



College Funding Finder

Student Financial Aid Search Software

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NOTE: You may download the most recent version of this software & other software at our INTERNET Web site: <http://www.tpsoftware.com>.

If you wish to register your use of this program and receive the expanded, 270,000 scholarship version of College Funding Finder PLUS a FREE BONUS PROGRAM, please [click here](#).

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Introduction

Educational costs are briskly outrunning inflation. The cost of one year of tuition at a typical four-year college will average \$25,000 per year by the next century. State and federal student financial aid funds are no longer enough to pay for the increasingly high cost of an education. Therefore, students must seek out alternative financial aid programs.

Alternative financial aid is non-state and non-federal student financial aid offered by private organizations throughout the United States. Alternative financial aid normally consists of scholarships, grants, no-interest loans, low-interest loans, fellowships, internships, etc... Students may qualify for alternative financial aid by possessing certain personal characteristics or by studying certain subjects.

College Funding Finder software helps students find & obtain additional financial aid for the completion of their education. The shareware version of College Funding Finder tracks hundreds of alternative student financial aid sources which collectively offer over 8,000 individual student financial aid packages.

**** NOTE: There is a 270,000 scholarship version available. Please see our ordering information.**

In addition to locating the sources of potential aid, College Funding Finder provides the student with comprehensive funding information, personalized application request letters AND funding organization mailing labels that reduce the effort required by the student to get the necessary applications for these aid programs. A financial aid guide with tips for applying to these funds is also provided to the student.

College Funding Finder is intended for use by anyone planning on paying for an education whether it is trade school, college, graduate school or academic research. There are even programs for high school students in College Funding Finder's database.

College Funding Finder was developed at the University of San Diego and is endorsed by John Hancock Financial Services of San Diego, CA.

Installation & Troubleshooting

This section details information on installing & troubleshooting College Funding Finder for Windows in either Windows versions 3.0-3.11 or Windows 95.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

To use College Funding Finder for Windows, you need the following equipment:

- IBM 80286 (or higher) or 100% compatible computer with a minimum of 1 MB of RAM.
- CGA, EGA, VGA, 8514, Hercules or other monitor compatible with Windows.
- Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows 3.0 or later, running in standard or enhanced mode.
- Hard disk with at least 8 MB of free disk space.
- College Funding Finder for Windows installation diskettes.
- Printer supported by Windows, if you plan to print application request letters, funding information reports, mailing labels or the application guide with tips for applying.

***NOTE: Turn off virus protection programs before installing College Funding Finder for Windows. Some virus protection programs interfere with installation. Before you install College Funding Finder for Windows, turn off any virus protection programs that may be running on your computer.**

The exact steps you need to take to install the software will depend on how you received College Funding Finder for Windows - either on diskettes OR downloaded from an on-line service or BBS.

INSTALLING FROM DISKETTES

To install from diskettes, you need to perform the following steps.

To install College Funding Finder for Windows if you have Windows version 3.0 - 3.11:

1. Type win at the DOS prompt to start Windows.
2. Insert the College Funding Finder for Windows Setup Disk #1 in your computer's floppy disk drive.
3. Double-click the Windows Program Manager, if it's not already open.
4. From the Program Manager's File Menu, choose Run.
5. In the Command Line field of the Run Window, type a:\setup if you're installing from Drive A, or type b:\setup if you're installing from Drive B. Click OK to continue.

The College Funding Finder Setup window appears.

6. Follow the instructions on the screen.
7. When you see the message that you have installed College Funding Finder for Windows successfully, click OK.
8. Remove the last disk and store the install disks in a safe place.

To install College Funding Finder for Windows if you have Windows 95:

1. Insert the College Funding Finder for Windows Setup Disk #1 in your computer's floppy disk drive.
2. Click on Start in the lower, left-hand corner of screen.
3. Choose Run.
4. In the Command Line field of the Run Window, type a:\setup if you're installing from Drive A, or type b:\setup if you're installing from Drive B. Click OK to continue.

***NOTE: Disregard the warning which states CANNOT COPY DDEML.DLL - FILE ALREADY IN USE. This warning is generated as a result of the difference in the setup routines between Windows 95 and Windows 3.x. Despite this warning, the software will perform normally under Windows 95. Click OK to continue.**

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7. Remove the last disk and store the install disks in a safe place.

INSTALLING FROM A HARD DRIVE

If you downloaded College Funding Finder for Windows from a BBS (or received it in the form of archive files from some other source), you will need to perform the following steps.

1. Extract the contents of the archive file(s) in a temporary directory on your hard drive. The procedure for doing this varies, depending on the form in which you received the package. In all likelihood, the fact that you are reading this text means that you already have the necessary tools and knowledge to perform this step. If not, you should be able to obtain directions for this from the same source from which you received the package.
2. Execute the "SETUP.EXE" program which you have extracted..
3. Follow the instructions presented by the installation program. The program will ask you for a destination directory, and will copy the College Funding Finder for Windows files to that directory.

When you're satisfied that the installation was successful, you should delete the temporary directory from which you installed College Funding Finder for Windows, including all its contents.

YOU'RE READY TO GO

Once you've completed the installation, you should consult the documents which have been installed. In particular, read at least the **Introduction** and **Tutorial** sections of the College Funding Finder Help file. That document will tell you how to invoke the program, and will give you other information you need to properly evaluate College Funding Finder for Windows. We hope you enjoy the program.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you get a record-locking error when you select **Done** to begin your financial aid search, you must add the following line to the beginning of your AUTOEXEC.BAT file located in your system's root directory:

DOS\SHARE.EXE /L:500

Use the EDIT command to modify the AUTOEXEC.BAT file. See your DOS manual for further instructions on using the EDIT command.

Tutorial

When you run the College Funding Finder Setup program, Setup automatically creates a new program group and new program items for College Funding Finder for Windows. To run College Funding Finder, double-click the College Funding Finder program group. Then, double-click the College Funding Finder icon. The College Funding Finder introduction screen will appear. Please note the license agreement. Click on **Ok** to continue.

The next screen to appear is the main menu screen. If you need help at any time, press the F1 key and a help screen will appear. There are two menu selections offered at the top of the screen - **Exit** and **Help**.

The search criteria selection screen will appear and you will be prompted to select search criteria from 65 areas of study for which alternative financial aid is offered. On the left half of the screen is the search criteria selection box. Use the mouse or the up & down arrows to place the light bar cursor over your desired search criteria and then double-click on the desired search criteria to enter it into the User Selection box on the right half of the screen. If you make a mistake or wish to start over, click on the **Start Over** button at the top of the screen. **CAUTION:** Clicking on **Start Over** will erase all previous search criteria selections. When you have entered in as many search criteria as you are interested in, click on **Done**.

After you have clicked on **Done**, College Funding Finder will conduct a search for funding organizations using the selection criteria you have chosen. When the search is complete, a pop-up searching window will appear with the number of financial aid programs available under those criteria. You will be given the options to **Approve** or **Quit** the search. If the number of funding organizations is too great to be reviewed easily, you may choose to **Quit** the search and re-select some search criteria which may narrow the search down. Choosing **Quit** will return you to the main menu where you may begin your financial aid search again.

If you choose **Approve**, the financial aid viewing screen will appear and you will be shown the financial aid programs College Funding Finder has searched for. You will need to review each source of aid to see if it is specifically for you because College Funding Finder conducts a KEYWORD search for all aid programs under each and every search criteria entered. Therefore, some funds may not apply specifically to you. To view the next financial aid source click on **Next**. If you wish to go back and view a previous financial aid source you may have skipped over, click on **Previous** until the funding information reappears. If you wish to mark the financial aid information for printing later on in the program, click on **Mark**. Should you wish to quit the search, click on **Quit**.

When you select **Quit** and you have not marked any funds for printing you will be returned to the main menu where you may search again or quit the application. If you have marked funds for printing, a pop-up Print Options window will appear with the names of the funding organizations and funding programs you have already marked. It will also have the options to print **Standard Letters**, **Custom Letters**, **Information**, **Labels** or **Instructions**. In order to utilize any one of these options you must select which funds out of the already marked funds you wish to exercise the option on. To do this, double-click on the fund name in the selection box. When you have double-clicked on the fund name an arrow-shaped marker will appear on the left-hand side of the fund name indicating that it has been marked and is ready to have a printing option exercised on it. Double-click on the fund name again and the marker will disappear from the left-hand side of the fund name indicating it is no longer ready to have a printing option exercised on it. To select all funds for the print options quickly, click on the **Select All** button. Click on it again to **Unselect All** funds for the print options.

If you wish to print **Standard Letters**, you will be prompted to enter your return-address which will be used by College Funding Finder to print out a standard form letter with your return address information requesting more information and an application. If you wish to print **Custom Letters**, a pop-up window will appear with a sample letter for you to edit. Edit the letter as you wish. After you have finished editing the letter click on **Save** to exit and save the letter as edited OR click on **Cancel** to exit without saving the edited letter. This custom letter body will now appear in the letters you choose to print out. If you wish to print out mailing **Labels**, we suggest you use Avery form feed labels #5162, 5262 or 5662. **NOTE:** You must have a sheet-fed printer to use form feed labels. If you wish to print **Information**, College Funding Finder will print out the funding information - two funds per page. If you wish to print the **Instructions**, College Funding Finder will print out a student financial aid guide and sample form letter for requesting an application and further information from the funding source.

Once you have printed your letters and/or labels click on **Cancel** and you will then be returned to the main menu selection screen where you may either begin a new financial aid search or exit College Funding Finder.

Expanded Version Ordering Information

This is the SHAREWARE version of College Funding Finder. Due to data storage restrictions, this version contains only several hundred financial aid sources. If you wish to register your use of this program and receive the expanded, 270,000 scholarship version PLUS a FREE BONUS PROGRAM please read on.

FREE BONUS OFFER!!!

Order the expanded version of College Funding Finder NOW and you'll also receive a FREE BONUS PROGRAM! That's right, TP Software will also send you it's latest creation -

THE HYPERTEXT STUDENT GUIDE FINANCIAL AID FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This program was developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education and includes all the information you'll ever need to know about federal student financial aid. It also contains an on-line glossary of important financial aid terms and an additional chapter on financial aid publications which contain valuable information to help you pay for your college education.

YOU'LL RECEIVE TWO PROGRAMS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Here's 2 ways to order College Funding Finder and receive the expanded version of College Funding Finder PLUS the BONUS program:

1. To order by CHECK or MONEY ORDER please mail your return address information, phone number with area code, desired diskette format - 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch -and the appropriate amount listed below to **TP Software's** main address. Please indicate whether you want the Windows or DOS version of College Funding Finder. The program will also print an order form with such information. **TP Software's** address is:

TP Software
P.O. Box 532
Bonita, CA 91908-0532

2. If you wish to order by VISA or MASTERCARD please call **TP Software's** product order line 1-800/791-7791 OR 619/496-8673. Operators are standing by 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays) to take your order.

College Funding Finder for Windows or DOS - ONLY \$39.95

NOTE: California residents must add state sales tax of 7.25% of the price. Include proper tax if different from 7.25%.

Upon verification of your payment, you will immediately be sent the expanded 270,000 scholarship version of College Funding Finder with the most current financial aid information AND the FREE BONUS PROGRAM.

The expanded version includes student financial aid based upon a student's personal search criteria including sex, ethnic origin, religious affiliation, armed forces affiliation, handicaps/ disabilities, fraternity/sorority affiliations, organization memberships, company affiliations, family ancestry, extracurricular activities, employment, union memberships and much, much more.

The expanded version offers over 200 subject areas and over 200 personal criteria to search on for student financial aid. A manual and future update information will also be sent. Thank you for your support.

- The **TP Software** Team

GOOD LUCK!

TP Software wishes all students the best of luck in their efforts to make their college education more affordable.

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Should you have any additional questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact ***TP Software*** at our address listed below.

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Other Student Financial Aid Software Products

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College Funding Finder Editor (DOS)

College Funding Finder Editor is an add-on software product to College Funding Finder which is designed to help educational and business users of College Funding Finder add, edit and delete funding information in the College Funding Finder information database. This is helpful if you wish to add more funding information such as scholarships & loans which become available in your local area.

This product normally lists for \$19.95 but if you order College Funding Finder we'll include it for only \$10.00. You save \$9.95!

ONLY \$10.00 WHEN ORDERED WITH COLLEGE FUNDING FINDER!

The College Cost Calculator (Windows) - Soon to Come!

The College Cost Calculator is a software product which helps students calculate their Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

This product will list for \$29.95.

The Hypertext Student Guide (Dos, Windows) Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education

This program was developed in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education and includes all the information you'll ever need to know about federal student financial aid. It also contains an on-line glossary of important financial aid terms and an additional chapter on financial aid publications which contain valuable information to help you pay for your college education.

This product comes FREE with your purchase of College Funding Finder.

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College Funding Finder for DOS with Editor - ONLY \$49.95

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An amount, determined by a formula Congress established, that indicates how much of your family's financial resources should be available to help pay for school. Factors such as taxable and nontaxable income, assets (such as savings and checking accounts), and benefits (for example, unemployment or Social Security) are all considered in this calculation. The EFC is used in determining your eligibility for aid from federal student aid programs (except for unsubsidized student loans and PLUS Loans).

