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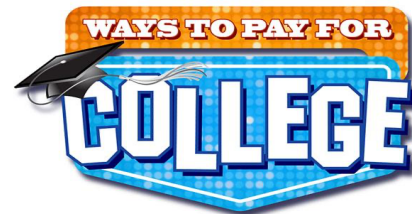
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MPT's annual *Ways to Pay for College* program provides strategies and tips for financing higher education

One-hour special will air live from McDaniel College on September 29

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 29 at 7 p.m. on MPT. The program will also stream live and remain available to view on-demand on MPT's [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#), and [online video player](#); the program's webpage (mpt.org/college); and the [PBS Video App](#).

Ways to Pay for College originates this year from the campus of [McDaniel College](#) in Westminster. The program will feature a mix of live, on-campus interviews hosted by Kerry Cavanaugh and recorded segments hosted by Emmy® Award-winning Mario Armstrong guiding viewers through the twists and turns of finding money for college.



During the 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 questions about college financing options to college@mpt.org before, during, and after the program. All viewer-submitted inquiries will receive responses from financial aid experts, and some questions submitted prior to broadcast will be addressed live on-air. Individuals watching the program's livestream on Facebook will also be able to chat directly with financial aid advisors to have their questions answered during the event. To date, *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.

A half-hour encore presentation of the program will also air on MPT on Saturday, October 1 at 10:30 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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