

- It is very important for the parents and the college to have a partnership to enhance students' collegiate experience. A key to creating this positive partnership is by having effective communication from all parties.

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## Do you need money for college

Financial Aid offices everywhere use information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as FAFSA, to determine if your child is eligible to receive federal student aid in the form of grants, loans, and even work study assignments. The quickest way to apply is online using FAFSA on the Web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). From this site you can also request or download a hard copy. Please be sure to fill out a FAFSA even if you think you will not qualify for federal aid.

When your child applies to Philander Smith College he or she will be automatically reviewed for several scholarships offered through the school such

as: **The Presidential Scholarship** which includes tuition, fees, room, board, and books. **The Robert T Mason Scholarship** which includes tuition and fees. or **The Transfer Scholarship**



**Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to see if you qualify for federal aid.**

which includes \$1250 per semester. Grants are also a resource that can provide financial support for your child. A few grants that

are offered are the The George C. Taylor Grant which includes half tuition, Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant, National Smart Grant, Arkansas Higher Education opportunity Grant, Arkansas Workforce Improvement grant and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

If more assistance is needed there are also Federal Stafford Student Loans that can be utilized. What is special about these loans is they are set at a very low interest rate however after 6 months of not being enrolled at least half time the student must begin to repay the loan. For more information on scholarships, grants, or loans please contact the financial.aid.office.

## Campus Security at PSC

Keeping our students safe is a top priority here at Philander Smith College. When your child is away from home you want to feel confident that he or she is safe. At Philander Smith College 24 hour security is in place to insure the safety of all students, faculty, and staff on

campus. The security officers at PSC have the authority to take appropriate action when violations of regulations occur. Philander Smith College is a gated community with a security staff member posted at the main gate. It is mandatory that all students and faculty/staff have a school

decal to be permitted onto the campus after hours. All guest visiting campus after business hours, who are not attending a campus special event must sign in and out at the security station with one of the security staff members.



Too blessed to be stressed!

Take the “Are you a Helicopter Parent” Quiz at [www.dickinson.edu/parent/helicopter/quiz.cfm](http://www.dickinson.edu/parent/helicopter/quiz.cfm)



## Signs that your child may be Overwhelmed

Is your child.....

- Constantly feeling behind
- Worried about how others perceive them
- Not able to get a handle on his or her various commitments
- Paralyzed by multi tasking
- Consistently disorganized
- Frustrated and burned out
- Scattered and unfocused

If you are concerned that your child isn't handling things well, help him or her break down the commitments in their life into more manageable chunks. Also suggest that she talk things out with someone in the learning center or counseling center to get things back on track. Be sure to let your child know that reaching out for help is not a bad thing and that there are many resources on

campus that are in place to make sure students are getting the most out of their college experience.

These kinds of conversations with your student can help them take their personal health and well being into consideration a whole lot more. To create a better balance with their academics and social life.

## Residency Policy For 1st Year Students

All freshmen who live more than a thirty mile radius from the college must live on campus. The Exceptions are 1. Students with children. 2. Non traditional students which are students who are 24 or older, or married. 3. Students with extenuating circumstances such as Severe medical illness, taking care of ailing parent, or serving as legal guardian.

The following items are examples of **permitted appliances** for the Residence Life Center:

- Computer
- Radios/stereo
- Televisions, VCR, DVD
- Desk lamps (no halogen bulbs)
- Coffee makers (drip style with out hot plate)

- Small refrigerators

The following are examples of appliances **not permitted**:

- Open element appliances, i.e. electric grills, hot plates, toaster ovens
- Potpourri pots and candles
- Halogen lamps of any kind
- Space heaters
- Microwaves

## Are you a “Helicopter Parent”

There has been a shift in parenting the last few years. More and more it seems that parents are trying to manage their children's lives. And we are not just talking about grade-schoolers. Today loving, intelligent, and well meaning parents are intervening in the day to day activities of

their sons and daughters who are in college. In the book “Millennials go to College” author Neil Howe and William Strauss call this phenomenon “helicopter parenting” because parents are right there hovering over their children at all times. Of course there are times where parents involve-

ment is the best course of action however it has been shown that too much parent involvement can be counter productive and impede your child's progress in over all maturity and learning valuable life skills. So how can you tell if you have “helicopter parent tendencies,” take the quiz and find out!!!