Figuring out how to pay for college can be like piecing together a puzzle. There are many pieces and you need to find out how they all fit together. We have some money savvy tips to consider so you can complete your college financing picture!

You need a game plan.

- **Tip #1** – Apply for scholarships each year you are going to school. Do your research and be sure to meet the application deadlines.

- **Tip #2** – Understand how much each semester will cost you. Write down your tuition, room, board and other living expenses and add them up.

- **Tip #3** – Consider a part-time job during school. The income you earn can reduce your need to borrow for your education.

- **Tip #4** – Start saving NOW! Take a small amount from birthday money, allowance or paychecks and set it aside in a savings named "college expenses." Even saving $500 for books each semester can help you leave school with less debt.

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