

## **OUR MISSION**

TO END THE STUDENT LOAN CRISIS BY

**EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO SHOP SMARTER FOR COLLEGE** 

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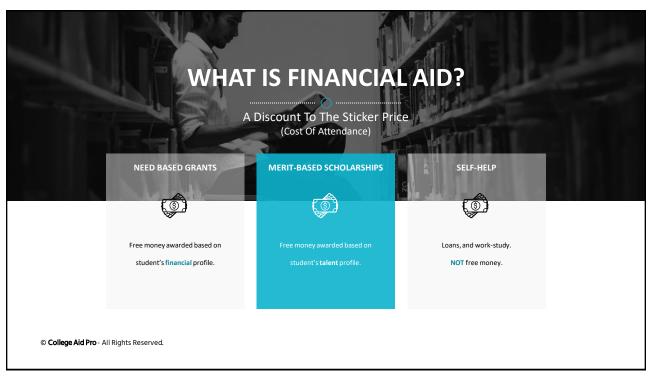
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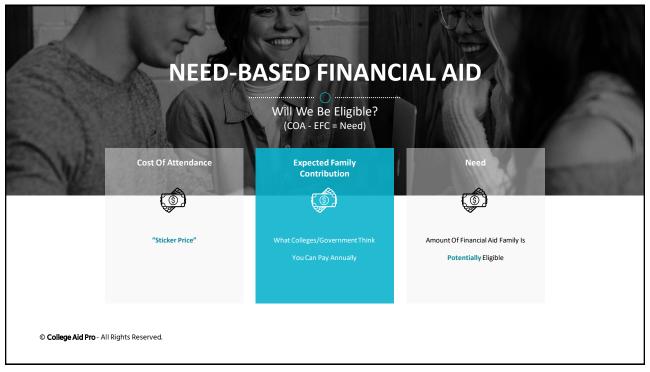


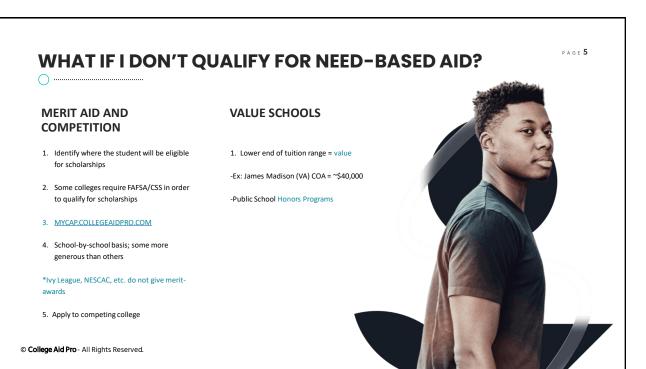
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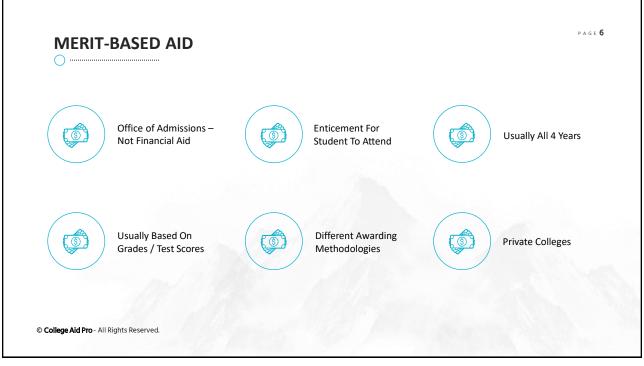
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#### **NEED BASED AID**

100% of Need Met

#### Merit Based Aid















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## Who, What, When & How to Apply for Private Scholarships

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Who Should Own This?

Students = Applications, Essays, Etc.
Parent(s) = Financial Requirements (minimal)



What Can We Realistically Expect?

\$1,000-\$3,000 10 Hours of Work Most Scholarships are 1-year only



When Do We Apply?

- Most deadlines are between December and March of the student's senior year
- There are scholarships for currently enrolled students



How Do We Apply?

Similar to the admissions process requirements and deadlines vary from one scholarship to the next

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#### Private Scholarship Tip #1: Shop Local!



Class of 2023 families should check with the school counseling office now for requirements and dates



Most high schools release local scholarships applications December - March



On average only 33% of high school seniors apply for local scholarships. Great odds!



Most local scholarships will be awarded May-June. Ask for a personal check.

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## Private Scholarship Tip #2: Use College Aid Pro Software

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\$9.1 Billion private scholarship search engine -Filter search based on your unique criteria to maximize odds of a good fit.



No Spam! Need we say more.



This is a paid version of the software, but it's free if you can't afford it. Just email us!

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#### Private Scholarship Tip #3: Create a new email



**Avoid Spam** 



Make sure it's a professional email address. People notice.



Check email at least once a week

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## Private Scholarship Tip #4: Deadlines & Organization

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Start Early. There are even scholarships for underclassmen.



Do not miss deadlines



Track every scholarship in one place. Make copies of paper scholarships.



Dedicate 2-3 hours per week on private scholarship searching and prep

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### **Private Scholarship Tip #5: Complete Financial Aid Applications**



The FAFSA is the 1st step in applying for financial aid and scholarships. Do it!



Make sure you know which colleges and scholarships require the FAFSA and the CSS Profile.



Most private scholarships require the FAFSA.



Be aware of state specific programs and deadlines.

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#### **Can Private Scholarships Impact Financial Aid Packages?**

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#### Scholarship displacement



Some colleges reduce need-based grants up to the amount of the scholarship.



It very rarely impacts merit-based awards.



Every college handles this differently.



Always appeal this result if/when a college lowers your financial aid award.

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## **Check out this Private Scholarship!**

#### **CAMERON IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP**

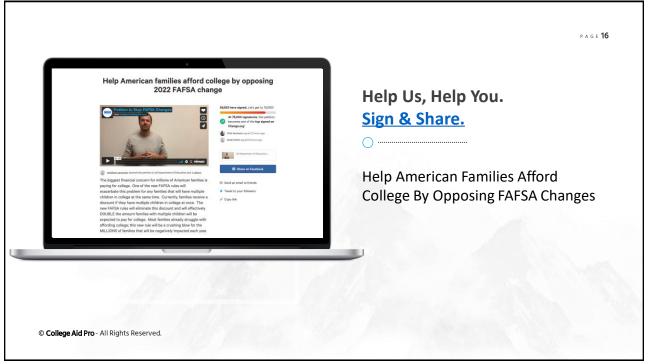


The Cameron Impact Scholarship is intended to cover the full tuition and 'qualified educational expenses' (as defined by the Internal Revenue Service) at the recipient's chosen collegiate institution. 'Educational expenses' vary amongst higher institutions, but the Scholarship is intended to cover tuition, fees, and books. The Cameron Impact Scholarship does not cover Room and Board.

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#### HOW TO APPEAL FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE PACKAGE





Bring Color/Background To Your Story



Ask For Specific Amount Of Additional Aid



Show Awards Offered By Other Colleges



Challenge Expenses Not Considered On Taxes



Be Persistent! (Demonstrate Interest)

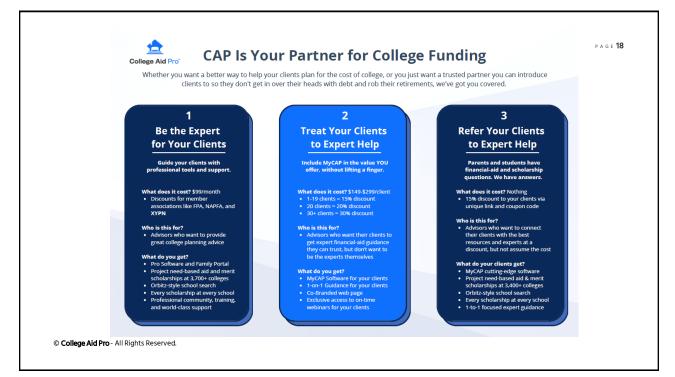


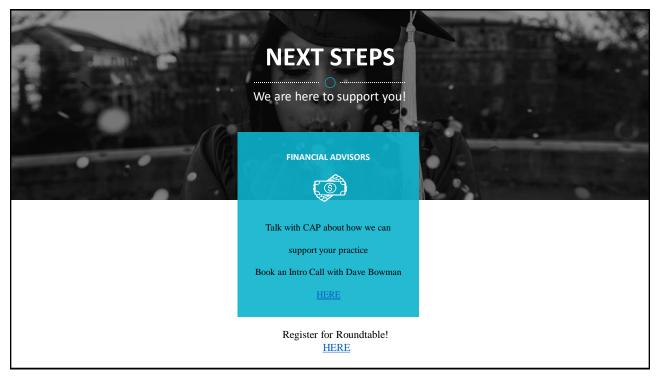
Student Lead The Charge

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