

Good schools for a good price

These five colleges in the Northeast are recommended by Brian A. Irving, who runs College Funding Strategies in Parsippany.

The five are good schools with low expenses, he said, but they are not very well-known.



Irving

■ **York College, York, Pa.**

Ranked "best value" among liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report and a "Best Buy" by Barron's Buys in College Education. It's on a suburban campus in York County (45 minutes from Lancaster). York's 4,100 students have a low student-to-faculty ratio of 5 to 1. Cost: \$13,570.

■ **Five Towns College,**

Dix Hills, N.Y.

For students serious about music, with an emphasis on the performing arts. Almost 70 percent of students receive financial assistance; the school administers \$750,000 in scholarships and grants. Home to The Dix Hills Center for the Performing Arts. Cost: \$18,000.

■ **Stonehill College, Easton, Mass.**

Just 45 minutes south of Boston, Stonehill offers students 30 majors in the fields of liberal arts, natural sciences and business. Listed in Barron's Best Buys; ranked in U.S. News and World Report as one of the best liberal-arts schools; and listed in Money Magazine as the best in "100 Best Buys." Cost: \$25,000.

■ **Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.**

With 13,100 undergraduate students from 108 countries, Old Dominion is a diversified college offering a variety of majors. Other bonuses: a 16-to-1 student-teacher ratio, many student services and organizations; and an outstanding athletic program. Old Dominion distributes more than \$70 million in aid each year, or \$6,500 a student. Cost: \$21,000.

■ **Elon University, Elon, N.C.**

Ranked ninth of 130 Southern colleges/universities by U.S. News and World Report, Elon offers 49 majors of study. About 20 minutes east of Greensboro. A large variety of scholarships, from \$1,000 to \$5,000. A campus celebrated for its beauty. About 4,400 students. Cost: \$22,000 for out-of-state residents.