



Show me the money!

Cash for college students

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In a world where everything costs and being in college seems to make us poorer, I've put together a little section to help the students at Clackamas find ways to make money, save money and have fun for little or no money.

In this new feature, you will find websites that give details about what you can do to help you as a college student and/or your families to save money or spend little money. Also, included will be tips to survive college life.

If help is necessary for some basic needs, you can check out how to find cheap fares on airline tickets. Perhaps you feel the need to talk; there is an almost unlimited number of cell phone companies and phone card distributors to help

on your quest.

Do you need some financial aid or a loan? Of course, everyone needs a little extra money for college. If you need to buy books for less than your first born child, you can check out some hot spots for books. Do you require some extra cash and want more than a mere 35 percent? Included will be some new and old places to sell your old books. Want a better way to dress it up for cheap and still have the pizzazz and originality that can only be you?

I will help you with all these and more. Now, I am by no means a professional nor am I a millionaire waiting to give cash to the first 500. I am merely another college student, your peer, wanting to help in ways that I have found to be painless. So sit back and let someone else do the work for you.

Financial Aid Facts



Extra cash is just a click away.

financialaid.com. Consolidates student loan debts over \$10,000 with no credit check.

ifsmarketing.com. If you join for \$34.95 and enter your credit card number they do a search and give you thousands of options for free money including grants, loans, and student credit services.

Clackamas Community College. Go to the Financial Aid office and one of their representatives will be happy to put you in touch with all the right places.

fafsa.com. Don't forget to apply for financial aid services with the financial aid form at fafsa.

Survival Tips



How to survive college without testing the brink of insanity.

Go out. Get a group of friends together, pick a meeting place and enjoy a night of no homework or school.

Rent Movies. Meet at someone's place, pick some flicks, eat some popcorn and laugh, cry, or scream about someone else's life.

Need to find out if you have the smarts.

go to <http://www.college-student-guide.com/> and go to the Get in College content where you will be able to take various test such as LSAT or SAT.

For International Students: You can find help for programs and services at these websites www.toefl.com, or www.embark.com



Fashion Finds



Check out local thrift stores you can not only find good deals, also retro fashion. Also, some stores that have good deals on new clothing. Some close places include:

Red, White and Blue Thrift Store on McLoughlin Blvd. Where you will very rarely find clothes that exceed \$10 an article.

Value Village Thrift Store on McLoughlin Blvd. It's more name brand-based, but a little more expensive.

Goodwill Stores. These are in nearly every city, but they are very community oriented so it's nice to help their cause.

Old Navy. They have hot deals on cool clothes. My preference is the hip huggers.

Factory2U. Where they cut out the middle man and don't pay lots for advertising so shoppers get the best deals on name-brand clothing.



Travel Tips

Well, I've never flown, but I am working on a trip for Spring Break and this is what I found.

priceline.com. Offers the ability to name your price, but beware you must take the flight..No refunds.

southwest.com. Promotional Offers give you a break on prices as long as you don't fly on key days, like Christmas.

expedia.com. Let's people pick from a number of airline providers.

Check out those e-mails that say you won a trip or airline tickets. Yeah, there's always a catch, but it's usually only joining a program for cheap. I got four free airline tickets.

Fun for Less



Get out and let loose.

Banana Joe's caters to the college crowd and then some. Located on NW 2nd and Burnside in Portland. Cover is \$8, but if you're there before 8:30 p.m., it's free. Thursday nights are half off with college I.D.

Go hiking. All you need is basic necessities. Strap on a pack and make it a group thing.

Laser Tag. Ultra Zone on McLoughlin Blvd. Charges \$6.50 a game, or \$14.50 for Friday Night Frenzy for the whole night.

Movie Theater. Discounted rates for students when you show your I.D. at Century 16 right off 82nd Ave. Also, Hilltop Cinemas in Oregon City.

Book



Bargains

Tired of the mere 35% back for your hard earned cash for books?

Powell Books offers 50% + back for those books you no longer need. It's a little farther, but worth the drive.

Half.com. Similar to e-Bay. You can buy and sell books.

Textbooks can be bought and sold at **Barnes and Noble**.

Textbooks.com. Allows you to buy textbooks and programs for cheap.

Local Library. If you're lucky, you can find the books to check out at the library.

Keep in Touch



If you lack commitment you don't have to sign your life away for one or two years. Several companies now offer pre-paid cellular phone services.

AT&T Wireless offers Free To Go Wireless. This program offers a phone that has voicemail, call waiting, text messaging and the ability to send and receive e-mail.

Verizon has Free Up which offers 1,000 minutes of long distance on weekends with your service as long as you maintain it. There are others you can search for as well.