



Making Postsecondary Plans

Resource List for Postsecondary Advising

A list of websites that can be used by students — and adults who support them — to plan for life after graduation. There is information on the recommended use for each website and whether or not an account is required.

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Name	Website	Description	Recommended Use	Account Required?
Bureau of Labor Statistics: Employment Projections	https://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.toc.htm	"The Bureau of Labor Statistics is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government in the broad field of labor economics and statistics."	Comprehensive database for career research	No
Choose Your Future	http://chooseyourfuture.cps.edu/	"Developed to provide students with the resources they need to plan a successful path to graduation and post-high school success."	Strategic scholarship database and list of college and career events from Chicago Public Schools	Student: No Advisor: Yes
College Board - Net Price Calculator	http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org/	"The Net Price Calculator is a tool that students can use to estimate their "net price" to attend a particular college or university."	Net price comparison tool; award letter comparison	No
College Board's College Search	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search	"You have 3,912 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We'll help along the way."	College admissions and campus information; calculating financial aid	Depends
College Data	http://www.collegedata.com/	"College Data helps you conduct a college and scholarship search, predict admission chances, and calculate financial aid."	Predicting admission chances; large scholarship database	Depends
College Completion	http://collegecompletion.chronicle.com	This microsite is a tool to help students navigate a complex subject: which colleges do the best job of graduating their students?	Tool to help students visualize institutional graduation rates.	No

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College Majors 101	http://www.collegemajors101.com/	"To teach students about different college majors in depth so that they can make more informed college and career choices, a major decision to make."	Research college majors and coursework requirements for each	No
College Navigator	http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/	"...a free consumer information tool designed to help students, parents, high school counselors, and others get information about over 7000 colleges and universities."	Thorough college admissions and campus information	No
College Prowler	https://colleges.niche.com/	"Millions of college reviews and rankings. Student reviews and polls give you deep insight you can't find anywhere else."	Great for students: gives comprehensive information about campus life at each school from current students	Yes
College View	http://www.collegeview.com/index.jsp	"College View contains hundreds of articles pertaining to the college planning process, along with over 4,000 college-specific information pages."	College admissions and campus information	No
Thought Co.	https://collegeapps.about.com/	"Learn all about college admissions - SAT College profiles and ACT exams, AP courses, college essays, admissions changes; monthly financial aid, college preparation, and more."	College admissions, campus information, scholarship bulletins	No
Common App	https://www.commonapp.org/	"We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members."	Student can complete one college application and send it to an unlimited amount of schools	Yes
Education Planner	http://www.educationplanner.org/	"We make it easy for you to understand college costs, the admissions process, and student aid as you transition from high school, to college, to the "real" world."	Research coursework requirements for majors and careers	No

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Educators for Fair Consideration	http://e4fc.org/	"Empowering undocumented young people in their pursuit of college, career and citizenship."	Resources for undocumented students pursuing any postsecondary path	No
Finaid	http://www.finaid.org/	Helps students search for scholarships, compare financial aid award letters, and learn about forms of federal aid.	Thorough award letter comparison	No
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights—College Planning Guide	http://www.icirr.org/content/documents/student_guide_2016_update.pdf	"An undocumented students guide to college."	Explore resources related to postsecondary planning for undocumented students	No
Naviance	http://www.naviance.com/	"...A comprehensive college and career readiness solution for middle and high schools that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals."	Helps students manage and track postsecondary planning process efficiently and effectively	Yes, a school-based account is required
Project Greenlight	http://www.collegegreenlight.com/	"We connect first generation and underrepresented students to caring colleges, generous scholarships, and life-changing counselors and mentors."	Great for students; creates customized list of scholarships	Yes
StudentAid	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources	"We provide resources on preparing for college or career school, applying for aid, consumer protection, and more."	Provides publications, fact sheets, and online tools to research and compare financial aid options at different colleges/universities	No
US News and World Reports	https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges	"From picking out a school to buying a car, our rankings help make hard decisions easier."	Most comprehensive database for college rankings as well as admissions and campus information	No