



## College Prep Resource List

There are an endless number of organizations, both for-profit and non-profit that can help students, parents, and families and plan for college and post-college. Here are some that we feel comfortable recommending. It's best to do as much preparation on you own and in advance so you get the most out of any third-party consulting service.

### **ACT and SAT Test Prep**

Free resources to help students earn the best test scores possible

- Prep Factory - <https://www.prepfactory.com/>
- Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
- Princeton Review - <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
- Academic Earth - <http://academicearth.org/sat/>

### **College Information & Selection**

About the colleges, admission requirement and academics

- Great Schools - <https://www.greatschools.org/>
- US News & World Report Education - <http://www.usnews.com/education>
- College Covered - <https://www.collegecovered.com/>
- Parchment - <http://www.parchment.com/>
- Scholarship Informer - <http://scholarshipinformer.com/>
- Institute of Educational Sciences - <https://ies.ed.gov/>
- College Confidential - <http://www.collegeconfidential.com/>
- College Go - <http://www.gocollege.com/>
- Niche - <https://www.niche.com/?ref=colleges>

### **College and University Preparation Resources**

Free and Fee College Aptitude Test Preparation and Essay Writing

- College Board - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Big Future (College Board) – [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- Naviance - <https://www.naviance.com/>
- Magoosh - <https://magoosh.com/>

### **College and University Admission Resources and Application**

Government and third-party college application assistance resources

- Federal Student Aid - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>
- National Association for College Admission Counseling <https://www.nacacnet.org/>
- CommonApp - <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- Peterson's - <https://www.petersons.com/>
- Inside Higher Ed - <https://www.insidehighered.com/>

## College and University Financial Aid Resources and Applications

Scholarship, grant and student loan resources

- FAFSA - <https://fafsa.gov/>
- College Board - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Fin Aid - <http://www.finaid.org/>
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) - <http://www.fseog.com/>
- FastWeb - <https://www.fastweb.com/>
- CollegeAve – Student Loans - <https://www.collegeavestudentloans.com/>
- President's Honors Scholarship Program (varies by school)  
[https://www2.gccaz.edu/sites/default/files/imce/Academics/Instructional\\_Areas/Honors/ps\\_app\\_16-17.pdf](https://www2.gccaz.edu/sites/default/files/imce/Academics/Instructional_Areas/Honors/ps_app_16-17.pdf)
- Sallie Mae – [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)
- College Covered - <https://www.collegecovered.com/>
- College Go - <http://www.gocollege.com/>

## College Scholarships, Grants and Aid

- Big Future - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/merit-based-scholarship>
- Jack Kent Cooke – <http://www.jkcf.org/>
- Debt.org - <https://www.debt.org/students/scholarships-and-grants/merit-based-scholarships-grants/>
- Cappex - <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/>
- Scholarships.com - <https://www.scholarships.com/>

## Online Colleges and Ranking

<https://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/bachelors/rankings>

## Gap Year Resources

- Blake Boles - [BlakeBoles.com](http://BlakeBoles.com)
- edX - <http://edx.org> (Freshman Academy)

## Volunteer & Summer Options

- Teen Life - [TeenLife.com](http://TeenLife.com)

## Career Resources

- Grads of Life - <https://gradsoflife.org/>
- Learn Up - <http://www.learnup.com/>
- Earth Echo - <http://earthecho.org/>
- Grow With Google - <https://grow.google/>

## College Loan Refinancing

- Sofi – <https://www.sofi.com/>
- Student Loan Hero - <https://studentloanhero.com/homepage/>

- Navient – <https://navient.com/>

### **Sites Specifically for Athletes**

- Athlete Learning Gateway - [Athlete Learning Gateway](#)
- Recruit Spot - [RecruitSpot.com](https://RecruitSpot.com)

### **Selected Colleges with Quarter Based Systems**

- California Institute of Technology
- Dartmouth College
- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- University of Chicago
- Santa Clara University
- University of California - Los Angeles