



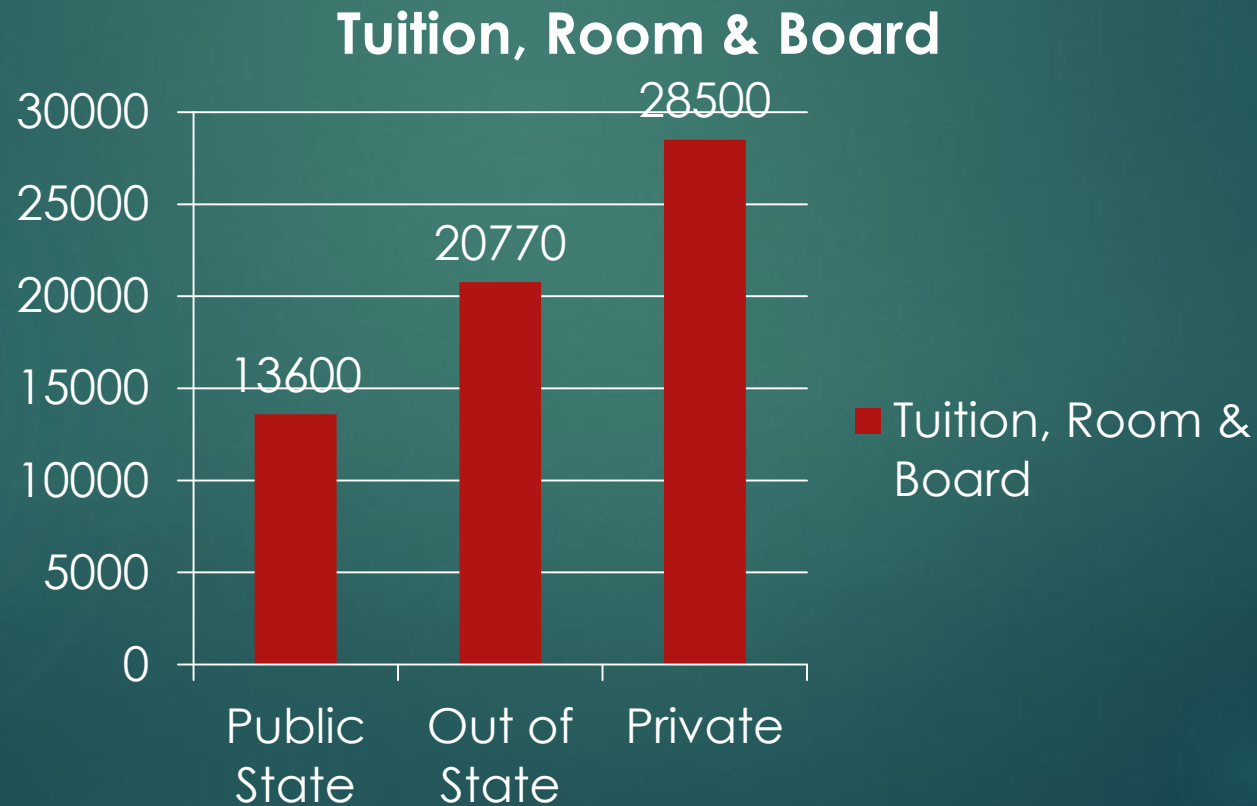
Senior Scholarships

WHY PASS UP FREE MONEY?

-GRAB A LAPTOP

The Current State of College

- ▶ Cost of college went up on avg 27% from 2008-2013 and continues to climb



Types of Scholarships

- ▶ **Merit Based**

- ▶ Based on GPA, AP Scores, ACT/SAT scores

- ▶ **Athletic**

- ▶ NCAA or NAIA performance based

- ▶ **Need Based**

- ▶ Based on family financial need and income levels, require FAFSA

- ▶ **Special Interest**

- ▶ Based on participation in various activities, special characteristics, sometimes seemingly random

- ▶ **College Specific**

- ▶ Awarded by colleges you have applied and been accepted to

- ▶ **Major Specific**

- ▶ Dependent on your declared college major

What can scholarships be used for?

- ▶ Tuition
- ▶ Room & Board
- ▶ Books (more expensive than you think)
- ▶ Travel
- ▶ College related expenses

Local vs National Scholarships

National Scholarships

- ▶ Big Money \$\$\$
- ▶ Competing against hundreds of thousands of students
- ▶ Competing against students across the country
- ▶ Avg time to complete 30-60mins
- ▶ Low likelihood of winning

Local Scholarships

- ▶ Typically <\$1000
- ▶ Competing against hundreds of students, maybe less
- ▶ Competing against students in your community
- ▶ Avg time to complete 30-60mins
- ▶ Much higher likelihood of winning

Where to find scholarships

- ▶ Naviance
- ▶ FastWeb
- ▶ Sallie Mae
- ▶ What's Next Illinois
- ▶ Your College

Local Scholarships

- ▶ Community Foundation
of the Fox River Valley (Aurora Residents)
- ▶ IPEF Foundation
- ▶ WVHS PTA
- ▶ WVHS Sports Boosters
- ▶ Indian Prairie Parent's Council
- ▶ COD Scholarships

- ▶ Green & Gold Scholarships: IPEA, JAJ, Wheatland Athletics, Memorials