Breaking Down Barriers:

Affording the College You Want to Go to

Many students worry about the cost of attending college, and often see it as their largest barrier in attending the school they want to go to (or their largest barrier in attending any college). There's good news for you: THERE ARE WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE WITHOUT PUTTING YOURSELF IN A LARGE AMOUNT OF DEBT. That's right, you can go to college.

Here's just one example of how this can work:

University of Louisville

- Cost of Tuition (in-state resident): \$9,750

- Room (avg. cost): \$4,790

- Meal Plan (avg. cost): \$2,920

- Books: \$1,000

Total cost of attending for 1 year (in-state resident): \$18,460

This number looks intimidating, doesn't it? There are ways to meet this cost, though! Check out how this student is able to below...

Student has a 3.3 GPA & got a 21 on their ACT test; filled out their FAFSA in January & has \$0 for their expected family contribution (EFC)

- \$0 EFC ---> \$5,645 (Pell Grant)
- Woodford R. Porter Award ---> Full in-state tuition + \$2,500

(The Woodford R. Porter Scholarship is awarded to Black/African-American students who are residents of Kentucky or *Southern Indiana reciprocity counties. It is based on academic merit, leadership, and service. The scholarship was created in 1984 to be awarded to black students graduating from a Kentucky high school who meet the academic requirements and exhibit a strong aspiration to succeed and give back to the community.)

- Private Scholarship ---> \$1,000

Total scholarship monies & grants (THESE DO NOT HAVE TO BE REPAID): \$18,895

DIFFERENCE FOR 1 YEAR OF COLLEGE: + \$435

This student just met & exceeded the cost of 1 year at U of L