***Advice from a college student, to a college student:***

1. **Budgeting:** Create a budget (I prefer Excel) and track your expenses. Knowing where your money goes helps identify areas where you can cut back
2. **Savings:** Put $25 a week in a savings account each week. By the time you graduate college you’ll have roughly $4,450.00 saved up
3. **Resell Textbooks:** If you have to purchase a textbook for class, don’t throw it away. Either the bookstore on campus will buy it back, or use [Bookscouter](https://bookscouter.com/)
4. **Student Discounts:** Many restaurants in Whitewater offer students discounts (Taco Fresco, Taqueria Estrella, Jersey Mikes, etc.) and on the [UniDAYS](https://www.myunidays.com/US/en-US) app you can see what deals, subscriptions, stores, are offering discounts to college students
5. **Free Meals:** There are many free meals in Whitewater, we have the [Warhawk Food Pantry](https://www.uww.edu/uc/pantry) on campus and The First United Methodist Church in town offers free meals from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Mondays—Friday, and free lunch on Tuesdays from 10:30am to 1:00pm
6. **Cook at Home:** Although it can be an inconvenience to cook in the dorms, or just in a small apartment kitchen, cooking from home is much cheaper than eating out everyday
7. **Get A Job:** Whether it is Walmart, McDonalds, donating plasma, Door Dash, a campus job, or a remote job, most part time college jobs aren’t glorious, but if your put your pride to the side, you will put extra money in your pockets, however internships are always available in the summer
8. **Free Student Services:**
	1. Free gym membership, fitness classes, recreation sports, and swimming pool (Williams Center)
	2. Cheap health services (Ambrose Health Center)
	3. Free counseling (Winther Counseling Services and Ambrose Health Center)
	4. Free tutoring (Mary Poppe Chrisman Success Center)
	5. Free resume workshops hosted during career fair weeks
	6. Free admittance to all sporting events, theater, and musical events
	7. Free printing (don’t buy a printer for school)
	8. [Free software and other electronic discounts](https://www.uww.edu/icit/4u)
	9. [Free entertainment](https://www.uww.edu/uc/events_entertainment)
	10. [Free clothes](https://www.uww.edu/career/warhawk-success-closet)
9. **In-Town Entertainment:** The movie theater in town offers $5 Tuesdays, walking the prairie (when it’s not freezing cold), the Irving L Young Library hosts many free [events](https://whitewaterlibrary.org/Pages/Index/225992/event-calendar), Fat Jacks Sports Bar & Grill does Trivia Tuesdays starting at 8:00pm, and if you are 21 or older all the bars have amazing AYCD specials
10. **Credit Cards:** If you are going to pay for gas or groceries, it might be a good idea to put the tab on your credit card in order to gain rewards points for cash back, however don’t put your entire life on the plastic card
11. **Scholarships & Grants:** [Lawton Grant](https://www.uww.edu/acadaff/lawton-grant) is a grant for specified students, however [scholarships](https://www.uww.edu/scholarships) are now open and start closing in February for next school year (2024/2025), so take advantage and apply to as many as possible