

My name is Siena Evers and my parents funded four years of college tuition for me 18 years ago when I was a baby. I'm a senior in high school now. Prior to completing college applications my family let me know how much money was available for my education. I was thankful that my parents planned ahead and provided me with a path to a college degree without the need to incur massive student loan debt. A few months ago we found out that contracts were not being honored. A couple of weeks ago we found out that the value of my account was slashed by over 50%. I need to commit to a college by May 1<sup>st</sup> and my financial situation is very different from when I applied. How can the state take away over half of my college savings three months before I make the biggest financial decision of my life? When I turned 18 my parents encouraged me to open an IRA. There's not much money in my account now but I am worried that when I am ready to retire the government will take it away. My Mom said that would never happen. When I asked her "isn't that what just happened with my college fund?" she said "yes, I guess it did." If you can't trust the government with your money who can you trust? It is very stressful not knowing what my financial position is. Please help me get my college funds back ASAP so that I can make an informed decision about my future. Thank you.