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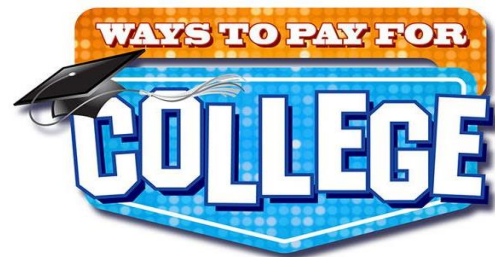
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## **MPT's annual *Ways to Pay for College* provides valuable strategies and tips for financing college education**

***One-hour special airs live from Bowie State University on September 30***

**OWINGS MILLS, MD** – Maryland Public Television (MPT) continues its tradition of providing viewers valuable insights into successfully navigating the college selection and financial aid process with *Ways to Pay for College*, a live, one-hour special airing Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD. A live stream of the program also will be available at [mpt.org/college](http://mpt.org/college) and on MPT's [YouTube channel](#), where it will remain for viewing following the broadcast.

*Ways to Pay for College* originates this year from the campus of [Bowie State University](#) in Prince George's County. The program will feature a mix of live, on-campus interviews and recorded segments hosted by Emmy® Award-winning Mario Armstrong guiding viewers through the twists and turns of finding money for college.



During this fast-paced program, viewers will hear from financial aid professionals and learn about government initiatives such as the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and Maryland's [Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Act](#). The program will also feature success stories from Maryland students who conducted research and made smart choices in selecting their colleges and career paths.

Viewers are encouraged to email their questions to [college@mpt.org](mailto:college@mpt.org) before, during, and after the program. *Ways to Pay for College* financial aid experts have answered hundreds of questions about government aid and paperwork, public and private education grants, scholarships, and student loans.

In addition, MPT will offer a special virtual screening of the one-hour broadcast on its online viewing platform on Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. A panel of experts will be part of this screening to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources while chatting with viewers during and after the program. To register for this interactive event, visit [ovee.itvs.org/screenings/zqs9](http://ovee.itvs.org/screenings/zqs9).

MPT-HD will also air a half-hour encore presentation of the program on Saturday, October 2 at 11 a.m.

*Ways to Pay for College* began at MPT in 1981 under its original name, *You Can Afford College*. It is a co-production of MPT and the [Maryland Higher Education Commission](#), with funding provided by the [U.S. Department of Education](#). Additional support comes from the [Eastern Shore Higher Education Center](#) located at Chesapeake College.

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