

NEED BASED FINANCIAL AID



Time Required: 30-45 minutes

Content Standards: Students will employ strategies to achieve future career goals and know where and how to obtain information about the world of work and postsecondary training/education.

Indicators (Students will...): Describe how to find and apply for need-based financial aid.

GOAL: Students will review and apply information and ideas on need based financial aid.

Activity Statements:

1. Student will complete worksheet and discuss need based financial aid information.
2. Student will identify the next step they need to take toward post-secondary planning.

Materials:

1. Handout 1
2. Handout 2
3. Method to list new information either white board, black board or newsprint paper.

Procedures:

1. Distribute Handout 1 and 2.
2. Students complete Handout 2 with a partner.
3. Partners will report answers for the whole class.
4. Whole group make a list on the board of any new information that students did not previously know.
5. Students are instructed to identify their NEXT step in post-secondary planning (visit a college or work site, college or employment application, etc.)

Discussion:

1. Partners will report answers and the rest of the class participate in discussion.
2. Whole group make a list on the board of new information and discuss. (Information about financial aid that students did not previously know.)
3. Group discussion to transition from information about financial aid that they were not aware of to identifying the next steps they personally need to take in using today's information or other information.
4. Students share with class the next step they need to take toward post-secondary plans.
5. Discuss Additional Resources as a possible next step if a student is unsure.

Additional Resources:

“Get Set for College” ACT handout.” To obtain your free ACT “Get Set For College” handouts contact 1-319-337-1000 or download materials from:

<http://www.act.org/path/secondary/pdf/GetSetforCollege.pdf>

Handout 3 Scholarship information including: **Scholarship Scams: What should I look out for? How can I find out about merit scholarships? and Where can I find a free scholarship search service?**

Extension Activities:

Other activities as assigned by advisor

<http://www.nvcis.intocareers.com/>

Activity:

Have students review Financial Aide website articles www.Fastweb.com. There is a lot of information here and can be overwhelming. It's suggested that students read this at home with parents if possible.

Students can use a Financial Aid Wizard website www.Fastweb.com to see what their estimated needs, costs and loans might be.

Resources

www.Fastweb.com

www.cappex.com

<http://www.nvcis.intocareers.com/>

Students: Use the Financial Aid Selector www.Fastweb.com or www.cappex.com to find scholarships.
