

Websites to Help Prepare and Apply for College

ACT <http://www.act.org/>

Provides free information and resources to support all tests and products produced by ACT, as well as great college info. Offers resources for educators, parents, and students. Some ACT products are also available for purchase.

America's Career Info Net <http://www.acinet.org/>

Find free wage and employment trends, occupational requirements, state-by-state labor market conditions, millions of employer contacts nationwide, and the most extensive career resource library online.

Campus Explorer <http://www.campusexplorer.com/>

A free college search engine with over 8,000 colleges in their database. Provides detailed information on colleges and has easy to use tools to match your profile to a college.

Campus Tours <http://www.CampusTours.com/>

Free virtual tours of hundreds of colleges and universities.

College Board Online <http://www.collegeboard.com/>

The College Board website provides free information on all tests and products produced by the College Board, as well as great college information. The College Board also offers some products and services for a fee.

College Navigator <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

The college selection search tool helps find any school in the country, provides basic information about the school, and links to the school's website.

CollegeNET College Search <http://cnsearch.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/CN/index>

CollegeNET offers a general guide to colleges and universities. You can search for schools by geography, tuition, enrollment, and more.

College Outreach USA <http://www.collegeoutreachusa.org>

A consortium of colleges and universities dedicated to supporting students who are minority, from the inner-city and/or from a low income family to stay in high school and graduate from college. They provide free information and the opportunity for students to make a personal connection with the colleges and universities in the consortium.

College Results <http://www.collegeresults.org/>

College Results Online (CRO) is an interactive, user-friendly web tool designed to provide policymakers, counselors, parents, students, and others with information about college graduation rates for nearly any four-year college or university in the country.

College View <http://www.collegeview.com/>

Free career, college and financial aid information, as well as virtual college tours. Students can also input information to see which of over 3 million scholarships they may qualify for.

College Week Live <http://www.collegeweeklive.com>

Free website designed to connect students to colleges/universities in an interactive way. Students can visit virtual college fairs and gather information on admission, financial aid, housing, etc., by chatting live with admission counselors and university students.

Common Application <http://www.commonapp.org>

Common college application for more than 400 (mostly) selective, independent colleges and universities.

FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.gov/>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid; this is *the* site to apply for financial aid online.

Fastweb <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Free scholarship and college resources to assist students and parents with all aspects of applying to college. Fastweb utilizes matching technology to give students a list of possible scholarships they may qualify for based on their profiles.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) <http://www.hacu.net/>

HACU represents more than 300 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America, and Spain.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) <http://www.hbcuconnect.com/>

The website for the 100+ historically black colleges and universities sorted by state, size, tuition, conference and ranking.

Kaplan <http://www.kaplan.com/>

Test prep and college comparison information. Offers some free information and fee-based resources.

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) <http://ncaa.org>

The NCAA website provides important information for the student athlete and educators about NCAA requirements.

National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) <http://nsse.iub.edu>

The National Survey of Student Engagement College Student Report gathers information about students' college experiences, including their views about the quality of their education and ways they spend their time, directly from students via survey.

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) <http://ope.ed.gov/security>

The OPE Campus Security Statistics website lists reported criminal offenses for more than 6,000 colleges and universities in the United States.

Peterson's <http://www.petersons.com/>

Free information about colleges and universities, career schools, graduate programs, distance learning, executive training, private secondary schools, summer opportunities, study abroad, financial aid, test preparation, and career exploration.

Princeton Review <http://www.review.com/>

Offers some free and fee-based information on colleges and universities, careers, and test preparation.

SallieMae College Answer <http://www.collegeanswer.com/>

Free information on preparing for college and paying for college.

Schools in the USA <http://www.SchoolsintheUSA.com>

Students can use this site to research schools, review admission requirements, and request application materials from multiple universities by completing one form. Site also provides direct links to university websites.

The Career Key <http://www.careerkey.org>

Based on John Holland's theory of vocational choices. For a fee, students can take tests that help them find the right career path and learn about jobs that fit their personality types.

Unigo <http://www.unigo.com>

This site is written by students for students. It includes reflections about college life on hundreds of campuses, along with articles on dorm life, cutting textbook costs, and *What I wish I had known before going to college*, etc.

U.S. Department of Education's Publication <http://www.fsapubs.gov/>

Offers numerous free publications, PowerPoint presentations, and posters on financial aid and college preparation. Many of the resources are available in English and Spanish (some resources are also available in Braille).

U.S. News Education <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/eduhome.htm>

A resource for the college application process, covering school selection, financial aid, test prep, admissions, applications, campus visits, and tuition.

Xap Corporation <http://www.xap.com/>

Fee-based site; provides schools with a variety of resources and services to guide students through all stages of preparing for college (comparison, selection, application, admission, financial aid, etc.).