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Wabash County High School Seniors: Do you know what your college options are?

Do you find yourself asking yourself questions like these lately?

- How much is college going to cost?
- How do I know what kind of college my family can afford?
- Is there anyone who can help me find the answers to these questions? (In addition to guidance counselors and college financial aid officials.)

You are not the only one asking these questions! You, your classmates, your younger siblings, in fact, all Wabash County residents can get the answers they need thanks to the College Cost Estimator program.

The National Center for College Costs (NCCC) created the College Cost Estimator program to help students and parents explore all of their options when creating a college success strategy. This program is paid for by the Community Foundation of Wabash County and the county high schools, which makes it available to you free of charge!

Simply fill out a College Cost Estimator form, which captures household information (both financial and demographic). The NCCC then analyzes this information according to the same methods the federal government uses to determine eligibility for need-based financial aid. (Most states and colleges also use this formula.) Individual family reports are prepared based on this analysis. The individual information you provide is kept strictly confidential and is not shared, sold or used by anyone outside NCCC, unless otherwise requested/authorized in writing by you.

The report generated by your college cost estimator will provide:

- An outline of the financial aid process and how aid levels are determined;
- An estimate of how much your family will be expected to contribute;
- Tips on how to maximize financial aid opportunities;
- Information on how to approach colleges, including the key financial aid questions to ask colleges and universities across the country;
- Insight into “financial aid friendly” investment strategies; and
- Current cost information for area colleges and universities.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the College Costs Estimator service is that it is not a one-shot program. Those who participate have staff at the NCCC available to them via a toll-free phone line and e-mail in the months and years ahead as they continue to have financial aid and college cost questions. This ongoing support is free to Wabash County families...there are no hidden costs or additional fees.

For more information about this program, contact your guidance counselor, the Foundation or NCCC.

Contact information for the National Center for College Costs: Toll-Free Phone: 877-687-7291.

Website: www.collegecosts.com.

The Community Foundation of Wabash County is a nonprofit public charity established in 1954. Its mission is to serve the citizens of Wabash County by implementing their charitable aspirations, making grants, investing and safeguarding charitable assets, providing information regarding charitable endeavors, and convening citizens and linking resources to address issues confronting our shared lives. The Foundation currently is striving to answer a challenge presented by Lilly Endowment, Inc. to build endowments that will support the organization's ongoing operations. The Foundation is grateful to an anonymous donor who has generously offered to match contributions to operating endowments \$1 for \$1 until December 31, 2008. The Foundation's office is located at 218 E. Main Street in North Manchester. The office phone number is 260-982-4824. The website address is www.cfwabash.org.
