



## Building Your Own Virtual Toolbox to Engage Students, Families, and Partners

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- On the chat tell us:
  - Your organization or school
  - What town you're joining us from
  - A popular restaurant in your town



# ENGAGING VIRTUALLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

## Agenda

- Engaging Virtually with Communities
  - Training Opportunities
  - ISAC-led Conferences
  - Technology of Participation (ToP) Workshops
- Engaging Virtually with Students and Parents
  - Student Portal Toolbox
  - ISACorps
  - Student Portal College Resources
  - Other ISAC Virtual Initiatives

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# VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## Spring 2021

- **Financial Aid Certification Series** - This series of online webinars gives professionals a detailed understanding of the financial aid process and the opportunity to obtain a certification over a week-long training.
  - Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Postsecondary and Career Expectation (PaCE)** – This series of online trainings help schools understand and adopt the Illinois PaCE Framework
  - PaCE Overview - Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - PaCE Implementation Leader Training - Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **PD Webinar Series**- This series of webinars offers professionals a wide range of topics around the college going process and helping students through the postsecondary process.
  - Every other Tuesday from 1:00pm-2:00pm beginning Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- **ISAC awards Continuing Education (CE) credits and Professional Development (PD) hours to session participants at a rate of one per contact hour.**

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[www.isac.org/PD](http://www.isac.org/PD)



# VIRTUAL CONFERENCES

College Changes Everything – Week of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- For more information and recordings from 2020 visit:

<https://www.collegechangeseverything.org/events/>

FAFSA Symposium - *2021 dates yet to be announced*

- For more information and recordings from 2020 visit:

<https://www.isac.org/2020FAFSAsymposium>

Sharing the Dream – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- For more information and materials from 2020 visit:

<https://www.iacac.org/sharing-the-dream/>

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# TECHNOLOGY OF PARTICIPATION (ToP)

## FOCUSED CONVERSATION

- Approximately 1-1.5 hours
- Facilitate a meaningful exchange of ideas, gain a broader and deeper understanding of a topic, process difficult issues, reflect on a shared experience and decided what to do as a result.
- It ensures that every stage of processing information is thought through carefully and in detail so that one can come to a conclusion based on a wide range of data.

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# TECHNOLOGY OF PARTICIPATION (ToP) CONSENSUS WORKSHOP

- Approximately 2-3 hours
- Infuse a group with creative energy and bring diverse opinions and perspectives into an agreement everyone can own and support.
- This method helps a group in generating creative solutions from multiple perspectives.
- Main goal is to work through conflict and achieve consensus among a group.

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# TECHNOLOGY OF PARTICIPATION (ToP)

## ACTION PLANNING WORKSHOP

- Approximately 4 hours
- Used to plan single-focus event or project with a clear beginning and end.
- It presumes a broad, prior agreement to move forward and works best for events and projects that take a year or less of planning.
- Common uses for the ToP Action Planning include developing a project plan, planning a community event, planning a conference, planning a celebration, and more.

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# PAST TECHNOLOGY OF PARTICIPATION (ToP) WORKSHOPS

- Communities
  - Consensus Workshop – (with GEAR UP students) What might stop you from achieving your future goals?
  - PaCE Consensus Workshop - Thinking about 8th to 12th grade, when should Postsecondary and Career Expectations (PaCE) benchmarks be addressed in your students' postsecondary plan to help them make decisions about financial aid, career, and postsecondary education?
- 60 by 25 Network
  - Consensus Workshop – What can we do to support the IL 60 by 25 Network strategic focus areas?

If you're interested in ISAC facilitating a ToP workshop please contact

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# FEATURES

## Toolbox

- Financial Aid Game
- Internship and Summer Jobs
- College Checklist
- Event Calendar
- Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet
- MAP Estimator

## ISACorps

- Find Your ISACorps

## College Resources

- Cappex
- Illinois workNet
- Claim Your Future

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# TOOLBOX

TOOLS TO HELP YOU GET READY FOR COLLEGE

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# FEATURES



FinAid Game

Internships and Summer Jobs

College Checklist

PaCE Student Checklist

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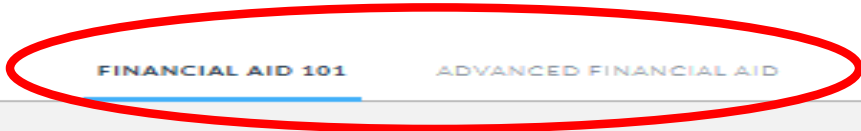
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**[www.studentportal.isac.org/toolbox](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/toolbox)**



# FINAID GAME



FINANCIAL AID 101

ADVANCED FINANCIAL AID

YOUR SCORE

0

## Financial Aid 101

Think you know everything about financial aid? Play to find out! Please click on the "Select School / Save Progress" button to select your school and save scores to the leaderboard.

SELECT SCHOOL / SAVE PROGRESS

100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400
500	500	500	500	500

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# INTERNSHIPS AND SUMMER JOBS



## STUDENT JOB BOARD

*Jobs*

Click on the name of the position that interests you for the job description and a link to the application

[Employer Login](#)

Keyword ...      Location ...

Internship    Summer Job      [Filter Results](#)

	<b>Administrative Intern (On-Call)</b> Erie Family Health Center	 Chicago, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <a href="#">NEW</a>
	<b>Quality Administor</b> Komatsu America Corp.	 Peoria, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <a href="#">NEW</a>
	<b>Market Research Internship Program</b> FOG Software Group	 Deerfield, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <a href="#">NEW</a>
	<b>DC Intern</b> PETSMART	 Ottawa, IL Internship	Jun, 20 <a href="#">NEW</a>

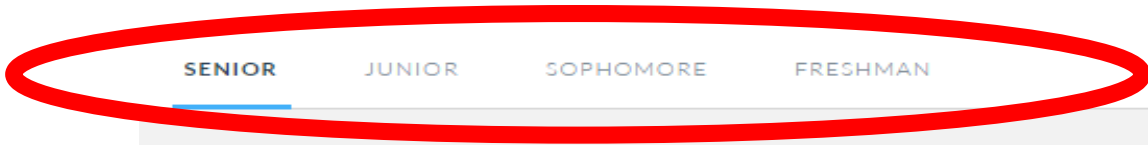
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# COLLEGE CHECKLIST



SENIOR

JUNIOR

SOPHOMORE

FRESHMAN

SAVE PROGRESS



## Senior Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete your FAFSA	October/November	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine application requirements for the colleges that interest you	October 1	▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit five to eight applications	November 1	▼
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review college award letter using interactive ISAC award comparison tool	March & April	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send in college acceptance form or tuition deposit	May 1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit housing contract if living on campus – before or at the same time as accepting offer of admission		

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[www.studentportal.isac.org/checklist](http://www.studentportal.isac.org/checklist)

# PaCE STUDENT CHECKLIST



Tool to help guide students from 8th to 12th grade through the college and career planning process.

## PaCE Student Checklist

### 8TH GRADE



#### Career

- Identify potential careers you are interested in. To help you identify a career of interest, you can complete a survey at [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois Worknet](#) > [Skills and Interests](#) >
- A career cluster is a group of jobs that are related by skills or products. Each cluster has classes or training opportunities to prepare you for a career in that cluster. To explore the idea of career clusters, go to [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [IL Worknet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Research careers you are interested in to find out what the job responsibilities are for each career, and what kind of education and skills are needed.
- Speak with someone from a career you are interested in and ask them what their favorite and least favorite part of their job is, as well as how much education is needed for their job.



#### Money

- Ask a parent, friend, or teacher what they think you should do while they are in college.

## PaCE Student Checklist

### 9TH GRADE



#### Career

- Revisit the careers you are interested in and expand on your current career interests. Identify one or two new careers that you might want to explore.
- Explore career clusters by going to [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [IL Worknet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Research careers you are interested in to find out what the job responsibilities are for each career, and what kind of education and skills are needed.
- Consider talking to someone who works in those careers about their favorite and least favorite part of their job, as well as how much education is needed for their job.



#### Money

- Talk to your parents or guardians about what you should do while you are in college.
- Research the cost of college. Use the [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#) >
- Research the difference between federal government and private loans. Research their terms, conditions and repayment options. In addition, research the requirements to keep and renew any scholarships received.

## PaCE Student Checklist

### 10TH GRADE



#### Career

- Get in contact with someone who works in a career you are interested in and ask if you can visit or take a tour of where they work. When you visit their workplace, think about whether you could see yourself there in the future.
- Explore career clusters by going to [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [IL Worknet](#) > [Careers, Wages, and Trends](#) >
- Of the careers you researched and are interested in, pick a favorite and identify what steps you can take to help you get there. Write out a plan.
- For your top career choice, research what jobs people start out in, how much they make per year, and how much education is needed for the entry level job vs. higher level job.



#### Money

- Plan to save money for college.

## PaCE Student Checklist

### 11TH GRADE



#### Career

- Re-take the career interest survey you took in 9th grade. To complete a career interest survey visit [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois Worknet](#) > [Skills and Interests](#) >
- To get a job, employers will want to interview you. To prepare for this, see if a teacher, counselor, or family member would be willing to do a mock interview with you.
- Create a resume and have it reviewed by a teacher or counselor. To get help in building a resume visit [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [Illinois Work Net Center](#) >
- In addition, create a personal statement for your college applications. Ask a teacher, counselor, or family member to review and provide you with feedback on your personal statement.
- Find an internship or summer job to help you get experience in a field you are interested in. Visit [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [Toolbox](#) > [Internship and Summer Jobs](#) >
- Research what colleges have the degree or certificate program you are interested in. Find out their cost of attendance, admissions application deadline, and any additional requirements you may need to fulfill.
- Research different aspects of a career you are interested in, including responsibilities, salary, education requirement, and employment opportunities.



#### Money

- Research the cost of college. Use the [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [College Resources](#) > [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#) >

## PaCE Student Checklist

### 12TH GRADE



#### Career

- Talk to your counselor to see if you need to take any additional math/ELA classes to graduate and be accepted into college.
- Take advantage of an internship/job shadow opportunity or summer job to get experience in the field you are interested in. Find an internship or summer job by visiting [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [Toolbox](#) > [Internship and Summer Jobs](#) >
- If your school awards industry-based certifications, research the process and requirements to receive a certificate related to your career pathway.
- Complete a project or activity with a group of friends focused on everyone's career pathway. To explore your career pathway visit [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers).
- Talk to your counselor about how a dual credit class, AP class, internship, or summer job could help you decide what program of study you'd like to pursue in college.



#### Money

- Attend a FAFSA completion workshop with your parent(s). To find a financial aid workshop near you, visit [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [Toolbox](#) > [Event Calendar](#) >
- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1st.
- Attend a financial aid award letter workshop, sit down with your school counselor or ISACorps member, or use the online award comparison tool at [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org) > [Toolbox](#) > [Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet](#) > to compare your financial aid award letters.
- Talk to your parent(s) about what school you want to attend, what your financial aid package includes, if there are any out-of-pocket costs, and your plan for future college years.
- For the college(s) of your choice, use the Illinois Worknet Center and College Scorecard tools (Under the Resources tab at [studentportal.isac.org](http://studentportal.isac.org)) to find out the average entry-level salary, graduation rates, and average salary after graduation.
- Research the difference between federal government and private loans. Research their terms, conditions and repayment options. In addition, research the requirements to keep and renew any scholarships received.



#### College

- Apply to the five colleges you determined you would apply to (one safety, three match, and one reach). It's good to have options.
- Figure out what your current GPA is, where you need it to be to get into college, and what you need to work on to get it where it needs to be. Talk to your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and have completed all of the classes necessary to be accepted into college.

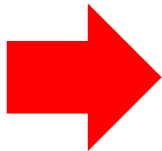
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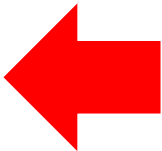


# FINANCIAL AID COMPARISON WORKSHEET



PRINT BLANK WORKSHEET

PRINT COMPLETED WORKSHEET



2020-2021 Academic Year

Add another college to compare award packages.

College A	
First year out of pocket cost	<b>"8190"*</b>
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
^	
Cost of Attendance	36525
Gift Aid	- 20335
Federal Work Study	- 2500
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 8190
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 8190

College B	
First year out of pocket cost	<b>"2285"*</b>
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
^	
Cost of Attendance	31570
Gift Aid	- 21785
Federal Work Study	- 2000
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 2285
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 2285

College C	
First year out of pocket cost	<b>"415"*</b>
<i>*Estimated student loan debt over 4 years \$22000</i>	
<i>*Estimated parent loan debt over 4 years \$0</i>	
^	
Cost of Attendance	24950
Gift Aid	- 17035
Federal Work Study	- 2000
Student Loan Aid	- 5500
Remaining Need	= 415
Parent PLUS Loan	- 0
Out of Pocket Cost	= 415

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# MAP ESTIMATOR



To use the tool, you'll need your expected family contribution (EFC) -- if you don't already know your EFC, find it by using the [FAFSA4caster](#) . If you're a [dependent student](#) , you will also need to know your adjusted gross income (AGI) from the most recent tax year, as well as your cash, savings and checking account balances.

My EFC is...

For the purposes of the FAFSA, I am...

I am interested in attending...

Select College Choice	▼
Select College Choice	▼
Select College Choice	▼

GET ESTIMATE

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## ISACorps

SUPPORTING POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION

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Recent college graduates serve as near-peer mentors to assist students and families with the college and financial aid processes

Provide free support for:

- College and career exploration
- College and scholarship applications
- FAFSA completion workshops
- College preparation workshops

To find your nearest ISACorps Representative, visit our website and enter your zip code



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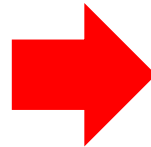
# FIND YOUR ISACorps MEMBER



## Find Your ISACorps Member

The ISACorps are here to help you through the college planning process! ISACorps members are recent college graduates from across the state that can help you with the ins and outs of selecting and applying to college, scholarship searches, FAFSA completion, and student financial aid. Meet with your local ISACorps member for free one-on-one assistance or at FREE college fairs and financial aid workshops in your community.

ZIP Code



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# ISAC EVENT CALENDAR



Students can join one of our free virtual events that help support them with:

- Financial aid
- FAFSA and Alternative App. completion
- College planning

**Note:** Registration required.

## Find An Event Near You

We're still here to support you every step of the way with college planning and financial aid—but due to COVID-19, all of our outreach events will be virtual until further notice.

Attend one of our free college planning/financial aid events listed below. Don't forget to check with your school for their upcoming events. You can also get one-on-one assistance with college planning and financial aid from the ISACorps member in your area. [Find your ISACorps member.](#)

Below is a list of our upcoming free virtual college planning and financial aid events. Check back often as we are regularly adding virtual events!

### 2021 Financial Aid Application Completion Workshops

During these free online workshops, ISAC staff will provide assistance to those individuals wishing to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or the [Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid](#).

You will be able to ask questions privately via the chat tool as you complete the FAFSA or the Alternative Application.

Bilingual staff will be available.

All events are free but registration is required.

Here's a handy pdf that describes what information you will need to have available to [complete your financial aid application](#).

Wednesday, Feb 3, 6-8 pm CT [Register Now](#)

Tuesday, Feb 9, 6-8 pm CT [Register Now](#)

Thursday, Feb 18, 6-8 pm CT [Register Now](#)

Monday, Feb 22, 6-8 pm CT [Register Now](#)

[Flyer for the Financial Aid Application Completion Workshops](#)

**2021 free Facebook Live events: join us on Facebook [@ILStudentAssistance](#)**

Did you miss one of our October Facebook live events? No problem! You can watch them in the video section of our [Facebook page](#), or in the [Now Playing](#) section of the ISAC Student Portal.

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**Cappex**

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH AND COLLEGE  
EXPLORATION

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# GETTING STARTED



## Finding a College

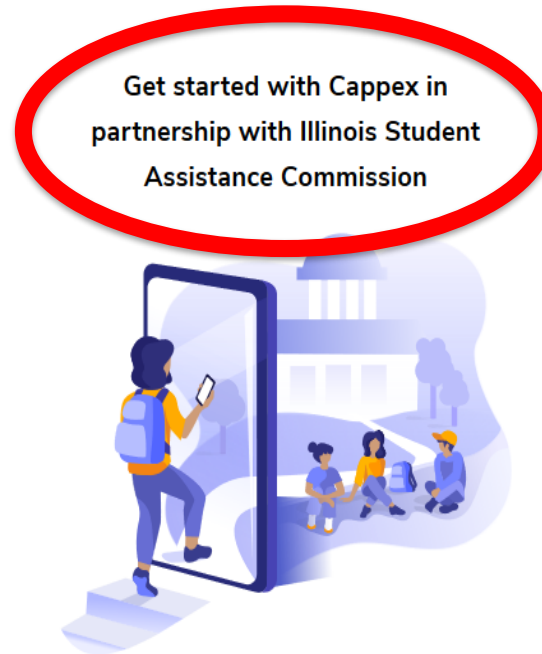
- Explore Colleges
- My College List
- My Preference

## Paying for School

- Find Scholarships

## My Student Profile

- Personal Info
- High School Academics



Email Address

Password



- Eight (8) or more characters
- One lower case letter
- One capital letter
- One number
- One special character

Get Started

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# MY STUDENT PROFILE



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- Personal Info**
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## Basic Information

First Name  
Jasmine

Last Name  
Jetton-Gonzales

Gender  
Female

## Date of Birth

## Ethnicity

- African American
- American Indian or Native Alaskan
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic-Latino
- White
- Other

## Religion

Religion

## Contact

Country Code  
US +1

Phone Number

Country

USA

Address Line 1

1755 Lake cook

Address Line 2

City

Deerfield

State

IL

Zip Code

60015

## Family Information

Annual Family Income Level

First Generation College Student

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# MY STUDENT PROFILE (Continued)



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**High School Academics**

## High School

Add your High School

## High School Graduation Date

June 2020

## Expected College Start Term

Fall 2020

## Academics

Unweighted GPA Weighted GPA

Out of 4.00

Class Rank

Course Rigor

## Test Scores

ACT Composite

ACT Math ACT English

ACT Reading ACT Science

ACT Writing

SAT Composite

SAT Read/Writing SAT Math

PSAT / NMSQT PreAct

## Extracurricular

Add your college readiness program, mentoring program, or charter school

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## Hi Ana

Welcome to your college journey.

Add colleges you're considering

### My College List

[See My List \(2\)](#)

Add your [test scores and GPA](#) to see your admission chances for the colleges on your list.

### Next Steps

Tell us what you're looking for in a school so that we can help you find your best fit.

Save 3-6 schools to your college list. Most students apply to 6-12 schools.

Add your test scores to see your admission chances when you view a school.

### Today's Matches 30

These colleges want students like you. Let us know what you think and we'll find you more matches.



Trinity Christian College



Roosevelt University



Trinity International University-

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# EXPLORE COLLEGES



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  - College Academic

## Explore Colleges

- Basics
- Cost
- Majors
- Academics
- Campus
- More

Clear


3826 RESULTS

Search



**University of California-Los Angeles**  
Los Angeles, CA

Avg Price	Avg ACT	Avg SAT
\$15,718	32	1423



**Harvard College**  
Cambridge, MA

Avg Price	Avg ACT	Avg SAT
\$18,030	35	1520

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# EXPLORE COLLEGES FILTERS



Basics Cost Majors Academics Campus More Clear

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**Location**

Search States

OR

Only show colleges outside the U.S.

**Level of Institution**

- 4 Year
- 2 Year

**Institution Type**

- Public
- Private not-for-profit
- Private for-profit
- Not available

**Net Price**

The college's sticker price, minus average financial aid awarded, including grants and scholarships

Up to

**Sticker Price**

The total cost per year listed by the college, including tuition and fees, room and board, and books and supplies

Up to

**Campus Setting**

- Major city
- Small city
- Suburb or town

**Student Body Size**

- Small (<5,000)
- Midsize (5,000 - 15,000)
- Large (>15,000)

- 100% of Financial Need Met <sup>Ⓢ</sup>
- Need Blind
- No Application Fee
- Test Optional

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- HBCU
- Women's College
- Men's College

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# MY COLLEGE LIST



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Finding a college

- Explore Colleges
- My College List**
- My Preferences

Paying for school

- Find Scholarships

My student profile

- Personal Info
- High School Academics
- College Academics

My College List

Add Coll

Our Picks for You

Other colleges recommended based on preferences

Illinois State University

Loyola University Chicago

University of Chicago  
Chicago, IL

DePaul University  
Chicago, IL

considering

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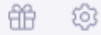
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**College Type**



Open to any type



**Majors**



Open to any major



**Cost**



Open to any cost



**Location**



Open to any location



**Size**



Open to any size



**Campus Setting**



Open to any setting

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# FIND SCHOLARSHIPS



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  - Find Scholarships**
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  - College Academics

## Find Scholarships

Scholarship Type Gender Ethnicity Grade Level More Clear



Filters

Featured For You

ScholarshipPoints™ \$10,000

Win \$10,000 from ScholarshipPoints!

ScholarshipPoints™ \$1,000

\$1,000 ScholarshipPoints Monthly Scholarship

11071 RESULTS

Search

Deadline: January 30, 2020

Varies  
Draney Family Scholarship

Deadline: February 14, 2020

\$750  
Paul W. Davis Memorial Fund Scholarship

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# ILLINOIS WORKNET

CAREER EXPLORATION

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# FEATURES



## Assessment

- Interest, learning style, work values, and lifestyle preferences

## Resume Builder

- Sample resumes, sample cover letters, or start from scratch

## jobFinder

- Search job database by location, job sector, and position type

And more...

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# ASSESSMENTS



Connect to occupations that match your interest, work values, learning style and lifestyle preferences

- Career Cluster Inventory
- Interest Profiler
- Work Importance Locator
- Lifestyle “Reality Check”
- Learning Style Survey

## Career Cluster Inventory



Rate 80 activities as like very much, like, dislike, or not sure.  
**Results:** Provides a graph indicating how your interests match up to each career cluster area.

Duration 🕒 5-25 minutes

## Interest Profiler



There are 180 activities. Choose if you like, dislike, or are unsure for each activity.  
**Results:** Organizes interests into 6 categories of work with a score between 0 and 30.

Duration 🕒 10-20 minutes

## Work Importance Locator



Group 20 statements based on how important the work aspect is to you.  
**Results:** Provides scores for 6 work values and occupations for each work value.

Duration 🕒 5-15 minutes

## Reality Check



15 questions to help you identify specific occupations to choose from based on the cost of living expenses in a specific city/region.  
**Results:** Provides a list of occupations, training/education needed, and salary earned in the city/region of your interest.

Duration 🕒 5-10 minutes

## Learning Style Survey



Rate 24 activities as “Often,” “Sometimes,” or “Not Often” to discover your learning style.  
**Results:** Provides scores for three learning styles such as auditory, tactile, and visual.

Duration 🕒 5-10 minutes

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# RESUME BUILDER



Select from different resume options

- Over 500 sample resumes
- Or start your own from scratch

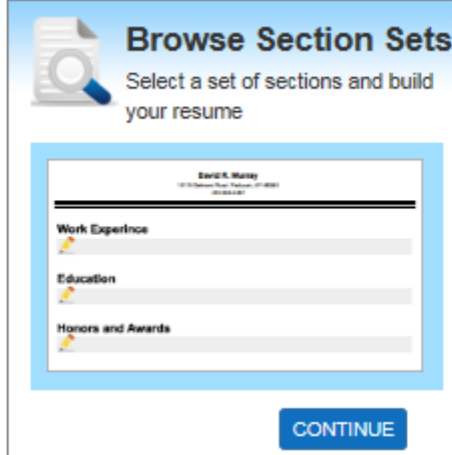
Save multiple resumes



**Browse Samples**  
Select a sample and edit it with your information

The interface shows a stack of resume samples on the left and a preview of a sample resume on the right. The preview includes a header with the name "David K. Muray" and contact information, followed by sections for "Work Experience", "Education", and "Honors and Awards".


**CONTINUE**



**Browse Section Sets**  
Select a set of sections and build your resume

The interface shows a preview of a resume template with sections for "Work Experience", "Education", and "Honors and Awards". Each section has a yellow pencil icon next to it, indicating it can be edited.

**CONTINUE**



**Start From Scratch**  
Start adding sections and create your resume from scratch.

The interface shows a blank resume template with a yellow pencil icon in the top left corner, indicating it is ready for editing.

**CONTINUE**

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# JOBFINDER



## Search job database

- Location
- Job Sector
- Position Type
- And more

**Keywords:**

**Search Radius:**

**Location:**

Advanced Search Options

**Job Sectors:**

**Position Type:**

**Sources:**

**Post Date:**

**Number of Results:**

**Sort by:**

Job 1 - 10 of 1010 Viewing page 1 of 101

**General Labor**

DEAN FOODS COMPANY - Rockford, IL  
39 days ago - 3/24/2016 9:50:18 AM

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, protected...

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**Track Laborer**

Illinois Railway, LLC - Ottawa, IL  
5 days ago - 4/27/2016 10:35:32 AM

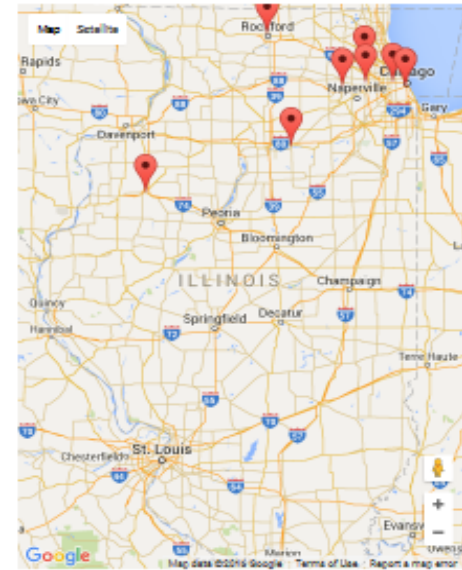
Valid CDL driver's license required. Required license or certification: Ability to acquire and maintain a valid drivers' license to operate company vehicles...

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**Medical Support Assistant - Galesburg Community Based Outpatient Clinic**

Department of Veterans Affairs - Galesburg, IL  
5 days ago - 4/27/2016 4:25:08 PM

Incumbent will participate in the implementation of daily operations in the AA Galesburg Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CROC)



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# CLAIM YOUR FUTURE

FINANCIAL LITERACY

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# CLAIM YOUR FUTURE



Financial literacy tool that encourages students to explore education after high school, future careers, and money management.

## Resources:

- Printable budget worksheet
- Educator's Guide
- Training Video
- Certificate of Completion

## Welcome to Claim Your Future!

Brought to you by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages exploration of education and training after high school, future careers, and money management.

Claim Your Future encourages students to:

- Have conversations about their goals and aspirations.
- Link today's educational and spending choices to future job options and financial stability.
- Distinguish between wants and needs and learn to prioritize.
- Describe benefits of saving and the impact of long-term student debt.

**PLAY THE GAME!**



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# CLAIM YOUR FUTURE WEBSITE



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# CLAIM YOUR FUTURE START PAGE



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## Returning Players

Are you a returning user with an ID? If so, enter it here:

Return to game

## New Players

Grade

Are you playing this game as a classroom assignment?

Yes  No

Start



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# PRE-ASSESSMENT



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15 questions on:

- Postsecondary options
- Careers
- Financial goals
- Salaries
- Budgeting
- Savings
- Needs vs. Wants

**Claim Your Future | Pre-game Assessment**

Please check the box that most closely matches your answer to the statement:

12%

**I plan to save money on a regular basis. \***

Strongly Agree

Agree

Unsure

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

**Previous** **Next**

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# INSTRUCTIONS



## Game Instructions



Your game ID is **CHUNL**. Make note of your ID so that you can come back to finish the game or play again.

How to play:

- Your career will be randomly assigned to you, or you can choose your own.
- Review your job description, education requirements, and available monthly income.
- Create a monthly spending plan to pay for housing, food, transportation, communications, and extras.
- Think about wants and needs. Try to have some money to spare!

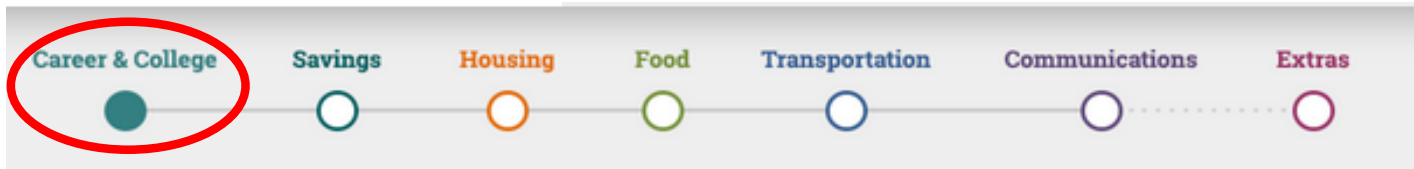
**PLAY THE GAME**

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# CAREER



You have been given a random career: Curator

## Choose Your Career!

Imagine yourself at age 25. Where do you live? What kind of transportation do you have? How much money do you have for "extras" such as meals out or pets? Now think about your career interests and the type of education you will need. Will you have enough money to pay for the lifestyle you have just imagined?

Understanding your goals and career interests will help you plan your future. Select a career to begin exploring your options today!

Curator

## Your career is *Curator*

Curators manage a cultural institution, like an art gallery, museum or library. They work with physical objects as well as digital information. They are good decision-makers and pay close attention to detail.

**+\$** \$61,990 ANNUAL INCOME ?  
\$2,416 MONTHLY INCOME ?

**+** Master's Degree ?  
4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

**NOW IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS!**

Get Started >

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# SAVINGS



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MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

REMAINING FUNDS

\$2,174

\$242

Career & College



Savings



Housing



Food



Transportation



Communications



Extras



## My Career

CURATOR

ANNUAL INCOME

\$61,990

MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

## Pay Yourself First!

Saving money each month is important – 10% of your monthly income has automatically been set aside to cover emergency (unexpected) expenses.



< Back to Career

Choose Housing >

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# HOUSING



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

REMAINING FUNDS

\$2,174

\$242

Career & College



Savings



Housing



Food



Transportation



Communications



Extras



## My Career

CURATOR

ANNUAL INCOME

\$61,990

MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

Housing is an important basic need, and there are many options. Would you like to own your home? Do you prefer to live in an apartment in the city? What can you afford? Here are your options:



WITH PARENTS



RENT WITH ROOMMATE



RENT



OWN HOME

< Back to Savings

Choose Food >

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# HOUSING



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MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

REMAINING FUNDS

\$1,724



Career & College



Savings



Housing



Food



Transportation



Communications



Extras



## My Career

CURATOR

ANNUAL INCOME

\$61,990

MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree  
4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

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WITH PARENTS



RENT WITH ROOMMATE



RENT



OWN HOME

## \$450 Rent With Roommate

This option allows you to share space, rent, and utility costs with a roommate (maybe more than one).

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Choose Food >



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# FOOD



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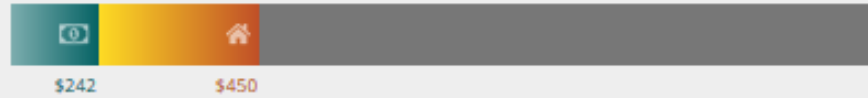


MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

REMAINING FUNDS

\$1,724



- Career & College
- Savings
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- Food**
- Transportation
- Communications
- Extras

## My Career

CURATOR

ANNUAL INCOME

\$61,990

MONTHLY INCOME

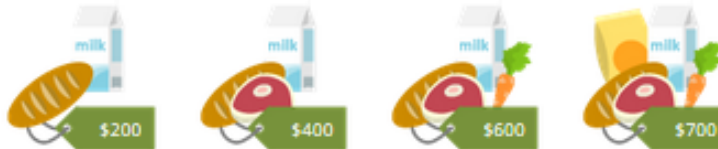
\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

There is a lot to choose from in the grocery store, and prices can vary widely. Your choices here are:



BASIC

AVERAGE

ORGANIC

GOURMET

< Back to Housing

Choose Transportation >

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# TRANSPORTATION



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416



\$242

\$450

\$400

REMAINING FUNDS

\$1,324

Career & College



Savings



Housing



Food



Transportation



Communications



Extras



My Career

CURATOR

ANNUAL INCOME

\$61,990

MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

What kind of car would you like to drive? More importantly, what kind of car can you afford? Here are your options:



\$50

PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT



\$350

LOW-COST  
USED CAR



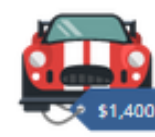
\$550

MID-COST  
USED CAR



\$700

NEW CAR



\$1,400

LUXURY  
SPORTS CAR

< Back to Food

Choose Communications >

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# COMMUNICATIONS



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REMAINING FUNDS

\$774



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## My Career

*CURATOR*

ANNUAL INCOME

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MONTHLY INCOME

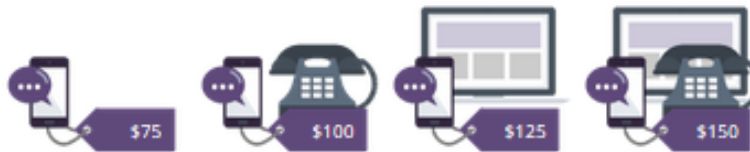
\$2,416

EDUCATION LEVEL

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

How will you communicate with your family, friends, and employer? There are a lot of options available, but they are going to cost you money. Consider the following options:



CELL PHONE

CELL +  
LANDLINE

CELL +  
INTERNET

CELL,  
INTERNET +  
LANDLINE

< Back to Transportation

Choose Extras >

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# EXTRAS



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**\$2,416**

\$242    \$450    \$400    \$550

Career & College  Savings  Housing  Food  Transportation  Communications  **Extras**

**My Career**

**CURATOR**

**ANNUAL INCOME**

\$61,990

**MONTHLY INCOME**

\$2,416

**EDUCATION LEVEL**

Master's Degree

4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

**Extras**

- Clothing
- Concert/Sporting Event
- Charity

These are considered "wants" — things that you would like to have, but not things that you need in order to survive. These items should be considered optional, and purchased after all of the required monthly expenses have been covered.

\$50	\$70	\$50	\$150
<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>	<b>CABLE</b>	<b>VIDEO GAMES</b>	<b>CLOTHING</b>
\$100	\$100	\$250	\$150
<b>CONCERT / SPORTING EVENT</b>	<b>PETS</b>	<b>MEALS OUT</b>	<b>CHARITY / GIVING</b>

**Oops! That Will Break Your Budget!**

Change some of your other choices to afford this one.

**OK**

**< Back to Communications**

**Finish >**

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# FINAL BUDGET



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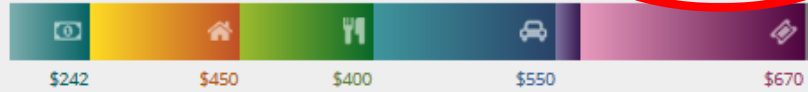


MONTHLY INCOME

\$2,416

REMAINING FUNDS

⚠️ \$29



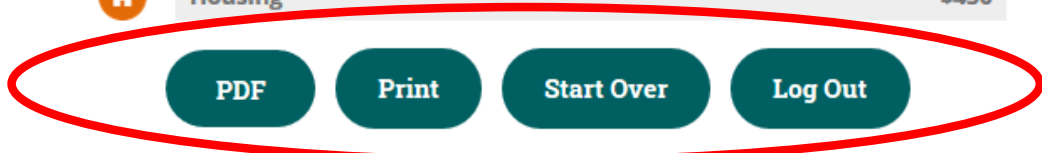
- Career & College ✓
- Savings ✓
- Housing ✓
- Food ✓
- Transportation ✓
- Communications ✓
- Extras ✓

## Career: CURATOR

+\$	Annual Income	\$61,990
	Monthly Income	\$2,416
🎓	Education	Master's Degree
		4 Years of College + 2 Years of Graduate School

## Monthly Living Expenses

💰	Monthly Savings	\$242
	10% for Savings	
🏠	Housing	\$450



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# ILLINOIS COLLEGE2CAREER



College search for Illinois colleges or universities that best fit a student's education and career goals

Search include:

- Tuition and Fees
- Student Debt
- Earnings in IL
- Earning Growth in IL

The screenshot shows the Illinois College2Career website interface. At the top, there is a language selection menu with radio buttons for "English" (selected) and "Español". Below this is a blue banner with the text "Welcome to ILLINOIS COLLEGE 2CAREER". The "2" in "2CAREER" is yellow. Below the banner, there is a paragraph: "Illinois College2Career helps you find Illinois colleges that best fit your educational priorities and career goals within the state." At the bottom of the banner are two buttons: "Check out our tutorial!" and "Find your match now!". To the right of the banner is a search filter section titled "Choose Your Options and Go!". It contains three sections: "What type of college do you want to attend?" with buttons for "2-Year College" and "4-Year College"; "What are you planning to study?" with a dropdown menu set to "-- Select --" and a link "Can't find the area of study you're looking for? Click here for help."; and "What colleges would you like to explore?" with a dropdown menu set to "-- Select --". At the bottom of the search filter section is a blue button labeled "SEE RESULTS" with a right-pointing arrow.

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# FAFSA4CASTER



From the U.S. Department of Education, this tool uses basic information you provide to help you estimate your eligibility for federal student aid, including the Pell Grant, work study and student loans.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA4caster web application interface. At the top, it features the "Federal Student Aid" logo with the tagline "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION" and "PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND". To the right, it says "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" and "FAFSA®". Below the header, there are navigation links for "Home" and "Help", and a "Search FAFSA Help" button. The main content area is titled "FAFSA4caster" and contains the following text: "FAFSA4caster will help you understand your options for paying for college. Provide some basic information and we'll estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. Your estimate will be shown in the 'College Cost Worksheet' where you can also provide estimated amounts of other student aid and savings that can go towards your college education. Go ahead and get started now! If you need help for a question, read the Help and Hints on the right." Below this text is a section titled "Student Information" with a dropdown menu for "Are you a U.S. citizen?" currently showing "Select". There are "SUBMIT" and "NEED HELP?" buttons. On the right side, there is a "Help and Hints" sidebar with the heading "Are you a U.S. citizen?" and detailed instructions on how to select citizenship status, including options for U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and eligible noncitizens. At the bottom of the page, it says "Site Last Updated: Sunday, December 9, 2018" and "Download Adobe Reader".

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[www.fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1)

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**What is one tool you will be  
adding to your toolbox to  
use as a result of today's  
session?**

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