

QUESTIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

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Sallie Mae's community college resource fills this information gap for high school students considering attending a community college, community college students planning to transfer to a four-year school, and returning adult (non-traditional) students interested in completing their degree or upgrading skills for job re-entry or career advancement.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESOURCE OFFERS:

- ▶ Top reasons and benefits for attending community college.
- ▶ Questions to consider when selecting a school and easy-to-use tools to assist in the decision-making process.
- ▶ Step-by-step instructions through the admissions process.
- ▶ Information on notable alumni who got their start at a community college.
- ▶ Details on how to successfully transfer from a community college to a four-year college or university.
- ▶ Special programs, resources, and guidance for adult students wishing to continue their education.
- ▶ Ideas for funding your education, such as scholarships, grants, employer tuition assistance, and student loans.
- ▶ An online application process for a **Sallie Mae Smart Option Student Loan®**.

The Smart Option Loan helps you save money, build your credit, and pay off your student loan faster. It's an ideal education funding solution if you still need funds after maximizing grants, scholarships, and federal loans.



FACTS ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Average annual tuition
\$2,402 (public college)

1,177 community colleges
▶ Public institutions = 988
▶ Private institutions = 158
▶ Tribal institutions = 31

Average student age = 29

Enrollment 11.7 million
▶ Credit = 6.7 million
▶ Non-credit = 5 million

Returning Adult Students
▶ 2.4 million (1970)
▶ 6.2 million (2002)

Notable Alumni
▶ Tom Hanks
▶ Calvin Klein
▶ Nolan Ryan

Top 5 Programs
1. Registered Nursing
2. Law Enforcement
3. Licensed Practical Nursing
4. Radiology
5. Computer Technology

Source: Facts 2009: American Association of Community Colleges

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