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Missouri State University

Springfield, MO

# Using social media

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- Must be CONSISTENT
- Twitter and Facebook can be great ways to spread the word about events
  - Cannot be used independently; only to supplement
- Create a Blog
  - Post blog updates on social media
  - Keep it relevant to students
  - Post at least weekly
  - Use video: [Interview vlog post](#)

## 8 Cheap Dates in Springfield

Posted on February 11, 2015 by Jill Truesdale

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, you could say love is in the air here at Missouri State. People have no problem spending generous amounts of time and money planning out the perfect date for their sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Rightly so, as it is the one day out of the year designated to showing your love and affection.

What about every other day of the year though? It's not as easy to shell out \$50 for your significant other on a random Tuesday in February, is it? Well no worries, because we've compiled a list of our favorite date ideas in Springfield that won't drain your bank account, but might just enhance your love life.



### 1. Hollywood Theaters

415 W. College Station

417-799-3456

Taking a date to the movies usually isn't cheap, but on Tuesday nights movies are only \$5 with a student I.D.



### 2. The Palace Theater

2220 West Chesterfield Boulevard

Another movie theater in town plays second-run movies for only \$3.00. On the first Monday of the month MSU students get into the late movies for free. Take advantage of Timewarp Tuesdays – All movies, all day are just \$1.

<http://www.palacemovies.com/springfield.html>



### 3. George's

330 South Glenstone Avenue

(417) 831-0777

This diner serves great breakfast, burgers, and everything in between. Prices are reasonable, and they are open early in the morning till late at night.

Our favorite meal at George's: RECEPTION PROOF BREAKFAST – Two Eggs, choice of hash browns, bacon, or sausage, served with choice of toast, biscuits & gravy, or hotcakes. Served every day from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for \$2.99. And from 11:00 a.m. to close for \$3.99.

Plus you get a discount with your student I.D.

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## After the FAFSA: What's Next?

Posted on April 20, 2015 by Kara Delgado

By now, if you filled out the FAFSA for the 2015-2016 school year, you should have received your Student Aid Report (SAR) and most likely got back information on what financial aid you are eligible for.

So what's next?

Now you need to decide what aid to accept and how to accept it. First things first, you must understand the aid you are being offered (whether it's grant money or student loans), decide what aid you really need, and then respond to Missouri State's award letter within the deadline. You should always accept free money first (scholarships and grants) before you accept a bunch of student loans you may not end up needing. Once you accept your financial aid, every school is different, so make sure you call (417-836-5262) or visit the Financial Aid Office in Carrington 101 to find out what to expect and how long it will take to be disbursed to you.

After contacting the Financial Aid Office, you will find out if you need to fill out more paperwork or meet other requirements for your financial aid. If you are receiving a federal student loan for the first time you are required to sign a promissory note and go through entrance counseling. This can be completed at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) if you are ever lost or confused about entrance counseling or signing a master promissory note, contact Real LIFE at 417-836-3186 or visit Carrington 419 to have any questions answered. Our peer financial counselors are here to help you!



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# Partnerships are KEY

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- Sells school-year planners to students
  - Include dates so students can keep up on financial aid deadlines
- Freshman Class (GEP 101)
  - Present to Freshman students on financial literacy
  - Reach out to these instructors when advertising an event on campus
- Residence Life
  - Living Learning Communities
  - Present to Resident Assistants
- Our local media has played an active role in bringing to issue of student loan debt into the limelight.
  - Let them know about upcoming events/dates
  - Let them know if something worth noting has happened
  - [KOLR 10 interview](#)

# Trio Partnership

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- Advertised important dates in the Trio planner
  - Access Missouri Grant
  - Departmental scholarship deadline
- Financial management workshop
  - Buying a house
  - Purchasing a car
  - Saving for retirement; Roth IRA
  - Paying back student loans

# Our “Senior Symposium”

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- Partnered with the Office of the Registrar
  - Put event on the graduation checklist
  - Students fill out exit counseling
  - Two different dates
  - What I would do differently

# Fraternity and Sorority Life

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- Greek life is required to attend educational events
- Make events educational to guarantee attendance from Greek life
- How it worked for us:



# Psychology Department Partnership

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- Every freshman is required to take an introductory psychology course
  - Must participate in at least 6 researched studies
  - Creating a research study to find out what freshman students know about finance
    - Better tailor our curriculum

# Compensation for Staff

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- Paying Coordinator out of budget
- Take advantage of Work-Study
  - Employ students with low a low EFC so that we can hire them on to be paid out of work-study
    - Helps improve retention rate of students
    - Must be in Pell range
    - Hire students that are involved on campus

# Keep Website up-to-date

- Computer help desk may be able to help you for free
- Make format user friendly
- Keep content current
  - Blog
  - Events
  - Staff directory
  - Presentation Requests

Affordable Choice | Unbeatable Value

## FINANCIAL AID

Missouri State > Office of Student Financial Aid > MSU Real L.I.F.E.

MSU Real L.I.F.E.  
Meet Your Real L.I.F.E. Staff  
Real L.I.F.E. Resources  
Events  
Make a One-on-One Appointment  
Presentation Information  
Request a Presentation  
Contact Us

Find Resources for...

- Current Students
- Future Students
- Parents and Family
- Graduating Seniors
- Student Loans

Watch MSU Real LIFE videos on YouTube  
Find MSU Real LIFE on Facebook  
Read MSU Real LIFE blog posts

### Literacy In Financing your Education

**Mission Statement:**  
To use 'real life' scenarios in order to help students develop an understanding of how to successfully manage their money and finance their education

**MSU Real L.I.F.E.**  
The Office of Student Financial Aid has developed the MSU Real LIFE experience to better connect with students, answer their questions about financial aid, and teach them successful money management skills. MSU Real LIFE plans to team up with organizations across campus to offer valuable presentations on budgeting, student loans, and credit to create a website and videos to help answer students' questions about financial aid, and to form a team of four peer financial counselors to meet with students one-on-one to help students' individual financial questions.



### MSU Real L.I.F.E. Blog

**Interest Rates Could Be Your Worst Enemy...**  
April 27 at 8:40am

**After the FAFSA: What's Next?**  
April 20 at 12:42pm

**Paying Back Student Loans**  
April 17 at 9:51am

**Affordable Options for Studying Abroad**  
April 8 at 9:10am

**Senior Symposium- Brought to you by the Office of Student Financial Aid**  
April 1 at 2:22pm

**Spring has SPRUNG!**  
March 26 at 2:53pm

**Finding Scholarships**  
February 27 at 8:37am

**How to AVOID default once you graduate:**  
A student loan will go into default if the loan has not been paid on for more than 270 days. After 270 days, the government can begin taking your tax returns, garnishing your pay check, revoke your federal benefits, and even sue you.  
Avoid default by staying in contact with your loan servicer. Go to [www.NSLDS.ed.gov](http://www.NSLDS.ed.gov) to see a complete list of your student loans. This website requires a pin, if you forgot your pin number you can contact a student at [www.nin@msu.edu](mailto:www.nin@msu.edu)

