



HESC Introduces College Financial Aid Award Letter Comparison Tool

Just in time for College Acceptance Month, HESC has launched a [College Financial Aid Award Letter Comparison Tool](#) to help college-bound students and families interpret their award letters and get the bottom line cost of each college before making their final decision. Those of you who attended a fall workshop got a sneak-peek and were pleased to have it ready for this year's seniors.

Without a full understanding of the total costs, including which aid is grants that don't have to be paid back and which are student loans, it may be difficult to choose the best college at an affordable price for the family.

The tool allows students and families to see side-by-side comparisons, highlights net costs and estimates the full two or four-year cost of each college.

If student loans are offered, the bottom line report will also recommend the potential income needed to comfortably pay student loans after graduation based on an occupation chosen by the user. HESC uses current data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook to provide median salary estimates for the selected occupation.

No personal data is collected or saved.