



# College Tips



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*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11*

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Everyone experiences college in their own unique way and Calvary Baptist Church is praying that your college experience is a successful and wonderful experience. This pamphlet highlights a few tips to assist you along your college journey.



**Financial Aid, FAFSA will need to be completed each year.**

“Eligibility for federal student aid *does not carry over from one award year to the next*, so you need to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form for each award year in which you plan to be a student.”



Find and Apply for Scholarships  
<https://studentaid.gov>



General Scholarships  
<https://cafecollege.org>

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*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:3*

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- **Before each semester starts, write down goals** that you would like to achieve. Are you striving to get straight A’s? Maybe save a certain amount of money? Whatever it is, be sure to *keep your goals in a place where you will see them every day*. This tactic will serve as a helpful reminder for you to keep working hard to achieve your goals, especially when times get tough.
- **Create a term-by-term plan** identifying courses you would like to take that fulfill your college, university, or educational program’s requirements. *Be sure you stay on track with meeting your declared major requirements.*
- **Schedule regular meetings with an on-campus advisor** to confirm your educational and graduation plans.

**DON'T SKIP CLASS**

**STUDY, STUDY, STUDY**

- **Create a routine that includes church, study time and getting involved.** Make the most out of your college experience by joining different clubs, organizations, and societies on campus or in the local area. *Networking is important.*
- **Choose your friends wisely:** Meet likeminded friends that share your Christian beliefs. Get connected to a local church that can provide a place to worship and help to feed your soul.

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*Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."*

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- **Get to know your professors** by introducing yourself after class, emailing them from anything ranging from material questions to advice, attend an event your professor is speaking at, showing up on time to class (professors noticed those that are early or on-time), professors always notice students that sit in the front row.
- **Don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new things.** You never know what kind of opportunities are waiting for you on the other side of fear. Don't let the fear of failing prevent you from trying new things. **"THE ONLY PERSON WHO NEVER MAKES A MISTAKE IS THE PERSON WHO NEVER DOES ANYTHING."** ~THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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*Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*

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- **Be smart with your personal finances.** College is a time of brand-new freedom, especially if you are living away from home for the first time. Wish you could learn how to save money in college and budget?

(1) *A good start is to understand the difference between a need and a want.* A need could be what is required to have a successful college year. A want is something that may be nice but is not essential.

(2) *Know Your Expenses*: On a piece of paper, make a list of all of your recurring monthly expenses. These could be things such as a cell phone bill, rent, Netflix, gym membership. In another column, write down whether each item on your list is a want or a need.

*You and your parents should determine if the expense is necessary for you to complete your college journey successfully.*

### Need Vs Want Examples

- *An average cup of coffee is \$5.* Purchased five times a week equals approximately \$1,300 by the end of the year. While caffeine may fall under the “need” column for many students, this need can be satisfied in a more economical way by making coffee at home. Home brewed coffee can cost as little as 16 cents per cup, totaling less than \$50 a year!
- *Next time you find yourself wanting the next iPhone/Android,* ask yourself if it’s a need or a want. Then, postpone the purchase for a few days if you can. You may find after some time your desire fades away. If you still want it, do the math and see whether it can fit in your budget.



**Avoid accumulating Credit Card Debt**, because of accrued interest it will take years to payback coupled with any student debts you may have. “As a result, such a financial obligation at such a young age may also alter the timing of many rites of passage, such as marriage, home ownership and children, bottom line may affect generating wealth.”

*In closing, Stay Focused on your goals and keep God in your life.  
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Calvary College Tips Brochure  
<https://calvarybcsa.org/college-tips>



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*“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”  
2 Thessalonians 3:16*

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