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While California Community College (CCC) system fees are much lower than tuition at state universities and colleges, the total cost of attending a CCC — which includes books, housing, transportation, and food — is much higher than most people realize. Because many students don't calculate the "real" cost of attending a CCC, they do not take advantage of the grants and loans available to help them pay for their college education. For many students getting financial aid would allow them to work less, study more, and complete a degree, certificate, or transfer.

Financial Aid Quiz

What do you know about financial aid? For each statement below, circle "T" for True or "F" for False.

1. Only students with the best grades qualify for financial aid. T   F

2. Since I haven't saved anything for college, even if I might want to go to a four-year college or university, community college is the only option. T   F

3. I shouldn't even consider my first-choice school because it costs too much. Only really rich kids go to elite schools. T   F

4. Only students from really low-income families qualify for financial aid. T   F

5. Millions of scholarship dollars go unclaimed every year — I don't need to plan ahead. I just need to pay a service to find them. T   F

6. Who needs a college degree? I can park cars as a valet or wait tables and make good money right now! The cost of a college education just isn't worth it. T   F

7. I've heard that college tuition and living expenses can be as much as $30,000. All schools are this expensive. T   F

8. I am going to be the only student at my school on financial aid. T   F

9. Debt is a bad thing. I can't possibly take out thousands of dollars of student loans and not get into huge financial trouble later on. T   F

10. As a star athlete, I know I will get an athletic scholarship. T   F

All of the answers are false.

If you have questions after completing this lesson, go to the Financial Aid office on your campus to get the answers.

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