

Congratulations: Installation of Strategies and My\_Plan is Now Complete

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## **My\_Plan -- Interactive College Planner:**

**Write -- Right NOW -- As you read this. Jump-start your college financial aid plan.**

### **My\_Plan Includes:**

PLAN IDEAS - QUESTIONS - TO-DO LIST - AID TOPICS - and  
ITEMS NEEDED to complete your College Aid Calculator (tm) data entry.

My\_Plan is *your* guide -- an outline -- a template. Fill in *your* ideas as you read this.

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If you use this file "as is" (as installed), to "save" My\_Plan,  
in WIN3.1, click on: File, Save;  
in WIN 95, click on: File, Save, Yes, Save.

To use My\_Plan with *your* word processor, click on Think Ahead's ReadMe.TXT icon.

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### **PLAN IDEAS:**

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Put your cursor on the blank line above this.  
Now, start making a list of your college ideas and financial concerns.  
Use one-liners. Move along rapidly. Amplify and organize later.

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### **QUESTIONS to ask:**

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**Colleges:**

**Guidance Counselor:**

**Other:**

Start listing your questions on the lines above. Be brief.  
Later, amplify and categorize your list.

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### **TO-DO LIST:**

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**Immediate:**

***Soon:***

***Someday:***

List your reminders / "things to do" above.

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**AID TOPICS:**

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Below is a short alphabetical list of topics.

Expand on what pertains to you--Delete the rest.

Add new topics -- whatever suits your situation.

Begin with general concerns

Details can come later

Use the Tab key to indent to create your outline.

Start reading *Strategies to Reduce College Costs*.

As you read, copy pertinent information & paste it under a heading below.

Later, cut and paste everything to organize your plan.

As soon as you no longer need these instructions, delete them.

This is your plan.

***Assets: (Parent / Student)***

***Colleges (Cost of Attendance):***

***Ideas:***

***Income: (Parent / Student) -- (Taxed / Untaxed)***

***Loans:***

***Scholarships:***

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**ITEMS NEEDED to Complete College Aid Calculator:**

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**When ready, play with College Aid Calculator:**

Our NEW Windows version will be ready early Fall 1996--school year 97-8.

See ordering instructions at the end of the *Strategies ...* book.

***You'll need :*** Your most recently filed tax return -- 1995.

Updated estimates for 1996's taxable income.

Untaxed income figures.

Values for your Assets -- cash, investments, home, etc.

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**Review My\_Plan frequently. Update it. Implement it.**

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**Comment on this concept--pass your thoughts on to:** Bob and Sally Fesler  
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**/p** is a navigational marker--to jump back to **/p**:

**Win3.1**, click on: Find, End, type **/p** , press Enter, click on Cancel.

**Win95**, hold down Ctrl and press F, type **/p** , press Enter, click on Cancel.

**Or**, use your word processor's "Find" feature.

**As you work, add your own markers to speed you to where you want to be.**