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#### WEEK 4:

## Understand my financial aid opportunities

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During week 4, participants will explore their financial aid opportunities

**Learning Objective:** Participants will complete the College Opportunity Fund (COF) application, explore in-state tuition requirements, start learning about federal financial aid and how to start saving.

**MCJ Tools:** College Opportunity Fund application site

**CAM Activity:** Participants will record the date they completed their COF application, the date of the call with their college admissions office, and reflect on how which type of federal financial aid is a good match plus much they may be able to save.

#### Tips for Success:

- Encourage participants to complete the College Opportunity Fund application if they have not yet done so.
- Remind students that may not be eligible for federal aid that they may be eligible for aid through the State (CASFA)
- It is never too late to start saving; even little bit helps when you're in school and develops a saving habit useful throughout life

#### WEEK 4:

## Estimate the federal aid I may receive

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During week 4, students will estimate the aid they could receive through federal financial aid.

**Learning Objective:** Students will understand the aid they may be able to receive.

**MCJ Tools:** FAFSA4Caster

**CAM Activity:** Participants will use the FAFSA4Caster tool and reflect on their net cost to attend college.

#### Tips for Success:

- Students will need parental/student financial information to complete the FAFSA4Caster