



EDUCATIONAL DIRECTIONS

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TO: Parents

RE: College Aid Calculator

Our **College Aid Calculator** is sophisticated software that will help to analyze your financial position related to college from the aspect of savings and financial aid. It is beneficial whether you are less than a year away from college or 18 years away.

All of the questions ask for income and account amounts, no account numbers or access information are requested. All information is completely confidential and no information, name, phone number, etc. is shared in anyway with any other person or company. All the information that you enter can be changed or updated at anytime and resent to me.

As we work to have the best understanding of financial factors and matches, this Calculator will provide us with great insight and tools for planning. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Our free EFC calculator includes:

- Federal EFC calculator (FM), used at all 4-year colleges in the US
- Institutional EFC calculator (IM), used at several hundred well-known private colleges such as Harvard and Stanford
- Thorough help messages to guide you through the software -- they tell you exactly which information is needed to calculate your EFC
- A helpful e-book, *The Concise Guide to College Financial Aid*, to give you helpful explanations of the often confusing financial aid terms and process.

After you've seen the results of your EFC calculation, you'll be able to securely email your information to me. I'll review it to see how I might be able to help you.

Among other things, I may be able to tell you:

- Which of the colleges your child is interested in might offer the best financial aid packages.
- What effect different financial strategies could have on your financial aid.
- Which financial aid forms you'll need to complete.
- How to quickly and accurately complete the required aid forms.

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Instructions for Using College Aid Calculator:

Type this address into you web browser: www.collegeaidcalculator.com/emd/cac.

Then download the software to your hard drive and complete the questions. Once the program is loaded and running, go first to “Information Needed” to make sure you have everything available that is necessary to make a good calculation. This must be updated each year to insure accuracy. The latest updates are usually available beginning in the mid to late fall each year.

Once you have completed filling in all of the information, go to the Tools bar and click on “transmit this data...” My email is wsdingle@educdir.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems.

Good luck and I look forward to hearing from you.

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