

College Placement Websites

College Information/Matching/Planning and Test Preparation:

Admissions.com

<http://www.admissions.com>

Expert advice and a searchable database of thousands of colleges and universities.

ApplyingToSchool.com

<http://www.applyingtoschool.com>

This website offers a college “matchmaking” service to assist students in identifying potential colleges of interest.

The College Board Online

<http://www.collegeboard.com>

The College Board’s home page identifies itself as the “starting point for students, parents, counselors, admissions staff, financial aid staff, high school and college faculty members and College Board members.” It offers college and scholarship search capabilities, testing information, financial aid calculation and ads for CB publications and services. This is a self-contained site--no links to other sites are provided. MyRoad.com can be accessed through this site using the PSAT access code on the student printout.

College Data

<http://www.collegedata.com>

This site allows students to search 1700+ colleges by location, size, cost, and major as well as obtain detailed college profiles with data on enrollment, admission rates, qualifications of recently enrolled freshmen, costs, and much more.

College Majors 101

<http://www.collegemajors101.com>

In-depth information about different college majors and career choices.

College Navigator

<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>

College Navigator is a free consumer information tool designed to help students, parents, high school counselors, and others get information about nearly 7,000 postsecondary institutions in the U.S. It is user-friendly and offers information on areas from campus safety to aid availability to accreditation and graduation rates.

CollegeView.com

<http://www.collegeview.com>

This resource has great information on the “going to college” process.

Embark.com

<http://www.embark.com>

This site allows students to do college searches and apply to colleges online. It also has some SAT test preparation and other topics of interest.

Kaplan Testing Center

<http://www.kaplan.com>

Kaplan's products and services are presented, including some that are web-only and free. A highlight is the fee-based on-line SAT prep course.

NAICU

<http://www.ucan-network.org>

The NAICU consumer information initiative --the University and College Accountability Network (U-CAN) --is designed to give, in a common format, prospective students and their families concise, web-based, consumer friendly information on individual private colleges and universities.

Peterson's Education Center

<http://www.petersons.com>

Peterson's college database is available on this home page, as is other educational and career information.

The Princeton Review

<http://www.princetonreview.com>

This site offers college searches and ads for TPR's publications, software, and services.

Student Edge

<http://www.studentedge.com>

Free online college and career planning resources.

U.S. News Online

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/home.html>

"The news magazine admissions professionals love to hate" has a major net presence with their annual "ranking the colleges" issue online. Included is a list of school sites offering online admissions applications.

Life and Learning on Campus:

College Click TV

<http://www.collegeclicktv.com>

College tours and student videos, including interviews.

College Week Live

<http://www.collegeweeklive.com>

Live chat and video with students and administration representatives from hundreds of colleges.

ECampus Tours

<http://www.eCampusTours.com>

Virtual tours of college campuses.

Unigo

<http://www.unigo.com>

Reviews, videos, and photos from college campuses across the country.

Youniversity TV

<http://www.youniversitytv.com>

College videos of every major college in the U.S.

Financial Planning:

College Foundation of North Carolina

<http://www.cfnc.org>

This site provides financial assistance information and various other college and career searches particularly geared toward North Carolina colleges and universities.

The FAFSA Online

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

This site is the federal financial aid website which allows you (among other things) to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. (See also p. 83 in College Match.)

FAFSA Forecaster

<http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov>

Provides an estimate of your eligibility for federal student aid.

Federal Student Aid

<http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov>

A guide to federal student aid.

The Financial Aid Information Page

<http://www.finaid.org>

This NASFAA-sponsored financial aid information site is the “bible” for all financial aid information. It’s hard to imagine anything related to financial aid that’s not included here, with links ranging from institutions to government to scholarship and scam alerts. The EFC estimator (estimates the family contribution using either federal methodology or typical institutional methodology) and the access to Fast Web (see below) are also highlights of this site.

Financial Aid Search Through the Web (FASTWeb)

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

To use this free service, a student fills out a detailed profile. FastWeb responds with a list of matching award programs, saves a student’s profile, and emails new sources of merit aid to the student’s online “mailbox.” Students can generate a form letter for requesting applications and further information about an award program, and then print the letter directly from their web browsers.

Get College Funding

<http://www.getcollegefunding.org>

This resource provides facts regarding the college funding process through free seminars in a variety of venues, assesses your family’s financial aid eligibility and makes appropriate recommendations through a free personal assessment consultation, counsels your family in order to optimize the

children's financial aid eligibility, and offloads the task of completing your FAFSA and CSS profile forms (among many other things).

Making It Count

<http://www.elearning.makingitcount.com>

This site provides a comprehensive, interactive overview of the entire college financing process and access to important college financing tools.

My College Advisor

<http://www.mycollegeadvisor.com>

Provides approximate costs of attending college.

SallieMae

<http://www.salliemae.com>

The nation's largest provider of federal and private students loans offers information about saving, planning, and paying for college.

Scholarships

<http://www.scholarships.com/success>

This site has assisted millions in their search for scholarships, grants, and financial aid information by listing their scholarships in order of unique fit and highest likelihood of success.

Student Scholarship Search

<http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com>

With a free directory of scholarships, grants, and awards, this site offers "Scholarship Searching Secrets, Ed. III" with tips, advice, tricks, and tools for online searches for scholarships and financial aid.

Supercollege

<http://www.supercollege.com>

Scholarships, grants, and contests.

UPromise

<http://www.upromise.com>

Sponsored by SallieMae, this free college savings program offers monetary rewards for everyday purchases from member merchants.

529 College Savings Plans:

<http://www.collegesavings.org>

<http://www.freshmanfund.com>

<http://www.savingforcollege.com>

<http://www.529.com>

All of these sites offer details about various 529 tax-free savings plans for education financing.