

Reducing the Cost of College

Consider strategies to lower the cost of college attendance. Below are a few options:

- Reduce the number of credit hours needed for graduation by receiving credit for Advanced Placement (AP) course work completed in high school, taking courses on-line and transferring credit (check with college ahead of time, as this depends on your major), or by participating in the DUAL enrolment program. DUAL Enrolment grants each Vermont high school student free tuition for one college course for which the student can earn both high school and college credit. Check with your House Counselor.
- Attend a local community college, where tuition and fees are lower, for a year or two or during the summer. The credits usually can be transferred to another college (but check out the requirements of the college to which you'll want to transfer before entering the community college).
- Live at home and commute to college.
- Consider community service with AmeriCorps to earn experience and money toward college tuition.
- Investigate Cooperative Education Programs. Some colleges offer opportunities to earn valuable experience and get paid while pursuing your education. If you attend a college in New England, be sure to investigate the **New England Regional Student Program**. You could be eligible for out-of-state tuition breaks.

Business/Organizational Aid

Many local, state and national businesses and organizations award scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Information on these scholarships is posted on Naviance. Hard copies may also be available in the Direction Center or on the organization's website.

Local Scholarships

High School seniors are eligible to apply for scholarships and awards from local groups and organizations. These scholarships are either need-based or merit-based. Interested students should check the scholarship list on Naviance or speak with their House Counselor.

TIP: Take time to research scholarships. There may be obscure scholarships that have few applicants. Some businesses and organizations have very specific criteria for applicants. Ask your parents to check with their place of business to see if they have a scholarship program.