

## Thomson Peterson's Poll Results Reveal Causes for College-Bound Anxiety

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Students surveyed most worried about financing their education  
and doing well on admission tests

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J., Nov. 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomson Peterson's, a leading education information provider and part of the Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), today released poll results indicating that a significant number of college-bound students worry about financial aid, doing well on tests, and finding the right school. The surveyed respondents included more than 1,100 college-bound students, as well as a large population of prospective graduate school students and individuals interested in continuing education programs.

According to the recent poll on Petersons.com, 32 percent of college-bound students said that financing their education is what makes them most anxious about the college-planning process. About an equal number of students (28 percent) worry about doing well on admission tests and finding the right school. About 12 percent of respondents were most anxious about figuring out how to get started with the college-planning process.

The following is the breakdown of the poll results:

What about college planning makes you the most anxious?

Doing well on admission tests	28.04%
Finding the right school	27.94%
Financing my education	32.40%
Figuring out where to start	11.62%

For students interested in graduate studies, most people, about 35 percent, worry about doing well on admission tests, with financial aid as the second highest worry (close to 27 percent).

What about graduate school planning makes you the most anxious?

Doing well on admission tests	35.03%
Finding the right school	23.64%
Financing my education	26.62%
Figuring out where to start	14.71%

For students interested in continuing education programs, the poll answers revealed the following:

What about education planning makes you the most anxious?

Doing well on tests in class	37.87%
Finding the right school or program	11.24%
Financing my education	23.67%
Figuring out where to start	27.22%

Thomson Peterson's regularly surveys students online on important issues related to education and career planning. For more information, visit Petersons.com, a free, customizable online education planner for students. Petersons.com is designed to meet each individual user's needs with best-of-the-Web search features, comparison tools, and cutting-edge functionality. Additional planning resources include access to personalized calendars and checklists, RSS feeds, podcasts, scholarship searches, and more.

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