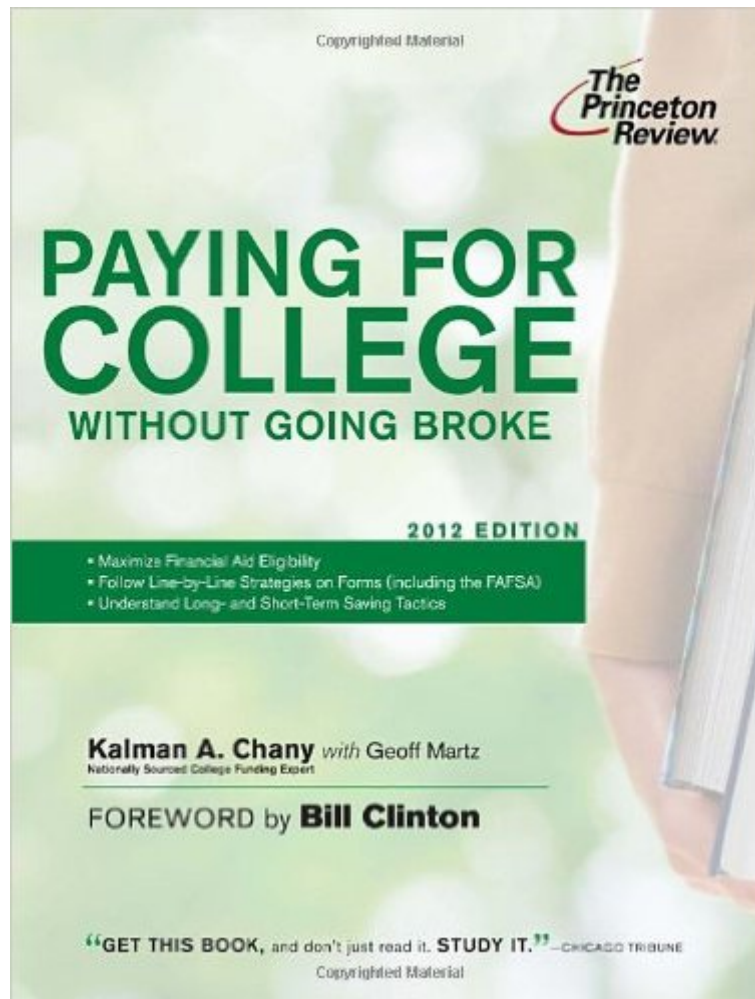


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# Paying For College Without Going Broke, 2012 Edition (College Admissions Guides)



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- Increase your chances of receiving aid
- Compare aid offers and learn how to appeal if needed
- Plan strategically as an independent student or divorced or single parent
- Avoid costly mistakes when applying

*Paying for College Without Going Broke* includes a foreword by Bill Clinton, as well as in-depth line-by-line strategies for filling out 2012-2013 aid forms, including the required federal FAFSA form.

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A simple metaphor wraps up this entire book. Imagine someone is taking your photograph, the author says. You try to make yourself look as good as possible, right? You smile, you suck in your gut, straighten your tie. But in the game of college admissions -- and yes, folks, it is a game -- you're going for the exact opposite effect. You want to look as bad as possible to a college, so they'll offer you the very best financial aid package. So that means knowing where to put your assets and when, what kind of debt to assume and when, how to fill out the forms to your advantage and what changes to make from one college year to the next. Sound confusing? It is! My eyes glazed over by

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