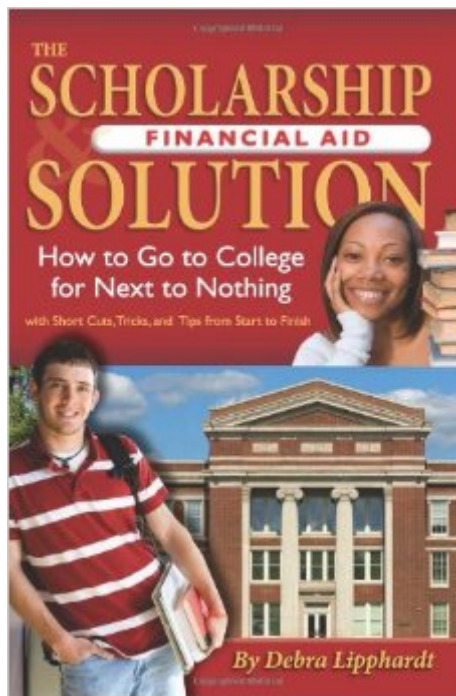


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# The Scholarship & Financial Aid Solution: How To Go To College For Next To Nothing With Short Cuts, Tricks, And Tips From Start To Finish



## Synopsis

Debbie Lipphardt's passion and irrepressible enthusiasm for educating students and assisting them in their educational pursuits has led to the creation of this resource for parents and students. Mrs. Lipphardt has a wealth of knowledge about scholarships that has assisted students in receiving millions of dollars in financial aid. She has a knack for utilizing resources and simplifying what can be an overwhelming and complex process. The information in this book is practical and applicable to every family planning for a postsecondary education.

Paige Zadnik, Student Activities Director, Vanguard High School

Mrs. Lipphardt's passion for students, scholarships, and helping others is remarkable. Through this book every student can benefit from Mrs. Lipphardt's extensive knowledge and advice. I am so pleased that Mrs. Lipphardt's vast knowledge will now reach many students and assist thousands of other prospective college students in earning financial support toward their education and make going to college a reality.

Danielle Borth, Vanguard High School Graduate Class of 2007

This book will allow others to witness the invaluable experience, wisdom, and sincerity Mrs. Lipphardt possesses in ensuring students are financially prepared for achieving their dreams.

Donald Garner, Vanguard High School Class of 2001 Graduate Student, Florida State University

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Where was this book when I was looking for help to finance college myself? I recall my guidance counselor handing me a single scholarship application, not the dozens (or hundreds) that today's student has available to them. Fortunately, I did receive that scholarship; I can attest, it's a great feeling to read the words, "You've been awarded..."As the "semi-retired" parents of a junior high school student, what we have learned from this book is that it's not too early to make use of this comprehensive guide to college scholarships and financial aid. It helps us to keep our "eyes on the prize" and gently steer our son in the right direction, in terms of his current academic studies, as well as his extra-curricular activities. Unless you get 1600 on your SATs, you're likely not going to get a scholarship without being a well-rounded individual, with more than just book smarts. Ms. Lipphardt addresses the process step-by-step, from helping you determine which scholarships you're eligible for (and it may be a single criterion that qualifies or disqualifies an applicant), filling out the application ("neatness counts!"), obtaining letters of recommendation or referral (who to ask, who not to ask, proofread well, and thank you notes afterward), and providing tips for the dreaded "essay" portion (know your audience, be truthful, etc). This book provided a thorough, simple, easy to understand discussion on the role of both the student and parent, and what it takes to get successfully navigate the scholarship labyrinth. From my reading, it's obvious that it's not an easy effort, but rather time consuming and tedious, to weed through the available scholarships, sort out the good from the bad, and the eligible to apply from the ineligible to apply. Ms.

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