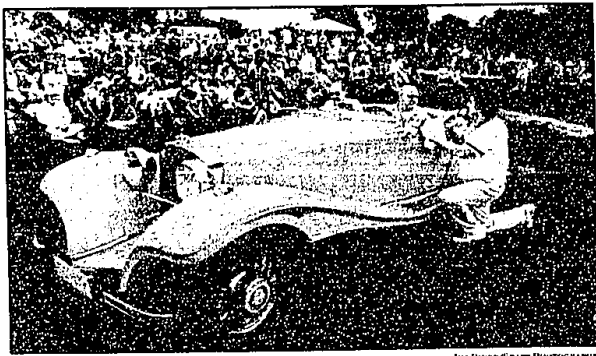


That's quite a car!



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A winner: Bill Chorkey of Farmington Hills picks up his Lions Award and gets interviewed about his 1935 Mercedes Benz 500K Special Roadster during the recent Concours d'Elegance benefit for Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University.

References aid college fund search

It's not easy for everyone to afford the prices of colleges and universities.

Because of this, there are several resources available that offer financial aid. Most people are aware that financial aid exists, but not everyone knows where to find it. When you have the information you need regarding the money you will spend, cost cutting for college becomes much easier, it only takes a little effort to find it.

When beginning a search for the prices of college tuition, you can find information in several books available at most public libraries, university libraries, and bookstores. Books such as *Loe-Joy's College Guide* and *Barron's Best Buys in College Education* not only provide descriptions about universities around the nation, but offer the current tuition prices as well. Public libraries keep the most up-to-date versions of these books in the reference sections, with less current versions available for circulation.

If you think you need financial aid to pay for college, there are several options made to help. The

Federal Government's Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available in all college and university financial aid offices, as well as public libraries and high school guidance offices. You can also call 1-800-4-FED-AID to receive it.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is important because it is the only way for students to receive any money from the federal government. The application has no fee, and once it is filled out, it makes a student eligible for consideration by the government for funds.

Filling out the application also makes a student eligible for university financial awards based on need. If a student does not fill out the form, universities may overlook any requests for university funding, and no requests will be considered by the government.

After applying to the federal government for funds, there are still many other resources to look to for money. Books filled with different scholarships and grants can be found in the reference sections of the public libraries and in

bookstores such as Border's Books and Music. These books, such as *Financial Aid for Higher Education*, *How to Pay Less for College*, *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans*, and *The Scholarship Book*, are shelved together in libraries and bookstores. They contain many different organizations offering funds to students and explanations on how to apply for them.

Additionally, individual colleges and universities offer their own scholarships. The information for these is available from each university's office of financial aid. High school media centers and guidance counseling centers also have lists of awards that are available, and often high school counselors can assist students in filling these forms out.

Finally, for those that prefer researching by computer, there are software programs listing scholarships available at stores such as Babbage's Software and Egghed Software. These programs have titles such as *Scholarships and Scholarships 101*, and contain the same type of information found in the reference books.

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