

This Teen Earned Enough to Pay for College by Selling Newspapers

Most children these days expect their parents to pay for their college—either through savings or through co-signing on loans.

But not Kevuntez King of Memphis, Tennessee, who was raised by his single mother.

As [People Magazine](#) reports:

“Every Sunday for the past four years, Kevuntez King woke up at 3:45am to stand on a Memphis, Tennessee, street corner selling newspapers.

Rain or shine, King went to work knowing that each week brought him one step closer to his dream of paying for college.

‘I’m a very determined young man,’ King told [The Commercial Appeal](#).

This spring, all that determination paid off. King graduated high school as a three-sport athlete with a 4.0 GPA and earned acceptance to Tennessee State University. Thanks to the roughly \$200 he earned every Sunday, he’ll be able to pay for college himself.

‘Education—that’s the key to my success, that’s my way out,’ he told [WBRC](#).’

Through King's efforts, he has raised enough money to pay for four years of college *without* student loans.

It's great when parents are able to provide some financial help to their children to attend college. But in today's economy, that should be considered a luxury, not a norm.

As Kevuntez King show us, even the very opportunity to attend college should be considered a blessing that, for most students, is preceded by hard work—both inside and outside the classroom.