

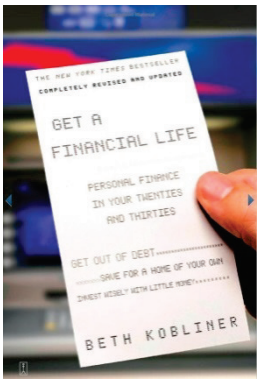


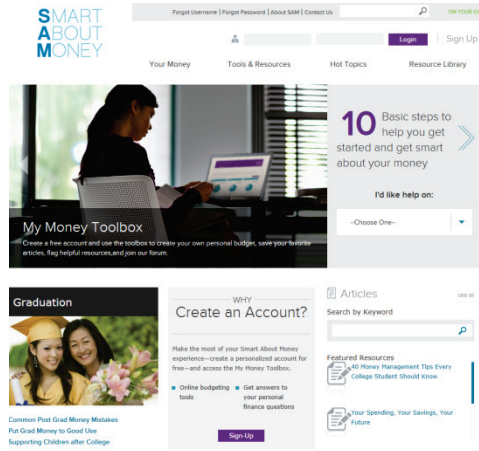
## A Guide to Resources on Financial Literacy / Financial Decision-Making

As a graduate student, you are likely faced with more complex and potentially more impactful financial decisions than you did as an undergraduate. Here are a few resources and websites that my colleagues and I have found to be useful and practical.

It is easy to become overwhelmed by the volume of resources available. See the brief annotations next to each resource, and [send feedback](#) on whether they are helpful to you, or if you know of other resources to share.

Title	Thumbnail Image	Summary / Explanation
<p><a href="#">CashCourse</a></p>		<p>For graduate students, the sections on <a href="#">going to graduate school</a>, and <a href="#">scholarships for first year graduate students</a> are particularly appropriate. (By the way, take a look also at Loyola’s own <a href="#">Fellowships and Scholarships office</a>). CashCourse also has <a href="#">some short videos</a> on financial basics.</p>
<p><a href="#">Tomorrow’s Money for Young Adults</a></p>		<p>Don’t be put off by the “young adult” title. The well-organized, award-winning site provides resources for those in their 20s and 30s and beyond in a variety of common scenarios, such as buying/renting property, signing leases, considering marriage, and many others. In particular, take a look at the article, “<a href="#">Staying in Financial Control While You’re in College.</a>” The articles themselves are brief and to the point.</p>
<p><i>Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in your Twenties and Thirties</i>, by Beth Kobliner. (Simon &amp; Schuster)</p>		<p>Even in your 40s, you may find this book to be very interesting and useful. Beth Kobliner does a great job of addressing topics such as debt, insurance, saving, investing, mortgages, and others in a way that is simple to understand. The Loyola – Notre Dame Library has a copy for the borrowing. <a href="#">Check its availability.</a></p>

[SmartAboutMoney.org](http://SmartAboutMoney.org)  
(SAM)



Check out SAM's [question-based calculators](#) ("Should I lease or purchase an auto? Restructuring debts for accelerated payoff?") SAM includes an excellent [Resource Library](#) which allows searching by particular topic (eg. wedding planning, budget, buying a car, etc.)

[Spendster.org](http://Spendster.org)



Sometimes we learn what NOT to do from the examples of others. From the site: "Have you ever wasted money on something and then wished you hadn't? Spendster showcases people's stories of impulse buying, overspending, or just plain wasting money on stuff they don't need." Most useful might be the [tools section](#) with quizzes, calculators, worksheets, and decision maps.

[Youcandealwithit.com](http://Youcandealwithit.com)



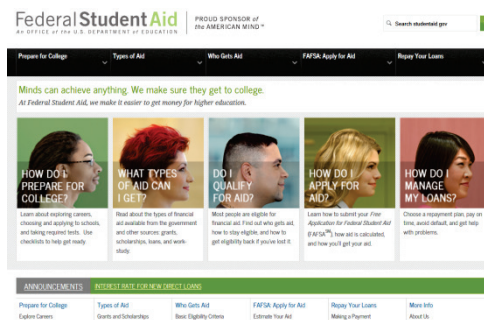
The site has a [section particularly for graduate students](#), including information on "how to pay for graduate school" and "attending school less than half time".

[igrad.com](http://igrad.com)



[iGrad](#) covers topic not only on financial literacy, but also lifestyle (diet, exercise, etc.) and career articles (preparation for interviews, LinkedIn usage, etc.) The site also has an extensive video library and a "town hall" where visitors can ask questions.

Federal Student Aid  
[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)



The title of this U.S. Department of Education website says it all: how to get aid, apply for aid, and repay existing loans. In particular, see "[How do I manage my loans?](#)"