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Financial Aid Q & A

Q I want to go to college, but I didn't take school seriously my first year, and my GPA isn't great. How can I get a scholarship?

A Good grades are helpful, but COMPASS Guide lists more than 60 scholarships that only require a 2.5! Remember there are a lot of government grants that only focus on your family's finances, and not your academics.

Q Scholarships? I don't have to apply for those until next August, right?

A No no no. Most scholarship applications are due sometime in the spring (think March/April), but start looking NOW. Once you know what you need, you can start identifying references and drafting essays. The earlier you plan, the better.

Q What's a FAFSA? My cousin was telling me about it. I think I'll fill it out Sunday.

A Kudos for being ambitious, but the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) won't be online until Jan. 1 of your senior year. Once you fill it out, it's the key for loads of government cash. Check out fafsa4caster.ed.gov in the meantime to see what your family may receive.



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Students take part in a September workshop.

Think you're ready for the ACT?

Which value is the largest?

- A 150% of 32
- B 120% of 40
- C 80% of 60
- D 75% of 64
- E 50% of 98

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The Correct Answer is E

What are you up to next Friday?



Note: Map not to scale.
All times and distances approx.
from downtown Milwaukee

Carpool with friends and family to visit a few schools.

They aren't as far away as you think.

Make sure you see more than one (they're not all the same)

Or hop on a bus and check out these Milwaukee-area schools.



**Make sure you know the college's visitation policy before going!
Check out their website or call the admissions office**