

College Savings

Tips To Cut Campus Expenses

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(NAPSA)—In the current economy, making small changes to save money can mean a lot. These tips for college parents can add up to more money in the family's pocket.

Know Your Options—Financial aid and student loan rates and options fluctuate constantly, and new scholarships are posted throughout the entire school year, offering assistance to students in good standing.

Just Like New—Check into refurbished computers before you splurge on the newest laptop.



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Smart Service—Consider starting a prepaid cellular plan so that your student is aware of a fixed cost each month.

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