

# College Resources for Students and Families

## GENERAL WEBSITES

- **Campus Tours: Virtual College Tours.** Virtual tours with still pictures and descriptions, webcams, campus maps, and videos of hundreds of colleges throughout the United States. Provides a first look at colleges. [campustours.com](http://campustours.com)
- **The College Board.** A complete site, with college and scholarship searches, information about the SAT<sup>®</sup> and SAT Subject Tests<sup>™</sup>, and other material pertaining to the college search and application process. Easy-to-use college search feature. [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- **eCampusTours.com.** Virtual tours of colleges. Useful for its 360-degree views of dorm rooms and other buildings. [ecampustours.com](http://ecampustours.com)
- **NCAA Eligibility Center.** Official NCAA website that gives details of student-eligibility requirements to play NCAA sports. Watch this site for changes in eligibility; students can print the *Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*. [ncaapublications.com](http://ncaapublications.com)
- **Peterson's Education Portal.** An all-purpose site including a college search, as well as information about summer programs, summer camps, and jobs. The site asks you to register before using some of the search engines and other resources, but there is no registration fee. There is a charge for some of the services provided. [petersons.com](http://petersons.com)
- **U.S. Department of Education.** The federal government's website is easy to use and an excellent source of information on financial aid, much of it in Spanish as well as English. [ed.gov](http://ed.gov)

## FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

- **The College Board.** A website that includes a scholarship search, a loan calculator, and an online application form for the CSS Profile<sup>™</sup>, which is required by some colleges. [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- **FAFSA<sup>®</sup> on the Web.** The website for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form must be submitted in the senior year for families applying for need-based aid. Students may complete it electronically at this site. [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
- **Fastweb.** Extensive information on merit- and need-based scholarships and aid. [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)
- **FinAid!** Good site for information about types of financial aid and applying for financial aid. [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

## BOOKS

### Comprehensive objective directories

- *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*. New York: Barron's Educational Series, Inc. Updated every two years.
- *College Handbook*. New York: The College Board. Published annually.
- *Four-Year Colleges*. Princeton, N.J.: Peterson's Guides. Published annually.
- *Two-Year Colleges*. Princeton, N.J.: Peterson's Guides. Published annually.

### Subjective guides

- Fiske, Edward, and Robert Logue (contributor). *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*. Naperville, Ill.: Sourcebooks Trade. Updated annually.
- Pope, Loren. *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even If You're Not a Straight-A Student*. New York: Penguin. Paperback 2014.
- Yale Daily News staff. *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*. New York: St. Martin's Press. Updated annually.

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