



Mapping Your Future®

MappingYourFuture.org

Career, college, financial aid, and
money management information and
services

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Mapping Your Future (MappingYourFuture.org) is a nonprofit, public-service organization that provides free career, college, financial aid, and money management information and services. Visitors to Mapping Your Future may choose from a variety of topics or review information catered to their audience type.

Audiences

Visitors to Mapping Your Future can find information on the website based on their selected audience:

- Middle and high school students
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Student loan borrowers
- Parents
- Middle and high school counselors
- Financial aid professionals

Features and Services

Mapping Your Future visitors can choose from several main topics - explore careers, prepare for college, and pay for college - or use any specific feature or service on the site:

Early awareness/outreach

- Information on saving for college
- Information about how to pay for college, including savings and financial aid (content about grants, scholarships, and loans, with links to scholarship search engines)
- Make High School Count, a partnership between Mapping Your Future and ACT, providing information about planning for education after high school - beginning in eighth grade
- CareerShip™, the online exploration adventure in English and Spanish, which allows users to review careers by cluster, review the featured career, match careers to their interest, or search for a particular career.
- Early Awareness E-News, a monthly electronic newsletter with tips, reminders, and news for counselors to share with students and their families

Money management/student loan default prevention

- Basic steps to get established financially
- Information on developing a budget
- Content about saving money
- Advice on using credit cards wisely
- Guidance on understanding credit reports
- Tips for preventing and detecting identity theft
- Detailed information on student loans, including interest rates, repayment terms, requirements, and application procedures
- Steps for managing student loan debt
- Calculators
 - Budget calculator
 - Checkbook balancing tool
 - Savings calculator
 - Student loan debt/salary wizard
 - Student loan repayment calculator
 - Loan consolidation calculator
- Show Me the Future®: A money management and life skills game, which helps 12- to 20-year-old students and young adults prepare for their futures.

Online Student Loan Counseling

With the convenience of Mapping Your Future's Online Student Loan Counseling, postsecondary schools and students can meet federal loan counseling requirements and students can learn more about student loan obligations.

Sponsors and Friends

Guaranty agencies in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) are Sponsors of Mapping Your Future. Lenders, servicers, and secondary markets in the FFELP support the organization as Friends. Through Mapping Your Future, Sponsors and Friends provide free services to students, families, and schools. The FFELP is a federally sponsored program providing low-interest, long-term loans to students and parents to help pay for education after high school.

As a national collaborative financial aid industry organization, Mapping Your Future is comprised of volunteers from across the country. They serve on teams to create new features, write and edit content, develop promotional and marketing materials, review new ideas, and plan for the future.

Customer Service

If you have questions, visit the Contact Us feature on the Mapping Your Future site or send a message to feedback@mappingyourfuture.org.



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