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Is the cost of college too high? This question depends on which class family and their situations. Coming from a wealthy family, the price of a college may be reasonable for them. I believe college costs are too high and should also be accessible. Some low-income families have children who want to further their education but cannot because of low income. Indeed, there are resources, but not all can receive them, and loans only put them more profound than they should have. Why do families have to pay an arm and a leg to obtain a degree to struggle still to make a better outcome in life? It's the world we live in that hates to see the poor survive when they try their hardest to stop us from receiving something that matters to us to achieve.

Part of the reason the cost of college is too high is the fees. Why do we have an application fee, especially if it's not guaranteed that we will get in? It is an add-on irritation that a possible student must stress. Not only are they paying an application fee, but if they are out of state, they will also have to pay for out-of-state tuition. That is merely more than paying for in-state- tuition and not guaranteed to receive a job once finished. It's the struggle of paying for housing and wondering what your next meal will be because you cannot afford school food. Low-income families who receive Pell Grants struggle to afford these things, trying to obtain a degree and stay up to the college standards.

I believe college should be free because it's not helping anyone but drains everyone who wants a degree to better their living situation. We live in a world where money has overcome

everything instead of helping those in need. Everyone can further their education in a better world without debts, student loans, and stress. With more people who can freely receive education and master it, more people are working, and fewer are on the streets. With the cost of college being too high, obtaining loans has been easier and harder to get out of. With student loans being the number one debt people are going through, it should be the prime example of why college costs are too high. While college costs are too high, more people are struggling and losing their lives because of the stress of trying to afford a degree and live a better life.