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Launching Affordable Futures

An Early Awareness College Affordability Workshop Series

The cost of college can feel overwhelming, but with the proper knowledge, students and families can set themselves on an affordable path early. As experts in financial aid, we know that the key to making postsecondary education affordable starts long before senior year. That's why we're offering a free workshop series designed for middle school and high school students.

By offering this content, we hope to reach a broad range of students we otherwise might not. This curriculum is designed to help others in the field empower their students by giving them the tools to explore college and career options, understand the financial aid options available, and set them on an affordable path post-high school.



What is it?

An early awareness college affordability workshop series for students and their families, complete with turn-key workshop content and facilitator preparation guides. This curriculum is outcomes-based and is formatted for middle school and high school-aged students, divided into bite-sized and developmentally conscious workshops.

There is accompanying content specifically for families that aligns with the student sessions. In addition, there are combined studend and parent workshop videos translated into 9 languages: Arabic, Cape Verdean, French, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Why?

The college affordability journey does not start in 12th grade. In our years of partnering with schools and serving students, we've learned how much early college awareness, options, and costs could **improve future outcomes for students.**

This series of workshops is designed to help bridge that critical gap. Since the workshop series is open-source, we intend for it to reach many students across Massachusetts and beyond through their committed practitioners.

Who is it for?

This curriculum is designed for **practitioners who work directly with middle school (grades 7 and 8) and high school students (grades 9-11) and their families** in the classroom or other settings. It's also ideal for practitioners who aren't necessarily experts themselves on college affordability and financial aid.

The materials include facilitator-guided lesson plans and in-class activities to keep students engaged. **The entire series is available at no charge to educators, nonprofits, and community-based organizations.**

Where?

This robust set of turn-key materials is available now for **free on uAspire's website**, along with accompanying onboarding and training support for educators and non-profit staff.

Scan or click to access the curriculum



We are grateful to our generous donors for supporting us in providing this curriculum to the broader college access and success field.