

Company Backgrounder

"Our mission is to help make college funding simple."

Simplified steps to college funding

We believe that getting an education is the best investment that you can make. NextStudent is dedicated to helping students and their families find affordable ways to pay for college. We have our own extensive scholarship search engine and a portfolio of loans and services to provide students and their families with as many funding options as possible.

We simplify the process by providing students and their parents one-on-one counseling with a personal Education Finance Advisor that works with their family from start to finish. Our Education Finance Advisors give families a direct phone number, an e-mail address and personal customer service every step of the way.

Scholarships first, loans second

A core philosophy at NextStudent is to help families find "free" money first. Our commitment began in 1991, when we created the NextStudent Scholarship Search Engine. Today, our search engine has over 2.4 million scholarships with \$3.4 billion in award money from 42,000 sources. We are proud to provide a search engine that is updated daily, free of charge, advertisement-free and completely confidential (we do not sell or disclose information).

Helping families find the right loan programs

After the search for scholarships is exhausted, we work with students and their families to evaluate the best funding options for their education. We further assist them by finding the right loans among our comprehensive offering of both federal and privately funded education loans. Thanks to federal guidelines, today many families who formerly didn't qualify for federally funded loan programs often qualify.

Supporting our educational system

We are dedicated to supporting financial aid offices as they serve more students than ever before. NextStudent's Adjunct FAO service assists financial aid offices with FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form completion and entrance and exit interviews to help them meet their regulatory requirements. We provide live support for the Adjunct FAO service through a toll-free hotline, online instant messaging and weekly reports to update the offices on their students' progress and provide appropriate documentation.