



Making College Affordable

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Dear Jason,

Soon the third of my three daughters will be returning home from college. All have successfully graduated this past June! I cannot tell you the joy and the relief I have! One year ago, as you know, we were still struggling to secure loans for each of our triplet daughters' final year at college. For four years we painfully filled out the FAFSA forms as well as CSS profiles and a variety of financial aid forms, qualifying for no aid and having a difficult time finding loans. It was all overwhelming for me and stressful for my daughters. Tempers flared because the process was draining and unsuccessful.

This past September, we were running out of time. One of my daughters still had not secured a loan for her final year at Northwestern. We had run out of options until a teacher peer of mine recommended I look National College Planners up online. I visited your website, made a reservation, and attended your workshop. I must admit, I was skeptical and figured there was some big catch.

Thankfully, in a matter of a few weeks, you put order to our chaos. Not only did my daughter get a loan, but she received a scholarship for \$10,000 and an additional income of approximately \$2,500 through a work study program. The job was actually doing work she loved – she participated in the “Teach for America” program.

It's unfortunate that we had not come across National College Planners sooner. We could have saved the girls so much money in loans and quite possibly have gotten some financial aid. I do want to say thank you for getting my daughter through this last year and for the additional assistance in helping all three of my girls with organizing and consolidating their loans. I was also not aware that there is an exit process that students have to go through. Thank you for helping the girls to finish this process!

As a teacher and an advisor in education, I have already mentioned National College Planners to a number of families. I only hope that by doing so, I can maybe alleviate stress in the lives of other families so they will not have to experience what we did before we met you.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

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