Citizens Online High School Ways to Fund High School Education



For many students, the desire to finish their education is not the issue. They want to return to school and improve their career and financial status, but they do not have the funds to pay for this.

Through the use of this document, students will be able to find multiple avenues in order to pay for or offset the cost of their education. Below we provide information on the different avenues a student can utilize to pay for their education:

Government Paid



In 2015, the federal government brought back the Ability to Benefit option for students who are looking to go to post-secondary school but do not have a high school diploma or GED. To receive funds the student must complete and pass an approved ABT test or earn 6 college credit hours and be enrolled in a career pathway program which is specifically designed to service students looking to earn their high school diploma and enroll in a trade school or career college.

* Please note only career colleges that are accredited and utilize Title IV funds are eligible for this program.

Employer Paid

Many employers offer educational assistance benefits to their employees. Ask your employer or their Human Resource officer what kind of funding assistance for online high school courses is provided. Citizens' High School will gladly provide any supporting documentation that is needed.

Career College Scholarship

The career college can also create a scholarship fund utilizing discretionary funds to supply a handful of scholarships at a pre-determined amount. Some colleges may view it as a marketing expense and utilize marketing funds from their budget in order to enroll more students without high school diplomas. For the career college, there are several benefits to supplying low-income students with a scholarship to complete their high school education.

- Attract low-income students who have not yet earned their high school diploma
- Increase the conversion rate of leads without high school diplomas
- Expand marketing outreach efforts to adult students and recent high school drop-outs
- Reduce acquisition costs due to higher lead conversion rates and improved retention rates

While this scholarship might not pay for all the tuition necessary, it will greatly offset the expenses incurred. For the career colleges receiving Title IV funds, this scholarship cost will be offset by the enrollment of the student and their full amount of Title IV monies.

Student Paid

While having the student pay for all of the tuition is the last resort, CHS offers flexible monthly payment options and is one of the most affordable adult high school diploma programs in the nation. A student who is having to pay will also have additional resources at the ready in the form of:

- Crowdsourcing
- Asking Family Members
- Asking their Church
- Private Scholarships
- Using Tax Refund money

For more information on our Adult Learning program <u>click here</u> or find out how we support Career College programs <u>click here</u>.