

Welcome to the Class

I am excited that you have enrolled in my course – *Cutting the Cost of College* – for parents.

The best way to make college more affordable for your family is to become a smart college shopper. And that is my No. 1 goal: empowering you to make the best decisions as you contemplate your college choices. The last thing I want is for you to feel that the entire college admission process is out of your control!

Before you plunge into this class, I want to share some housekeeping details that will allow you to squeeze more value out of this class.

Class Nuts & Bolts

Written Lessons and Videos

The class is divided into modules and within each one are a series of related lessons. I have aimed to provide information in a logical order. For instance, the first module after the introduction focuses on a concept called the Expected Family Contribution. Ideally, I believe parents should be obtaining their EFC figures as early as their child's freshmen year in high school. I would not recommend looking at any colleges without having some sense of what your EFC is before your search begins.

In some lessons, you will also find videos that I've recorded. In one video, for instance, I explain how to use a search tool at COLLEGEdata.com to look for schools that provide a high percentage of their students with merit awards, as well as schools that meet a high percentage of demonstrated financial need. I also recorded a video that explains how to use the financial statistics for individuals schools on the College Board website.

Also at the bottom of every lesson you will see a heading entitled, ***Questions/Discussion*** and below that a comment box. This is the section where you can ask me and other parents in the class questions and share your

observations.

I will be answering questions posted in the comment section for one entire month ending on Nov. 14.

I'd love for you to kick off this class by heading to the next lesson entitled, *Introduce Yourself*, and sharing something about yourself, your teenager(s) and what you'd like to get out of this course. I see that a couple of people have introduced themselves in the comment box below, but I'd prefer that everyone head over to the next lesson entitled, *Introduce Yourself*, and do so there. I'd love to get all the comments in one place. Thanks!

Webinars

I will be holding four webinars during the class. All the webinars will be held at 5:30 p.m. Pacific time.

Oct. 21 (Tuesday)

Nov. 11 (Tuesday)

Dec. 8 (Monday)

Jan. 8 (Thursday)

At the start of each webinar I will be sharing a lesson and when I'm finished I will be happy to answer any questions that you have. If you can't watch the webinar live, I will be recording the webinar and will provide the link to the recording via email. If you can't make the live event, but would like to ask a question just email it to me in advance at **Lynn@TheCollegeSolution.com**.

I will be sending you an email during the first week of the class that will contain the link that you will need to get registered on GoToWebinar to participate in my webinars. You will only have to do this once.

Bonus Materials

The lesson in the last module contains handouts that you can download and print out. One that you probably will be especially interested in is the Resources to Build a College List.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this course, please feel free to email me at Lynn@TheCollegeSolution.com.

Legal Notice:

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Introduce Yourself

I am eager to get to know everyone who is taking this class!

I'd love for you to introduce yourself by using the **Comment** box below.

One of the neatest parts of this class is that it has attracted parents from across the country. Your classmates include parents from such states as New York, Illinois, Washington, California, Georgia and Texas.

Throughout the course, I encourage you to share your experiences and questions with me and each other throughout the course by using the **Comment** box at the bottom of each lesson.

Please Share

Here are some questions to get you started:

1. Where are you from and what can you tell us about your child(ren)?
2. What do you consider your biggest challenges as you contemplate surviving the college admission process?
3. What do you hope to get out of this course?