

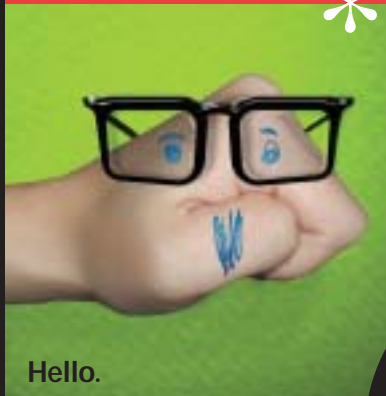
# The Great **COLLEGE MYSTERY**

**Starring the e-Kids**



What you can do to plan for college now!

A few words about college from our expert, Dr. Ed. ✨



Hello.

What's all this talk about college?

"I'm only a kid" you say?

"College is still a hundred years away" you say?

"Baloney." That's what I say! And you have to listen to me because I am an expert.

College will be here before you know it, and the best time to start planning is now.

→ Tip

Begin your plans for college now. With over 3,600 colleges and universities in America, one is right for you! Even if you aren't sure what you want to study, start planning right now as if you are going to college. College is within your reach even if your parents can't afford it. With financial aid, you can pay for college and attend almost any school you wish.



Dr. Ed is a world renowned authority on everything. He attended La Mano University in the Finger Lakes region of New York State on a handball scholarship. His mother thinks he is very hand-some.

# COLLEGE doesn't have to be a MYSTERY

Let the e-Kids help answer some of the questions you may have about college.



### PROFILE

Name: Jerold Y.

Age: 14

Grade: 8

Goals: To be a pediatrician or an archaeologist.

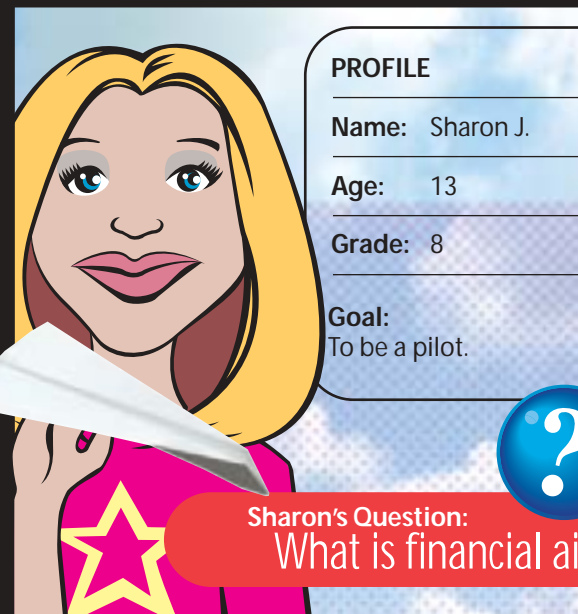


Jerold's Question:

How do most students pay for college?

## Dr. Ed responds:

There are several ways to pay for college. You can be born to millionaire parents, (that's the method I generally recommend) but unfortunately that excludes most people. Some people pay for college with personal savings. The majority of people pay for college with financial aid. Approximately 17 million students are enrolled in college in the United States. Over half of these students receive some form of financial aid.



### PROFILE

Name: Sharon J.

Age: 13

Grade: 8

Goal: To be a pilot.



Sharon's Question: What is financial aid?



## Dr. Ed's handy reply:

Financial aid is money given to you to help pay for college. Grants and scholarships are "free" money that you don't have to pay back. Work-study is a part-time job that may be available either on-campus or off-campus. Loans are money you must repay.



Enrique's Question:

What can I do to get free money?



**PROFILE**

Name: Enrique S.

Age: 12

Grade: 7

Goals: To be a video game designer, and to travel to Mars.

**Dr. Ed's rule of thumb:**

Of course everyone wants free money – grants and scholarships. Grants are awarded based on family income. Scholarships are awarded based on merit. If you want to increase your chances of getting scholarships, earn good grades now and keep it up in high school. However, no matter what your income or grades, there is a way to pay for college through some type of financial aid.



**→ Tip**

Did you know people with a college degree usually make more money than people without?



**PROFILE**

Name: Min W.

Age: 13

Grade: 7

Goals: To run her own company and to be an Olympic skater.

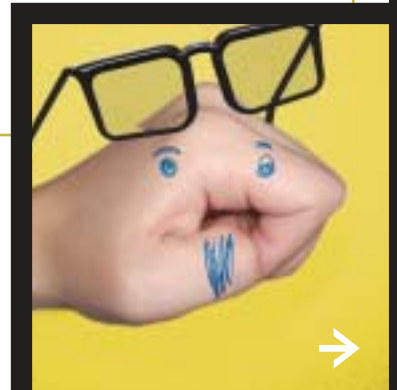
Min's Question:

What can I do now?



**Dr. Ed points out:**

For now, take challenging classes. Enroll in as many math and science courses as possible, now and all through high school. You should also consider at least two years of a foreign language along with taking Advanced Placement courses in high school if they are available.



# TOP 5 things to do NOW to prepare for college



Set high expectations and high standards for yourself.



Work hard and get the best grades you can.



Take college prep courses like algebra and geometry.



Learn more about financial aid as a way to help you pay for college.



Talk to people who have attended college – they can give you good advice.



You can find out more about how to pay for your education after high school from these helpful websites:

**Think College Early**  
[www.ed.gov/students](http://www.ed.gov/students)

**Adventures In Education**  
[www.AdventuresInEducation.org](http://www.AdventuresInEducation.org)  
(Available in Spanish)

**Mapping Your Future**  
[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)

**FastWeb Scholarship Search**  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**U.S. Department of Education  
Student Financial Aid**  
[www.ed.gov/finaid](http://www.ed.gov/finaid)

# MYSTERY SOLVED

## → Tip

Most students apply to more than three colleges before choosing their favorite school.

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