancyberk 6:57pm via Twitter for iPhone](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Focusing on one school and one name. [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:57pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) Heres another problem. People believe the [#collegerankings](#)!!!! Not a good idea.

[AidScholarship 6:57pm via HootSuite](#)

@[jeannieborin](#) There is such a fine line between doing too much and doing too little in regards to college prep [#CollegeChat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:57pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) A5. the biggest mistake that many parents commit is not letting their kids own the process. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:56pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) here's another problem. Families don't understand the difference between [#colleges](#) and [#universities](#).

[CollegeXclusive 6:56pm via TweetChat](#)

Thanks for including us tonight. If you want to be included on our website or contribute please contact us ASAP on DM. GN [#collegechat](#)

[jeannieborin 6:56pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Q5 biggest mistake is when parents do too much - we've seen it all & it can be mind boggling! [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:56pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#CollegeChat](#) Parents let kids pick schools to apply to without knowing if they will be good academic and financial fits.

[AidScholarship 6:55pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Here is a link to a post on how to use collegedata tools:bit.ly/uIolMk

[AidScholarship 6:55pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @CollegeChat: Here's the link to Lynn's new book [amazon.com/dp/0132944677/...](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0132944677/)
[#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:55pm via web](#)

[#CollegeChat](#) Parents let kids pick schools to apply to without knowing if they will be good academic and financial fits.

[CollegeChat 6:55pm via TweetChat](#)

True RT @CollegeXclusive Not doing enough research and putting too much confidence in the system. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:54pm via TweetChat](#)

Here's the link to Lynn's new book [amazon.com/dp/0132944677/...](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0132944677/) [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:54pm via TweetChat](#)

@CollegeChat Influencing their children in a direction they don't really want to go. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:54pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) Here is a link to a post on how to use collegedata tools: bit.ly/uIolMk



[CollegeXclusive 6:54pm via TweetChat](#)

@CollegeChat Not doing enough research and putting too much confidence in the system.
[#collegechat](#)



[OHSBookLady 6:53pm via Twitter for iPhone](#)

@TomRockNYC [#collegechat](#) This is NOT true at my HS. Asst Principals spend most of time w/troubled kids. GC are big help with college prep.



[CollegeChat 6:53pm via TweetChat](#)

Q5. What's the biggest mistake parents make when guiding their children through the college admissions process 10-12th grade? [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:53pm via HootSuite](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) I need to get your book, Lynn! :) [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:52pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) Whats the title of your book? Can we talk after this on DM? [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout 6:52pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) I spend a lot of time in my new book explaining how to use these great online tools.



[CollegeChat 6:52pm via TweetChat](#)

Question 5 is coming up... [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:52pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) No one should apply to a school without having a good sense is school will give good money. The tools are available.



[CollegeChat 6:51pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[askjohnabout](#): Lynn, anything in your book re international kids & FA? Thanks. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:51pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) I spend a lot of time in my new book explaining how to use these great online tools.



[OHSBookLady 6:50pm via Twitter for iPhone](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) [#collegechat](#) Thanks. A good place to start!



[askjohnabout 6:50pm via web](#)

Lynn, anything in your book re international kids & FA? Thanks. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:50pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#). I also like collegeboard when researching the generosity of colleges. Here's one of my links on topic: bit.ly/rT4njt



[CollegeChat 6:50pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): lots of tools to use to evaluate the generosity of colleges. COLLEGEdata, College Navigator, Common Data Set [#collegechat](#)



[jeannieborin 6:49pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php qualifying scores differ fr/state 2 state- range roughly 205 - 220 [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout 6:49pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) there are lots of tools to use to evaluate the generosity of colleges. COLLEGEdata, College Navigator, Common Data Set

[CollegeBlogs 6:49pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) there are lots of tools to use to evaluate the generosity of colleges. COLLEGEdata, College Navigator, Common Data Set

[CollegeBlogs 6:48pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) many elite schools don't award any nat. merit scholarships. Schools like U of Alabama, Oklahoma do -they want higher rankings.

[askjohnabout 6:47pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @CollegeChat: Q4. How you can evaluate the generosity of a school before applying?
[#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:47pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @CollegeBlogs: [#collegechat](#) The cutoff for nat. merit will differ by state. It's higher in more populous states. Nat Merit...

[donnastjohn 6:47pm via web](#)

RT @CollegeBlogs: [#collegechat](#) For scholarships - schools value student with good grades and who take challenging classes. Test scores come in 3rd usually.

[CollegeBlogs 6:46pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) The cutoff for nat. merit will differ by state. It's higher in more populous states. Nat Merit scholarships are overrated.

[CollegeXclusive 6:46pm via TweetChat](#)

@CollegeChat There have to be places on the internet where u can get feedback from other students who applied for scholarships [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:46pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @CollegeChat: Q4. How you can evaluate the generosity of a school before applying?
[#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:45pm via web](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) This is the best takeaway yet. Once we all get that idea into our heads, everything gets easier makes more sense. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:45pm via TweetChat](#)

Also, if any of you fine people want to include some articles on our website please DM us as well. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:45pm via TweetChat](#)

Q4. How you can evaluate the generosity of a school before applying? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:45pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) schools are chasing full-pay chinese. OACAC has compiled schools that provide merit/financial aid to internationals.

[CollegeChat 6:45pm via TweetChat](#)

@[jeannieborin](#) What PSAT score gets a student into National Merit recognition? [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:44pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): Here is a link about preferential packaging. The students a school wants gets more generous [#finaid](#). [#collegechat](#)



[Mrs Hamrick 6:44pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) For scholarships - schools value student with good grades and who take challenging classes. Test scores come in 3rd usually.



[CollegeChat 6:44pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#)For scholarships - schools value student with good grades 7 who challenging classes. Test scores come in 3rd [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:43pm via TweetChat](#)

Question 4 is coming up... [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:43pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @jeannieborin: @CollegeChat Q3 National Merit recognition - a high score on 11th grade PSAT - nice perk for merit aid later [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:43pm via TweetChat](#)

If any of you want to be included on our friends section of our website please DM me ASAP. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:42pm via web](#)

Here is a link to a post I wrote about preferential packaging. The students a school wants gets more generous [#financialaid](#). [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:42pm via HootSuite](#)

@CollegeChat Take challenging classes, get great letters of recommendation from AP teachers [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:41pm via TweetChat](#)

Quick plug, please follow us on twitter. We are looking to launch our temporary website next week. Great things are coming. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:41pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) For scholarships - schools value student with good grades and who take challenging classes. Test scores come in 3rd usually.



[askjohnabout](#) 6:40pm via web

[#collegechat](#) Any advice for international students? What does the book say for them? (just curious) [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:40pm via TweetChat

@[askjohnabout](#) Its just how society is in general these days. Not exclusive to these amazing individuals. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:40pm via web

@[OHSBookLady](#) [#collegechat](#) You can find [#EFC](#) calculator at College Board. Here is link to a story about how to use it: bit.ly/KrGuXn



[jeannieborin](#) 6:39pm via web

@[CollegeChat](#) Q3 National Merit recognition - a high score on 11th grade PSAT - nice perk for merit aid later [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout](#) 6:39pm via web

@[CollegeXclusive](#) I also have enormous respect for admissions officers & FA officers, yet we often seem too eager to criticize. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:39pm via TweetChat

RT @[OHSBookLady](#): I was widowed & remarried divorced man w/3 kids; I have 2. He cant help me w/future college \$. Advice? [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship](#) 6:38pm via HootSuite

RT @[CollegeXclusive](#): @[CollegeChat](#) Being outstanding in academic and extracurricular activities lol. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:38pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Me, too. It's an impossible job some days! [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:38pm via TweetChat](#)

@[Mrs_Hamrick](#) What recommendations do you have for families, students, counselors to work together within large schools? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:37pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Being outstanding in academic and extracurricular activities lol. [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:37pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): Q3. How can you increase your chances of qualifying for merit scholarships. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:37pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) I have the upmost respect for HS Counselors. I know a few stories of real issues with Counselors. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:37pm via web](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Totally agree. I need to read your book! [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:36pm via TweetChat](#)

Q3. How can you increase your chances of qualifying for merit scholarships. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:36pm via TweetChat](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Thanks, will do. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:36pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Yes, but when you've been a counselor, you get a very different feel for all that there is to do. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:36pm via TweetChat](#)

@[MatthewTForrest](#) Some reduce loans first (my daughter's did) while others reduce insitutional aid [#collegechat](#)

[MatthewTForrest 6:36pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Thanks! I'll look! [#collegechat](#)

[MatthewTForrest 6:35pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Hope so! [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:35pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) DM me later. He goes to the Univ. of Michigan and I could probably find some students for you [#CollegeChat](#)



[askjohnabout 6:35pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) I've seen many different versions of calculators; the ones w fewer questions don't seem to be as reliable [#collegechat](#)



[TheUofMe 6:35pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Families should definitely use netpricecalculators. The ones from the fed. govt aren't great. The more ?s asked the better.



[CollegeChat 6:35pm via TweetChat](#)

@[akilbello](#) Its not too late! [#collegechat](#)



[jeannieborin](#) 6:35pm via web

Many independents would gladly go into schools to help students & educate parents -
[#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:35pm via TweetChat

@[MatthewTForrest](#) You need to know the policy on scholarships of your new school. It should be on their web site. [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship](#) 6:34pm via HootSuite

@[MatthewTForrest](#) They should reduce loans first [#CollegeChat](#)



[askjohnabout](#) 6:34pm via web

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Ive written a lot about net price calculators and have an entire chapter devoted to it in my new book. amzn.to/JnloYT



[akilbello](#) 6:34pm via UberSocial for Android

Alas alack I'll miss another [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:34pm via TweetChat

@[AidScholarship](#) Thats a fair statement. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:33pm via web

@[AidScholarship](#) [#collegechat](#) All schools require [#FAFSA](#) + 250 or so require the PROFILE too.



[AidScholarship 6:33pm via HootSuite](#)

@[Mrs_Hamrick](#) I agree that hs counselors want to help. They are over-loaded with students though, right? [#CollegeChat](#)



[MatthewTForrest 6:33pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Then many of them have several of their own forms too. So much paperwork, but worth it!!! [#collegechat](#)

[TheUofMe 6:33pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) @[MatthewTForrest](#) @[CollegeChat](#) I'm seeing negative reviews -- sounds like cost calculators have no hard req'ments. [#collegechat](#)

[jeannieborin 6:32pm via web](#)

@[Mrs_Hamrick](#) no question - so many want to help but it's tough to be effective with so many- invite [#IECA](#) consultants to speak [#collegechat](#)

[MatthewTForrest 6:32pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Will my new school now reduce my aid by the amount of the scholarship?
[#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:32pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) I think parents and students need to become informed on their own. [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:32pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Most of his friends already have internships, they are engineering students. Nice offer though!! [#CollegeChat](#)

[MatthewTForrest 6:31pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Thank you. I do have one. Just found out my community college is giving me a scholarship to go to my new school. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:31pm via TweetChat

@[askjohnabout](#) Guess that can be said about any job. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout](#) 6:31pm via web

@[Mrs_Hamrick](#) Thanks for that comment! [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:31pm via web

[#collegechat](#) Ive written a lot about net price calculators and have an entire chapter devoted to it in my new book. amzn.to/JnloYT

[askjohnabout](#) 6:31pm via web

@[CollegeBlogs](#) I agree. Many do a good job, but not all. [#collegechat](#)

[MatthewTForrest](#) 6:31pm via web

RT @[askjohnabout](#): @[TheUofMe](#) @[CollegeChat](#) @[CollegeBlogs](#) I think most net cost calculators are too unreliable. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat](#) 6:30pm via TweetChat

@[askjohnabout](#) Can you elaborate? [#collegechat](#)

[MatthewTForrest](#) 6:30pm via Tweetbot for iOS

@[TheUofMe](#) I didn't really find it usefully for me in choosing a transfer college. [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship](#) 6:30pm via HootSuite

Some colleges want both, CSS profile AND FAFSA for fin aid [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:30pm via web

[#collegechat](#) Families should definitely use netpricecalculators. The ones from the fed. govt aren't great. The more ?s asked the better.

[Mrs Hamrick 6:30pm via web](#)

There are HS counselors lurking as well. I'm finding the negative comments very discouraging. There r those who want to help. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:30pm via web](#)

@[TheUofMe](#) @[CollegeChat](#) @[CollegeBlogs](#) I think most net cost calculators are too unreliable. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:30pm via TweetChat](#)

@[MatthewTForrest](#) If you have a question on [#financialaid](#) please jump in. Lynn knows her stuff/ [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:29pm via TweetChat](#)

Good ? RT @[TheUofMe](#) @[CollegeBlogs](#) stop me if Im getting ahead of things... but are Net Cost Calculators helping things yet? [#collegechat](#)



[MatthewTForrest 6:29pm via Tweetbot for iOS](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Financial aid.... A topic that hits close to home. [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout 6:29pm via web](#)

And it's beneficial if the divorced parent doesn't actually remarry, isn't that right, Lynn? [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:29pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) In the fall. He finished his junior year a few weeks ago. He left for his Boeing internship yesterday [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:29pm via TweetChat

Question 3 is coming up... [#collegechat](#)



[TheUofMe](#) 6:28pm via TweetChat

@[CollegeChat](#) @[CollegeBlogs](#) stop me if I'm getting ahead of things... but are Net Cost Calculators helping things yet? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:28pm via web

[#collegechat](#) FAFSA ignores the noncustodial parent but the PROFILE doesn't. U can get a list of PROFILE schools by googling "PROFILE."



[jeannieborin](#) 6:28pm via web

@[askjohnabout](#) public school counselor workload ridiculous- too much to do too little time & students suffer [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:28pm via TweetChat

@[CollegeBlogs](#) So if noncustodial parent has higher income the FAFSA may be more beneficial [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship](#) 6:28pm via HootSuite

RT @[CollegeChat](#): @[CollegeBlogs](#) Is the FAFSA or Profile more beneficial to child of divorce or does it just depend? [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship](#) 6:27pm via HootSuite

@[CollegeXclusive](#) I think many of them are lurking. We had lots of parents last night for the [#ScholarshipChat](#) :) [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:27pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) The PROFILE does ask about each parent but how these schools treat it will vary.

[askjohnabout 6:27pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Great question. I think it will take time, but more and more parents are moving to Twitter. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:27pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Is the FAFSA or Profile more beneficial to child of divorce or does it just depend? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:26pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) Fafsa doesn't even ask about the noncustodial parent. The custodial parent is the one who take care of the child majority of yr

[askjohnabout 6:26pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) The [#FAFSA](#) and [#PRofile](#) treat divorce differently. I address this in my book and in my blog. I'll get you the link shortly

[Emily_Summey 6:26pm via Twitter for BlackBerry®](#)

@[lorivines](#) you can at my institution. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:26pm via web](#)

@[jeannieborin](#) Hi, Jeannie. Yes, it's crazy the workload that many counselors have, isn't it? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:26pm via TweetChat](#)

Random thought. How do we get more parents and college students into these conversations on twitter? Not just the pros. [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:25pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Thanks!! He is a college senior now and STILL winning scholarships.
[#CollegeChat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:24pm via web](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) That's true for SOME, but not all. I've worked w/ amazing private school counselors who were very \$\$ savvy. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:24pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) The [#FAFSA](#) and [#PRofile](#) treat divorce differently. I address this in my book and in my blog. I'll get you the link shortly

[AidScholarship 6:24pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeXclusive](#): @[CollegeChat](#) A warning to all parents. Don't rely only on the HS Counselor. DO YOUR RESEARCH!!! [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:24pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) A warning to all parents. Don't rely only on the HS Counselor. DO YOUR RESEARCH!!! [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:23pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) I agree, but then that's where we come in, right? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:23pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) That was my experience at 2 daughters private high school. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:23pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) LOVE this question--so many rumors out there about divorced parents.
[#collegechat](#)

[jeannieborin 6:23pm via web](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) hi John! HS counselors don't have info or time considering the average ratio is 500:1 or higher [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:23pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) Maybe this should be a warning parents of 8th graders...they need to do the foot work & not rely on the school. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:23pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): Q2. What do families of divorce need to know about financial aid?
[#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:23pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) Private hs counselors don't understand financial aid issues either.



[AidScholarship 6:23pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): Q2. What do families of divorce need to know about financial aid?
[#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:22pm via TweetChat](#)

Q2. What do families of divorce need to know about financial aid? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:22pm via TweetChat](#)

I personally find many high school counselors are not as knowledgeable on college as they should be. [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:22pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) Well, we were all over the college scholarships and he won TONS!!!
WOOT!!! :) [#CollegeChat](#)



[jeannieborin](#) 6:22pm via web

@[CollegeChat](#) large % of private school kids don't need fin aid - but if they do, families seek outside help [#collegechat](#)



[askjohnabout](#) 6:21pm via web

[#collegechat](#) Most counselors I know do the best they can when it comes to educating families re FA, but truth is they just don't have info



[CollegeChat](#) 6:21pm via TweetChat

@[lorivines](#) Yes. But it depends where you go etc and who the program is with. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:21pm via web

@[lorivines](#) [#collegechat](#) Your financial aid should be the same whether your child is studying abroad or not.



[AidScholarship](#) 6:21pm via web

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Yes, sad but true. His counselor was very sweet, just not very knowledgeable in the FinAid dept [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:21pm via TweetChat

@[lorivines](#) Great question. Looking forward to hearing some answers. [#collegechat](#)



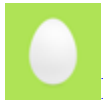
[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:21pm via web

[#collegechat](#) Counselors typically must have masters degree but the 400+ schools of education doesn't include college planning in classes!



[CollegeChat 6:21pm via TweetChat](#)

@[jeannieborin](#) Do you find that with private school students as well Jeannie? [#collegechat](#)



[lorivines 6:20pm via web](#)

Can you get financial aid if you do a semester abroad? What happens if it is a summer session?
[#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:20pm via HootSuite](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) That's what we were told because he had a high ACT score, colleges would call him [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:20pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): School counselors dont know about financialaid/scholarships cause their masters in counseling dont cover them [#collegechat](#)



[jeannieborin 6:20pm via web](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) college prep programs need to include info on [#finaid](#) - and the schools don't do that - Hi [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:20pm via web](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) [#collegechat](#) That's a great example of the ignorance out there Monica!

[CollegeBlogs 6:19pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[AidScholarship](#): My son's hs counselor told me that colleges would call us and offer him \$\$ WRONG!! That did NOT happen! [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:19pm via TweetChat](#)

@[askjohnabout](#) Good to see you John. Please jump in. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:19pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) School counselors don't know about financial aid/scholarships etc. because their masters degrees in counseling don't cover them

[CollegeXclusive 6:19pm via TweetChat](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Colleges offer money without students going and looking for it? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:18pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) In your book u discuss training hs counselors receive. Can you discuss why there is a disconnect in some cases [#collegechat](#)

[prepforcollege 6:18pm via web](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) People also assume that they won't qualify for financialaid but even families with 6figures can when a school is costly.

[AidScholarship 6:18pm via HootSuite](#)

My son's hs counselor told me that colleges would call us and offer him \$\$ WRONG!! That did NOT happen! [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:18pm via TweetChat](#)

Maybe it comes down to responsibility and accountability. Families need to do their own research on financial aid. [#collegechat](#)

[askjohnabout 6:18pm via web](#)

Hi [#collegechat](#) Just returned home from short trip to Singapore, new apartment and today WIRELESS. Happy to joint the chat today.

[TheUofMe 6:17pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) you make a good point. Is h.s. "financial counselor" a position we're missing?
[#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:17pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) I don't know if its ignorance. I do believe to much faith is put in hs counselors.
People need to do research. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:16pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) Families are relying on high school counselors for advice and these folks know next
to nothing about financial aid.

[CollegeXclusive 6:15pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) I am not trying to be rude. I just have seen multiple state schools that are
extremely affordable. [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:15pm via HootSuite](#)

So many families assume that college is out of reach w/o doing any real computing or trying to
help with scholarship \$ [#CollegeChat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:15pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Can you discuss why families are so ignorant? Do families put to much trust into
hs counselors to guide? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:15pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) I disagree with u. For every state that is not affordable there are many examples
of schools that are reasonable. [#collegechat](#)



[prepforcollege](#) 6:15pm via [TweetDeck](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Hi! [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:14pm via [web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) [#collegechat](#) I disagree. It's definitely not just California.



[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:13pm via [TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Ignorant might be the wrong word. Uninformed is probably better. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:13pm via [TweetChat](#)

@[prepforcollege](#) Hi Ashley! [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship](#) 6:13pm via [HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) People assume that private scholarships are the biggest source of college money but it's the smallest -...



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:13pm via [web](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) [#collegechat](#) It's the assumption because families are shockingly ignorant about [#financial](#) aid.



[prepforcollege](#) 6:12pm via [TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): First question is coming up.. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive](#) 6:12pm via [TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) That might be the case in California. On the East Coast I don't believe it is like that. Thats a cali flaw. [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:11pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): @[CollegeBlogs](#) Why is this everyone's natural assumption? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:11pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) These days I think a well rounded liberal arts college is not as good as before. You need grad school now. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:11pm via web](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) [#collegechat](#) in CA a family making \$20,000 a yr will have to pay \$9000 for one yr at U of California



[CollegeChat 6:11pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#) families believe savings will hurt chances for [#financialaid](#) and it only impacts less than 4% of families. [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:11pm via HootSuite](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) I'm excited that you are here tonight! :) [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:11pm via HootSuite](#)

Good question. RT @[johnharding2](#): @[CollegeBlogs](#) how important is it to have a well-rounded liberal arts college education? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:10pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) It depends on the school and the financial ability of family. Many private schools will cost less than state school

[CollegeChat 6:10pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) In general is there an income level under where privates may be more affordable than public? Mid \$100,000? [#collegechat](#)

[AidScholarship 6:10pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Hi Theresa!!! <waving> :) [#CollegeChat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:10pm via TweetChat](#)

Even if a family does not believe they qualify for financial aid they should still apply for it anyway. You really never know. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeXclusive 6:09pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) I meant to say in NY instate students can get an extremely affordable education. Example: SUNY Binghamton. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:09pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) Why is this everyone's natural assumption? [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:08pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) People also assume that they won't qualify for financialaid but even families with 6figures can when a school is costly.

[CollegeXclusive 6:08pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeBlogs](#) That really depends. In NY instate schools are not only good but extremely affordable. Example Suny Binghamton. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeChat 6:08pm via TweetChat](#)

@[AidScholarship](#) Hi Monica. Thanks for joining tonight. [#collegechat](#)

[CollegeBlogs 6:07pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) People assume that private scholarships are the biggest source of college money but it's the smallest - just 6%.

[CollegeBlogs 6:07pm via web](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) [#collegechat](#) People also often assume that state schools cost less than private schools but that's often not true.

[AidScholarship 6:07pm via Twitter for Android](#)

Hi all!!! [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:06pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): Many families believe [#privatescholarships](#) are the biggest source of [#college](#) money it's the tiniest source . [#collegechat](#)



[AidScholarship 6:06pm via TweetChat](#)

RT @[CollegeChat](#): Q1. What are the biggest sources of college money? What are the biggest misconceptions on college money? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:05pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) College Money? Can you rephrase that question so it is a bit more clear. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:04pm via TweetChat](#)

Q1. What are the biggest sources of college money? What are the biggest misconceptions on college money? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:03pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeChat](#) Sounds like this is an interesting book. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:03pm via TweetChat](#)

First question is coming up.. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:03pm via TweetChat](#)

@[CollegeXclusive](#) @[CollegeBlogs](#) new book The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking 4 Right School at Right Price [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:02pm via TweetChat](#)

Additionally, we ask that you follow us on twitter. Our temporary website will be launching within the next two weeks. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs 6:02pm via web](#)

[#collegechat](#) I'm open to talking about any [#college](#) topic.



[CollegeXclusive 6:02pm via TweetChat](#)

While here. I don't know if anyone is interested but we are offering a two week internship for college students. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeXclusive 6:01pm via TweetChat](#)

What are we discussing this evening? [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat 6:01pm via TweetChat](#)

Great to have you back. RT @[CollegeBlogs](#): [#collegechat](#) Im happy to be at [#college](#) chat tonight [#collegechat](#)



[ArleneLantz](#) 6:01pm via TweetChat

Hello, happy to be joining. [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 6:00pm via TweetChat

Lynn @[CollegeBlogs](#) also wrote Shrinking the Cost of College, a workbook available only on her website [thecollegesolution.com](#) [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeBlogs](#) 6:00pm via web

[#collegechat](#) I'm happy to be at [#college](#) chat tonight



[TheUofMe](#) 5:59pm via TweetChat

(Long time no speak, many of you! Great to be joining tonight's [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 5:57pm via TweetChat

@[TheUofMe](#) Thanks Mike! [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 5:56pm via TweetChat

@[CollegeBlogs](#) to discuss "The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking 4 Right School at Right Price (2nd Edition)" [#collegechat](#)



[TheUofMe](#) 5:56pm via TweetChat

RT @[CollegeChat](#): underway in 2 minutes. Tonights guest is Lynn O'Shaughnessy @[CollegeBlogs](#). [#collegechat](#)



[CollegeChat](#) 5:54pm via TweetChat

Will be getting underway in 10 minutes. Tonight's guest is Lynn O'Shaughnessy @CollegeBlogs.
[#collegechat](#)



[PHSCouns 5:17pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @CollegeChat: 1 hour till [#CollegeChat](#) with best-sell [#highered](#) author @CollegeBlogs:
how to find right school at right price [ow.ly/aRmXa](#)



[CollegeBlogs 5:16pm via HootSuite](#)

RT @CollegeChat: 1 hour till [#CollegeChat](#) with best-sell [#highered](#) author @CollegeBlogs:
how to find right school at right price [ow.ly/aRmXa](#)



[CollegeChat 5:00pm via HootSuite](#)

1 hour till [#CollegeChat](#) with best-sell [#highered](#) author @CollegeBlogs: how to find right
school at right price [ow.ly/aRmXa](#)