

My college financial aid options



Length:
60 minutes

About this lesson

This activity is recommended for grade 11 or higher. Students will watch the [Paying for college video](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) and explore **College Planning** in Xello. They will learn about the financial aid options available and reflect on the options they're best suited to. Students will also indicate whether or not they plan to apply for FAFSA.

Learning objectives

By the end of this activity, students will:

- Identify whether or not they plan to apply for FAFSA
- Watch a video, and explore articles, and resources on the topic of paying for college
- Reflect on the financial aid options they're best suited to pursue and answer related questions in a Xello **Assignment**.

Inquiry prompts

- What types of financial aid are right for me?

Before you begin

1. Create a Xello **Assignment** for your students using the [Paying for college sample assignment](#) in Xello and assign it to your students.
2. Take some time to explore [College Planning](#) in Xello using [your demo student account](#).

Teaching strategies

1. Start by allowing students five minutes to reflect on the following question:
 - What types of financial aid do you believe are right for you?
2. Show students the [Paying for college video](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)). When the video is done, ask for reactions.
3. Now instruct students to log in to their Xello accounts. Direct them to [College Planning](#) in Xello where they will explore the **Knowledge hub** and find answers to the following questions:
 - Do you plan to apply for FAFSA?
 - Do you plan to apply for State Financial Aid (if available)?
 - What is the most appropriate type of financial aid for you? [Grants, Work-Study, or Loans?](#)
 - Do you plan to apply for a Scholarship? [Learn more here about Scholarships!](#) If yes, which Scholarships do you think are most suitable for you?
4. At the end of the activity, have students submit their answers in their Xello **Assignment**.

Xello entry point

Students check out **College Planning** in Xello where expertly curated articles and media help guide students through the overwhelming process of applying to college. These topics include using financial aid such as FAFSA, grants, and scholarships to help pay for tuition and other college expenses.

Materials Required

- Computers or tablets with Internet access
- [Paying for college video](#) (also available in [Spanish](#))

Artifacts

- Students will reflect on the financial aid options they're best suited to pursue and answer related questions, including whether or not they plan to apply for FAFSA, in a Xello **Assignment**.