

Money should be no object for college bound

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter you printed from a high school junior struggling with her mother over exploring colleges. She wanted to apply to many different schools, but due to financial constraints, her mother insisted she limit herself to state-funded schools.

If that girl has the grades, she has many options open to her. Sometimes Ivy League schools give



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scholarships and grants that can match or better anything offered by a state school. She should also be aware that she can take out student loans that she can repay in installments after she graduates. — PROUD PARENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

DEAR PROUD: Bless you for wanting to help. I'm often touched by the number of people who read

something in my column and reach out. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mom with an income under \$40,000. My twin daughters and son were all college-bound at the same time. Their school advisers told us to apply to prestigious private schools because they give the most financial aid to students. All three of my children did, and they all received their best offers from Ivy League and religious colleges.

Please tell her to go for it! — CHRIS IN YAKIMA, WASH.

DEAR CHRIS: You have already done that. I hope your letter will inspire mother and daughter and other college-bound students trying to

reach for the stars. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a private college counselor for 25 years, I always tell students that application season is one of discovery — a time to decide what you want to get out of a college education, where you will best fit, and where you might qualify for merit scholarships.

First, apply and get accepted to the colleges of your choice. The time spent filling out applications is worth it. Students who can't afford the filing fee can request a waiver.

The girl whose letter appeared in your column can get an excellent college education if she takes the time to apply. I wish her the best of luck. — RONNIE IN HOLMDEL,

N.J.

DEAR RONNIE: So do I!

DEAR ABBY: I grew up with no father. Mom was a food server with three kids to support. Even so, I was in the top 10 percent of my class. I had dreams. I wanted to attend college and escape a life of poverty.

Against all advice, I applied to five different colleges.

I received full scholarships from two Ivy League schools. Room, board and tuition were covered. In four years, I was an Ivy League graduate.

I recommend the college issue of U.S. News & World Report. It not only ranks schools but also lists those that are most generous to the

deserving.

The only way to ensure you won't succeed is not even to try. — EDUCATED IN ATLANTA

DEAR EDUCATED: Your last sentence says it all.

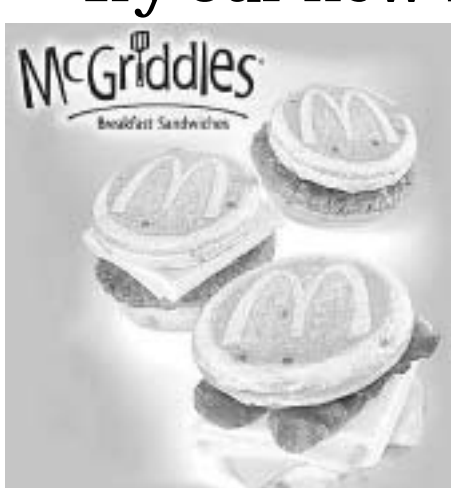
Other good places to research scholarships include: www.fastweb.com, www.finaid.org, www.collegenet.com and www.fastaid.com.

I am also told that a booklet published by the American Legion, "Need a Lift?" is another terrific resource. It contains 162 pages listing scholarships, loans, grants and financial aid. (It can be purchased for \$3.95 and ordered by calling toll-free: (888) 453-4466.)

TUESDAY EVENING						E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		JAN. 6, 2004				
E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Biography: Martha Stewart: Good Thing		Martha Stewart: Recipe for Ruin		Cold Case Files		Third Watch "True Love"		Biography: Martha Stewart: Good Thing	
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N)	I'm With Her (N)	According to Jim (N)	Less Than Perfect (N)	Line of Fire "The Best-Laid Plans" (N)		News	(:35) Nightline	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
26	48	ANPL	Wildlife Wars Poachers and black market operators endanger wildlife. (N)				Miami Animal Police "Labrador Life Savers"		Wildlife Wars Poachers and black market operators endanger wildlife.			
63	54	BRAVO	Celebrity Poker Show-down		Celebrity Poker Show-down		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy		Celebrity Poker Show-down		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	
7	11	CBS	Navy NCIS "Left for Dead" (N)		Guardian "Legacy" (N)		Judging Amy "Christenings" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show (N)	(:37) Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Deadly Reptiles II		Alaska's Arctic Wildlife		Justice Files "Horrible Husbands"		New Detectives: Forensic Science		Poisonous Women	
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★ ★ "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf, Christy Carlson Romano.			
49	81	E!TV	Katie Couric-Story		Martha Stewart: THS		Celebrity Perks Special		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)	
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball Louisiana State at Arkansas.				SportsCenter (Live)		Outside Gamenight	
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball		NBA Fast Break Tuesday		(Live)		Streetball	Season	Fastbreak NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987) Ronny Cox				Who's? Who's?		700 Club		Funniest Home Videos	
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★ ★ "Commando" (1985, Adventure)				(:01) ★ ★ "Less Than Zero" (1987) Jami Gertz				(:01) "Three Blind Mice"	
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "America's China Town" (N)		Roker on the Road		Food Finds "Arizona"		Amer. Festivals	Unwrapped	Good Eats	Emeril Live "America's China Town"
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show		Simpsons Show (DVS)		24 "Day 3: 9:00PM - 10:00PM" (N)		Fox Report With Shepherd Smith		Cagney & Lacey "Power"	
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Cops		Cops		Cops	★ ★ "The Edge" (1997) Anthony Hopkins.		
30	55	FXSP	Football		Avalanche		NHL Hockey Columbus Blue Jackets at Colorado Avalanche.		Rocky Mt.		Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.
5	14	HBO	(4:30) "Spider-Man"		★ ★ ★ "Stand and Deliver" (1987) Edward James Olmos. "PG"		(:15) ★ ★ "Showtime" (2002, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy. "PG-13"		Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy. "PG-13"		★ ★ "The Ring" (2002) Naomi Watts.	
62	67	HGTV	Outer		Sensible		Decorating Design		Designers' Designers'		Home Design	Sensible
58	52	HIST	Deep Sea Detectives "Death on Lake Huron"				Tactical to Practical		Modern Marvels "Smart Bombs"		Infamous Murders	
59	-	HLTH	Bodies		In Shape		Workout		Fitness		Peak Performance (N)	
25	35	IND	★ ★ ★ "Deep Blue Sea" (1999, Suspense) (PA) Thomas Jane, Saffron Burrows. (DVS)				(:10) ★ ★ ★ "Contact" (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey. A devoted scientist hears a message from outer space.					
18	63	LIFE	Nanny		Nanny		★ ★ "A Mother's Testimony" (2001, Drama) MTV News		Golden		Golden	Nanny
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)				MTV Cribs		MTV Cribs		Punk'd	Punk'd
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. Tonight		Tracy Morgan		Whoopi (N)		Fraser (N)	
8	8	NBC	Tracy Morgan		Whoopi (N)		Fraser (N)		(:31) Happy Family (N)		(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)	
34	43	NICK	Oddparents		Sabrina		Full House		Full House		Cosby	Cosby
2	2	PBS	Nova "MARS Dead or Alive" (N) (DVS)				American Experience "Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided" (Part 2 of 3) (DVS)		As Time Goes By		That's My Boy	
38	83	SCIFI	"Sometimes-Agn"				Storm of the Century (Part 1 of 3)		★ ★ "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)			
61	41	SPK	Real TV		Real TV		Cheers		Cheers		Star Trek: Next Gener.	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out				Clean Sweep Organize toys and games.		Secret World of Crime Pursuits		Repo Men: Stealing for a Living "Repo Pirates"	
28	37	TNT	Law & Order (DVS)				Law & Order (DVS)		Charmed		Angel "Salvage"	
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy				Made		Made		Kings of the Road	
21	82	TVLND	All-Family		All-Family		Sanford		Bewitched		Griffith	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia				Te Amaré en Silencio		Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto	
20	34	USA	Law & Order				★ ★ ★ "GoldenEye" (1995) Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean. (DVS)				Law & Order	
12	3	WB	Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls "Ted Koppel's Big Night Out"		One Tree Hill "With Arms Outstretched"		News	
99	36	WGN	McCloud		A hostile young woman plans a murder.		News				Becker	

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E	S	6 pm		6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	
36	53	A&E	Biography: Donald Trump: Master		American Justice "A Deadly Dose" (N) [E]		Michael Jackson Case [E]		Third Watch "Duty" [E]		Biography: Donald Trump: Master		
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	It's All Relative (N)	Life After Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		Celebrity Mole Yucatan (Season Premiere) (N)		To Be Announced		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E] [E]		
26	48	ANPL	King of the Jungle "Day 1"		Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Pressure Point" [E]		Miami Animal Police "Gator Sabotage"		King of the Jungle "Day 1"		Crocodile Hunter Diaries "Pressure Point" [E]		
63	54	BRAVO	★★ "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" (1999, Drama) Milla Jovovich. A teen peasant embarks on a divine mission to free France. 'R' [E]				1999, Drama) Milla Jovovich. A teen peasant embarks on a divine mission to free France. 'R' [E]		West Wing "We Killed Yamamoto" [E]		Making Of "Messenger: Jer: Jn" [E]		
7	11	CBS	60 Minutes II [E]		King of Queens (N) [E]	Becker (N) [E]	48 Hours Investigates [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show Marv Albert, Eddie Griffin. (N)	(:37) Late Show [E]		
24	50	DISC	Meanest Animal in the World? [E]		Alaska Oil Pipeline		FBI Files "The Predator"		Revelations: The End of the World? (N)		Unsolved History "Nosttradamus" (N)		
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	Proud Family [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	★★ "Rip Girls" (2000, Adventure) Camilla Belle, Stacie Hess. 'NR'		(:45) Re-cess [E]		
49	81	E!TV	Johnny Depp		Love Chain Hollywood		Celebrities Uncensored		Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live (N)		
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball		NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks.		State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks.		SportsCenter (Live) [E]		Outside		
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball: BYU at N.C. St.				Figure Skating: State Farm U.S. Championships				Fastbreak		Gamenight
32	46	FAM	★★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Guiry.				Who's? Who's?		700 Club [E]		Videos		Videos
35	31	FMC	(:01) Altman: On His Own Terms				Hour of Stars: Man		(:01) ★★★ "Stanley and Livingstone" (1939)				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Emeril's Herb Garden"		Good Eats (N)	Oliver's Twist (N)	\$40-a-Day "Denver"		Ciao America	Unwrapped	Good Eats	Emeril Live "Emeril's Herb Garden"	
13	7	FOX	That '70s Show (N)	Simple Life (N) [E]	The O.C. "The Third Wheel" (N) [E]		Fox Report With Shepherd Smith [E]		Cagney & Lacey "The Rapist" [E]		Kojak "Bad Dude"		
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Cops [E]		Cops [E]	Cops [E]	★★★ "Men of Honor" (2000) Robert De Niro.				
30	55	FXSP	Football	Nuggets	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. (Live)		Nuggets. (Live)		Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	Rocky Mt.	Late Poker	
5	14	HBO	(:5:30) ★★ "The Mighty Ducks" (1992)		(:15) ★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman. ∩ "PG-13" [E]				Real Sports [E]		Sex and the City [E]	Curb Your Enthusiasm	
62	67	HGTV	House	Before Aft	Weekend	Mission	Curb	Curb	House	Restore	House	Before Aft	
58	52	HIST	Winter Warriors [E]		Ice Road Truckers [E]		Modern Marvels "Icebreakers" [E]		Alaskan Oil Pipeline [E]		Winter Warriors [E]		
59	-	HLTH	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	Peak Performance (N)		Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	
25	35	IND	Seinfeld ∩	Seinfeld "The Fire"	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		★★ "The Craft" (1996) (PA) Robin Tunney. Teen-age witches wreak havoc at their high school.		★★★ "King Ralph" (1991) John Goodman.				
18	63	LIFE	Nanny ∩	Nanny [E]	★★★ "Deconstructing Sarah" (1994) Premiere.		Sarah" (1994) Premiere.		Golden	Golden	Nanny ∩	Nanny [E]	
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV) ∩		Real World Real World		Real World Real World		Video Game Countdown		True Life [E]		
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. To-night	Ed (N) [E]		West Wing "The Stormy Present" (N) [E]		(8:59) Law & Order "Darwinian" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) To-night Show	
8	8	NBC	Ed (N) [E]		West Wing "The Stormy Present" (N) [E]		(7:59) Law & Order "Darwinian" (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Tonight Show [E]	(:37) Late Night [E]		
34	43	NICK	Oddparents/Sabrina		Full House Full House		Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	
2	2	PBS	Great Performances "Degas and the Dance"		American Experience "Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided" [E] (Part 3 of 3) [E] (DVS)		Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided" [E] (Part 3 of 3) [E] (DVS)		As Time Goes By	Two's Company	Charlie Rose (N) [E]		
38	83	SCIFI	(:5:00) "Sleepwalkers"		Storm of the Century [E]		(Part 2 of 3) [E]		★ "Child of Darkness, Child of Light" (1991)				
61	41	SPK	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Cheers [E]	Cheers [E]	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		★★★★ "Platoon" [E]		
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]		Clean Sweep "Aloha to a Lot of Stuff"		Clean Sweep Old wallpaper needs changing.		For Better or for Worse "Jerilee and Michael"		What Not to Wear "Anne" (N)		
28	37	TNT	Law & Order [E] (DVS)		Homicide: Life		★★ "Blast From the Past" (1999) [E] (DVS)		★★ "Blast From the Past" (1999) [E] (DVS)		X-Files "Redux II" [E]		
51	86	TRAV	Blackjack Tournament		World Poker Tour "Reno"				Blackjack Tournament		World Poker Tour		
21	82	TVLND	All-Family	All-Family	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	Family Ties	Cheers [E]	Cheers [E]	Sanford	
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia		Te Amaré en Silencio		Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto	Noticiero	En las Mejores Familias		
20	34	USA	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Dead Zone [E]		
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Extinction" [E]		Angel "Hellbound" [E]		News [E]		Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]	
99	36	WGN	McCloud	"Park Avenue Pirates"	News [E]		Becker [E]		Will-Grace				

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30		
36	53	A&E	Biography "Ricki Lake"		★★★ "Playing by Heart" (1998) Gillian Anderson. Premiere. Various denizens of Los Angeles look to find and keep love.				Cold Case Files		Biography "Ricki Lake"			
4	6	ABC	St. Jude's Children's Hospital		Extreme Makeover (N)		Primetime Thursday (N)	News	(:35) Nightline		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Vanessa Carroll (N)			
26	48	ANPL	Jeff Corwin Experience Venezuelan scientists.		Most Extreme: Speed		Miami Animal Police "Freeway Gator"	Jeff Corwin Experience Venezuelan scientists.		Most Extreme: Speed				
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Polish Wedding" (1998, Comedy) Lena Olin, Gabriel Byrne. "PG-13"		(1998, Comedy) Lena Olin, Gabriel Byrne. "PG-13"		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	West Wing "Posse Comitatus"		Making Of "Polish Wedding"				
7	11	CBS	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (DVS)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (DVS)		Without a Trace "Exposure"	News	(:35) Late Show Nathan Lane; Ruben Studdard.		(:37) Late Show			
24	50	DISC	Sharks of the Deep		Mystery of the Alaskan Mummies		New Detectives: Forensic Science	Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Tidal Seas"		Blue Planet "Frozen Seas"				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	★★★ "Johnny Tsunami" (1999, Drama) Brandon Baker, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa.					
49	81	E!TV	Last Days of Elvis: The E!	True Hollywood Story			Infamous	Howard S.	Howard S.		Saturday Night Live (N)			
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) PGA Golf Mercedes Championships -- First Round.				SportsCenter (Live)				Rome Is Burning (N)			
54	57	ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Rangers at Hurricanes		NHL 2Night	Figure Skating: State Farm U.S. Championships					NFL Live	Interruption		
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.				Who's?	700 Club			Funniest Home Videos			
35	31	FMC	(:01) ★★★ "Kiss of Death" (1947, Suspense)			(7:55) ★★★ "Warlock" (1959) Richard Widmark.		Unwrapped "Tropical"		Good Eats	(:01) "The Fury" (1978)			
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Hurricane cocktails.		Top 5 Food Fads (N)		Amer. Festivals	Best Of (N)			Emeril Live Hurricane cocktails.			
13	7	FOX	Tru Calling "Closure" (N)		Simple Life	Simple Life	Fox Report With Shepherd Smith	Cagney & Lacey "Act of Conscience"			Kojak "A Grave Too Soon"			
40	38	FX	Buffy Vampire		Married... Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	★★ "Halloween H2O: 20 Years Later" (1998)					
30	55	FXSP	Football	Rocky Mt.	FOX One	Football	See This	College Basketball Stanford at Arizona State.			Rocky Mt.			
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★★ "Chain Reaction" (1996) Keanu Reeves. "PG-13"		★★★ "Juwanma Mann" (2002) Miguel A. Nunez Jr. "PG-13"			Inside the NFL		★★★ "High Crimes" (2002) Ashley Judd.				
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap	Design	Designers'		House	House	House	ExtmHms	Weekend Landscap			
58	52	HIST	Stealing the Superfortress World War II's most advanced aircraft.				Modern Marvels "MiG 15"	Soviet UFO Secrets Revealed			Stealing the Superfortress			
59	-	HLTH	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness	Peak Performance (N)	Bodies	In Shape	Workout	Fitness			
25	35	IND	★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989, Fantasy) Kevin Costner. A voice urges a farmer to build a ballpark on his property.				(:25) ★★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993) (PA) Clint Eastwood. A veteran Secret Service agent battles a vicious assassin.							
18	63	LIFE	Nanny	Nanny	★★ "In the Best Interest of the Children" (1998)			Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny			
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)		Video	Room Rdr	Room Rdr	Room Rdr	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd		
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends (N)	(:32) Apprentice "Meet the Billionaire" (Series Premiere) (N)		(8:59) ER "Touch and Go" (N)		News	(:35) Tonight Show			
8	8	NBC	Friends (N)	(:32) Apprentice "Meet the Billionaire" (Series Premiere) (N)			(7:59) ER "Touch and Go" (N)	News	(:35) Tonight Show		(:37) Late Night			
34	43	NICK	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby		
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys	Kansas Spotlight	New This Old House Hour (N)		Frontline/World "Forbidden Iran" (N)	As Time Goes By	Keeping Up		Charlie Rose (N)			
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "The Night Flier"		Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3)		★ "The Cellar" (1989) Patrick Kilpatrick.						
61	41	SPK	Real TV	Real TV	Cheers	Cheers	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Extreme	Extreme				
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep Organizing an art studio.		Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	Secrets of Forensic Science		Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends Revealed			
28	37	TRAT	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Knicks		NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Timberwolves						Inside the NBA			
51	86	TNT	Millionaire Trailer Parks		Rich RV Parks		RV Crazy!	Millionaire Trailer Parks			Rich RV Parks			
21	82	TVLND	All-Family	All-Family	Sanford	Bewitched	Griffith	Leave	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	Sanford		
60	89	UNIV	Velo de Novia		Te Amaré en Silencio	Aquí y Ahora		Impacto	Noticiero		En las Mejores Familias			
20	34	USA	Law & Order		★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger.						★★ "Raw Deal"			
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Steve Harvey	All-Andersons	Jamie Kennedy	Run of the House (N)	News		Friends	Will & Grace		
99	36	WGN	McCloud "Showdown at Times Square"				News	Becker	Will-Grace		Osbourne Show			