

STRAIGHTSHOT INC.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER FORMS OF AID AVAILABLE:

- **Need Based Aid** means that your family's financial resources, as measured by a formula established by the federal government, are not enough to cover your educational expenses. An application to compute this need is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. Everyone should at least see if they are eligible for need based aid by filling out the FAFSA form. Don't assume you won't qualify!
- **Merit Based Aid** can be earned based on your talents and skills in a variety of areas: academic, leadership, extracurricular involvement, volunteering and more. Some merit based scholarships also consider financial need, but rewarding talent is the primary objective. Check with your high school counselor to begin searching for these opportunities. On your college visits get a list of merit scholarships within the school available for you. Look for civic groups, associations, your church or place of worship, you or your parent's workplace and other groups that have college scholarships available. Finally search the web (see resources) for sources of funding. Be aware of scams and never give your personal information out to anyone before checking out the company and doing research on them.
- **Academic Scholarships** are grants, funds, or aid based on your talent in the classroom. Often times, these monetary awards paid to your school are much more than you could ever receive for your athletic skills. Sometimes, these scholarships are for four years depending on your GPA and other criteria. On your college visit, ask for a list of these opportunities. Coaches are often very familiar with academic scholarships available within their university so ask during your visit about funding sources based on your grades.

RESOURCES:

www.collegeboard.org

fafsa.ed.gov

www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov

www.myplan.com

www.fastweb.com

-Search Your State government programs like Kentucky's www.kheaa.com

-Search college and university websites for all aid opportunities within the school.