

Recommended Resources

Books

College Planning Resources:

- *The Enlightened College Applicant*, 2016, by Andrew Belasco and Dave Bergman
- *Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College*, 2013, by Sally P. Springer, Jon Reider, Joyce Vining Morgan
- *College Admission: From Application to Acceptance, Step by Step*, 2011, by Robin Mamlet and Christine Vandevelde
- *College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You*, 2014, by Steven R. Antonoff
- *Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College*, 2016, by Edward Fiske
- *Plan and Finance Your Family's College Dreams*, 2016, by John A. Hupalo & Peter Mazareas
- *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*, 2015, by Frank Bruni
- *The College Atlas & Planner*, 2012, Wintergreen Orchard House
- *College Essay Essentials*, 2016, by Ethan Sawyer

Reviews of Specific Schools:

- *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, 2018, by Edward Fiske
- *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, 2015
- *Looking Beyond the Ivy League*, 2007, by Loren Pope
- *The Best 382 Colleges*, 2018, The Princeton Review
- *Colleges that Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think about Colleges*, 2013-2014, by Loren Pope

Internet

The Application & Essay:

- The Common Application: Online application used by more than 600+ colleges and universities. <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Creating your own website for the CA: www.weebly.org

Virtual Tours:

- CampusTours: virtual tours and campus maps: <http://www.campustours.com/>
- YouniversityTV video tours: <https://www.youniversitytv.com/>

Planning College Visits: helpful in finding hotels, restaurants, things to do in the area, travel time and tips, custom maps...a new site created by parents of college students: www.collegetripsandtips.com/

College Search

- Big Futures: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Cappex: College Listings by Major <https://www.cappex.com/colleges/majors/>
- College Confidential: <http://www.collegeconfidential.com/>
- College Data: Your Online College Advisor <http://www.collegedata.com/>
- College Express: lists/rankings & scholarship info. <http://www.collegexpress.com/>
- College Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

- Niche: <https://colleges.niche.com/>
- Colleges That Change Lives: <http://www.ctcl.org/>
- National Center for Fair and Open Testing: 800+ colleges (Test Optional schools) <http://www.fairtest.org/>
- Peterson's: <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>
- Princeton Review: <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-search>
- UNIGO: College search, reviews, videos and more <https://www.unigo.com/>
- U.S. News and World Report – College Rankings <http://www.usnews.com/>

Test and Test Prep:

Online:

- ACT: Register for the ACT. <http://www.actstudent.org/>
- The College Board: Register for SAT I, II, AP, PSAT. <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Khan Academy: FREE test prep for the New SAT <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Kaplan: test prep for SAT and ACT www.kaptest.com
- The Princeton Review: <http://www.princetonreview.com/>

Local Tutoring:

- Summit: in home tutoring <https://www.mytutor.com/students/home>
- Prometheus Tutors (formerly Chyten): group classes and individual tutoring at location: www.prometheustutors.com
- Inspirica: in home tutoring <https://www.inspirica.com>
- Sullivan Tutoring: small group and individual tutoring at location <http://sullivantutoring.com/>
- Club Z: in home tutoring: www.clubztutoring.com/beverly

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

- Federal Student Aid/U.S. Department of Education. Everything you need to know about types of federal aid, eligibility, and how to apply: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): Starting point for all financial aid. The
- FAFSA is used exclusively by public institutions and as a foundation for private college aid package: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- FAFSA4caster: Tool to help you estimate your eligibility for federal student aid: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>
- CSS/Profile: <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>
- Massachusetts Education Financing Authority: <http://www.mefa.org/>
- FastWeb (scholarship website by Mark Krantowitz): <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- FinAid: The Smart Student's Guide to Financial Aid (Mark Krantowitz) - <http://www.finaid.org/>
- Zinch scholarship website - <https://www.chegg.com/scholarships>
- The College Solution (Lynn O'Shaughnessy): <http://www.thecollegesolution.com/>
- College Kick-Start: Colleges with Generous Merit Aid (Oct. 2015) <https://www.college-kickstart.com/blog/item/colleges-with-generous-merit-aid>