



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE AND NAVIGATION

Low Intermediate

Students learn how to pay for post-secondary school.

Lesson objectives:

- Learn how to pay for post-secondary school

Warm up

- Before class: write the lesson objective on the board.
- Tell Ss that many jobs require post-secondary education. Write examples of post-secondary schools on the board: *college, university, trade and vocational schools*.
- Ask Ss: *How can you pay for post-secondary education?* Elicit answers such as *get a scholarship, take out loans, pay for classes one-at-a-time*.

Presentation

- Tell Ss that many schools offer scholarships and financial aid to help students pay for their education. Explain that scholarships cover part or even all of a student's tuition and that financial aid allows people to take out loans to pay for their education. Explain that these loans usually have a low interest rate.
- Tell Ss that to apply for financial aid, they will usually have to fill out a FAFSA. Write this on the board—Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Encourage Ss to print out a copy of the FAFSA if they are interested in applying for financial aid.

- Give each S a copy of the Activity Worksheet. Review the questions and ensure Ss understand the terms.
- If your school has a computer lab, tell Ss they will use the Internet to answer the questions.
- Model how to use a post-secondary school website. Go to the website for a nearby college or university and show Ss how to find information about tuition and fees, scholarships and financial aid.
- If a computer lab is not available, bring Ss to the library. Notify the library ahead of time and ask if a librarian is available to direct Ss to educational research resources.
- If possible, bring brochures from local colleges, universities and post-secondary programs to class.
- Tell Ss they will use books, articles or brochures to answer the questions.
- Walk around and help Ss complete the worksheet.

Evaluation

- Ss add the completed Activity Worksheet 7D to their Career Portfolio.



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Name _____

Career of interest _____

Find a post-secondary school that offers training for your career of interest. Answer the questions.

1. What are the tuition and fees?
2. Does the school offer payment plans?
3. What types of loans are offered by the school?
4. What are the eligibility requirements for financial aid?
5. What are the steps to apply for financial aid?
6. When are the deadlines to apply for financial aid?
7. What are the internal and external scholarships offered by the school?