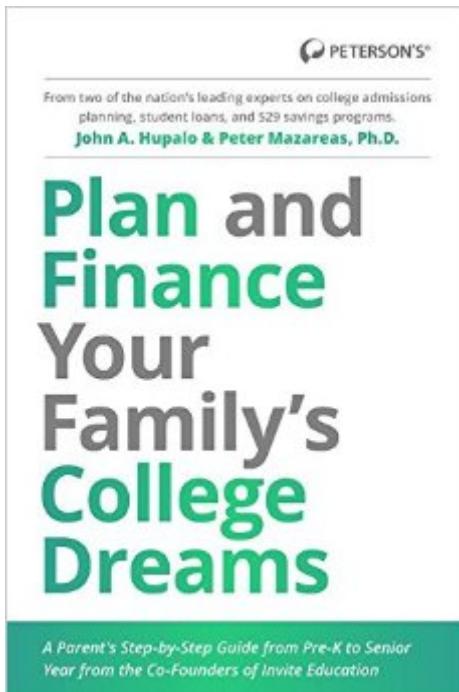


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# Plan And Finance Your Family's College Dreams: A Parent's Step-By-Step Guide From Pre-K To Senior Year



## **Synopsis**

Planning and paying for a college education is a daunting task for most parents. It is a stressful and costly process that needs a well-thought-out academic and financial strategy. This guide offers just that! Two of the nation's leading college planning and financing experts provide clear step-by-step guidance on how to successfully save, plan for, apply to, and finance a college education. Age- and grade-appropriate guidance empowers families with children of all ages, with detailed information on preparing, financing, and successfully applying to college. Financing a college education requires a good look at all available options: savings, free money, financial aid, and loans. Finding the right savings vehicle and investments is important. Learn the pros and cons of various savings and investment options, including Bank accounts, 529 Plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, and more-so you can begin to develop your plan. Easy-to-understand explanations help parents better understand college loans, including details about federal and private loans, consolidation and refinancing of loans, as well as a discussion on what it means to co-sign a loan. Based on the expert advice presented in this book, parents will be able to create a personalized college admission and financing plan that is unique to their family.

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This book is a must read for parents with children, of all ages, who plan to send their kids to college. In understandable terms, Hupalo and Mazareas, have demystified the college finance and admissions process with easy-to-follow steps to college finance self-sufficiency. This is a go-to

resource for parents and college planners alike. It's never to late to read this book and plan, as I have learned personally.

Easy-to-read and quite instructive, this comprehensive book can be a big help to parents and grandparents concerned about the exorbitant costs of college. Tax-advantaged savings plans, student loans, and scholarships are all covered in detail. Do you know, for instance, how having a 529 savings plan affects eligibility for financial aid? This book addresses that question. I was surprised that the book covers more than just the financial aspects of college. Included are how to get into the university you desire, with lots of useful hints, and details as to how schools evaluate applicants. For example, it describes what universities look for in an applicant's essay. I did not expect that kind of help in this book. One downside to the book: If your children have already completed college, you may read it and feel bad about how you should have done things differently. But don't dwell on past mistakes. Give the book to someone for whom the advice is not too late!

As a financial advisor of 20 years, I found this book to be an ideal balance of easy to read, substantial range of information, and helpful at the same time. Well written! I intend to buy several to hand out to my clients who have children or grandchildren heading to college.

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