

## College Prep Educational Resources

Resources from the Illinois Financial Wellness Hub (FinWell Hub) can help high school students financially prepare for college. Topics have been ordered to reflect a student's journey. Most topics start with a course and then provide supplementary materials like tools, articles, start here guides, etc. All courses are organized as interactive modules. They are roughly 15-45 minutes long, with the majority being 20 minutes long. Topics are available in different learning formats, so you can adjust based on the learning needs of your students.

### 1. Choosing a School and Understanding Cost

- a. Course: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/courses/choosing-a-degree-program-and-understanding-cost>
- b. Financial Aid Award Letter Analyzer: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/award-letter>
- c. Financial Aid Office Article: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/articles/a-students-guide-to-working-with-a-financial-aid-office>

### 2. Finding Scholarships to Help Pay for School

- a. Course: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/courses/finding-scholarships-to-help-pay-for-school>
- b. Start Here Guide: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/start/start-here-scholarships>
- c. Scholarship Search Tool: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/scholarships>
- d. Avoiding Scams Article: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/articles/most-common-scholarship-financial-aid-and-money-for-school-scams>

### 3. Borrowing Smart and Preparing for Higher Education

- a. Course <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/courses/borrowing-smart-and-preparing-for-higher-education>
- b. Student Loan Affordability Calculator: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/calculators/student-loan-repayment-expected-salary>

### 4. Staying On Track with Student Loans While in School

- a. Course: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/courses/staying-on-track-with-student-loans>
- b. Student Loan Snapshot Tool: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/student-loans>
- c. Budget Tool: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/budget>

### 5. Repaying Your Student Loans

- a. Course: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/courses/repaying-your-student-loans>
- b. Job Search Tool: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/jobs>
- c. Resume Critique Tool: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/resume>

## Topics Landing Pages

- Preparing for College: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/topics/preparing-for-college>
- Types of Aid: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/topics/types-of-aid>
- Smart Borrowing: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/topics/smart-borrowing>
- Student Life: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/topics/student-life>
- Career Development: <https://illinoistreasurer.enrich.org/topics/career-development>