



# PIONEERS Co-Op

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## Overview of Making College Affordable (Grades 10-12)

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**Textbooks:** Instructional materials and handouts will be provided by the tutor.

### Required Supplies/Resources:

- One, three-ring binder with loose leaf paper or a notebook
- A study folder
- Writing utensils
- Access to a computer for type assignments

**Lesson Overview:** This is a one semester class designed to teach college bound students how to navigate the maze of making college more affordable. Students will complete a battery of assignments preparing them for applying and paying for a college education.

Students will complete a scholarship search, research colleges, write scholarship essays, make an activity sheet, and write a resume. Students will learn how to explore college options, how to apply to college, about different types of college funding, price comparisons, track scholarship applications, and about letters of recommendation. This class is most beneficial for high school juniors and first semester seniors. Sophomores are also welcome to take this course.

The teacher does not need to see the students FAFSA information, but highly encourages students to complete their FAFSA's. Students must complete a FAFSA to be eligible for a majority of large scholarships and to apply for financial aid (including scholarships and grants) to assist in covering their college expenses.

**Class Requirements:** Students have two projects involving college exposure. Both of these projects require in-person experiences.

**College Night:** Students are required to attend **one** College Night event. The teacher will provide College Night opportunities for students to attend. Each College Night will host an average of fifty different colleges. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to talk to college admissions staff from colleges throughout Michigan and some bordering states as well. Previously, College Nights were held at Jackson College, Lansing Community College, and Hope College.

**College Tours:** One of the most effective and information ways to gain critical information about a potential university is with a campus visit. Campus visits allow students and parents to see if a college or university meet your academic, career advancement goals, moral, campus life and practical expectations. College campuses offer free tours to potential students. I am asking the students to complete 3 college campus tours with a parent or guardian.

**Student Evaluation:** Students will receive a percentage grade each semester based upon the following:

Class Participation:	30%
Completing Assignments:	70%

<u>Grading Scale</u>	
90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E