

Links for Info on Colleges, Scholarships, Careers

ACT www.act.org Info on tests and products produced by ACT, as well for **career** planning, **college** planning & financial aid.

American Indian College Fund www.collegefund.org An organization that provides **scholarships**, tribal colleges, and other support to American Indian students. Go to <https://www.bia.gov/> for info on getting your CDIB card.

NIEA www.niea.org National Indian Education Association lists **scholarships** for Native Americans.

ApplyTexas www.ApplyTexas.org One place to apply to Texas colleges.

Cappex Scholarships www.cappex.com Create free account and they'll search for **scholarships** that fit you. Take a quiz at www.cappex.com/colleges/majors to find your personality breakdown and best major/career matches. Find **cost of attending** colleges.

Careers.org www.careers.org Search for **colleges** by state or program, and thousands of **occupation profiles**.

Chegg www.chegg.com Create a free online account and search for **scholarships** and **colleges**.

Christian Connector www.ChristianConnector.com Complete free online request form to receive free info from Christian colleges and be entered in a drawing for a \$2,500 scholarship to attend a Christian college. Search for Christian colleges and scholarships.

College Board Online www.collegeboard.com Provides information on tests and products produced by College Board (SAT, PSAT, CLEP, AP), as well as **college** searches and planning. Free tools through Khan Academy to prepare for SAT.

College Greenlight www.collegegreenlight.com Provides **college** info such as: rating, overview, admissions, tuition, your fit, majors, deadline, photos/videos, student reviews, campus life, around town, discussions, social media, **scholarships**

College Majors 101 <http://www.collegemajors101.com/> Research college majors with videos, employer examples, industry publications, accredited schools, & professional organizations for that major.

College Net www.collegenet.com Search for **scholarships**.

The College Solution www.thecollegesolution.com The blog covers six topics: admissions, academics, college life, **colleges**, money and research.

College View www.collegeview.com **College** Articles on application process, financial aid, campus life & career/majors.

CollegeWeekLive www.collegeweeklive.com Virtual College Fairs to chat with college reps & students. Search for **colleges** and **scholarships** (including \$1,000 monthly drawings) and view presentations from educational experts. Create free online account.

CollegeXpress www.collegexpress.com Search for **colleges** and **scholarships**. They also send interesting articles.

CSS Financial Aid PROFILE <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile> An online financial aid application distributed by College Board required by some private schools to qualify for NON-federal financial aid based on need. There is a fee for each college.

FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov FREE Application for Federal Student Aid; this is **THE** site to apply for federal financial aid online. Student and parent must create a FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov> before completing the FAFSA. FAFSA opens Oct 1 of your senior year.

TASFA <http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=699A998A-E7F3-1DCC-3F460F26136EEA05> financial aid for undocumented students living in Texas

Fastweb www.fastweb.com Free site providing info on financial aid, **scholarships**, internships, colleges, and career planning. They also have a free app but first you must create a free account online.

Fed Money www.fedmoney.org Free, full-text, online resource on all federal government student financial aid programs.

FinAid www.finaid.org Comprehensive financial aid site that is part of the Monster.com Network.

Generation TX www.gentx.org Focused on creating a culture of college and career education and can help you plan for college.

HACU www.hacu.net Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities represents over 300 colleges/universities committed to Hispanic higher education. There is also a link to **scholarships**.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund www.hsf.net **Scholarships** for Hispanics.

HBCU www.hbcuconnect.com The Web site for historically Black colleges & **scholarships**.

United Negro College Fund www.uncf.org Educational assistance from 40 private, historically black member colleges & **scholarship** links.

H.O.T. Jobs in Texas www.texashotjobs.org Learn about all the **health career** opportunities in Texas.

Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org/college-admissions Helps you navigate the college application process.

Launch My CareerTX www.launchmycareerTX.org An interactive website to find colleges and majors

Minnie Stevens Piper Compendium www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars click "Texas Colleges & Universities" to see application fee & deadlines, admission requirements, **cost to attend** & type of financial aid available

My College Options www.mycollegeoptions.org Create a free online account to search for **colleges** and **scholarships**.

My Future www.myfuture.com Helps you determine a career pathway by providing info on **careers**, **colleges** and the Military.

NASFAA www.nasfaa.org The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators website has info for students/parents.

NAIA www.naia.org The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics website if considering playing sports at an NAIA college.

NCAA www.ncaa.org The National Collegiate Athletic Association website if considering playing sports at an NCAA college.

NJCAA www.njcaa.org The National Junior College Athletic Association website if considering playing sports at a two year college.

Occupational Outlook Handbook <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/> Information on **careers**

Peterson's www.petersons.com Info on **colleges**, financial aid, test preparation (SAT, ACT, ASVAB, career practice tests), and career exploration.

Parchment www.parchment.com To request official transcripts (free if college is on list). If it tries to charge you, back out; go to your Registrar (first 3 for colleges are free and always free for scholarships). Seniors can request unlimited FINAL transcripts; Registrar limits you to one.

Princeton Review www.review.com Information on **colleges**, college rankings, careers and test preparation.

Résumé Builders (FREE) www.MyPerfectResume.com www.ReadWriteThink.org www.myfuture.com

SallieMae College Answer www.collegeanswer.com Information on preparing and paying for college.

Scholarship Experts & UNIGO www.scholarshipexperts.com Free online account to search for **scholarships**.

Scholarship Points www.scholarshippoints.com free online account; earn points toward **scholarships** by completing surveys, reading articles...

Texas Common Course Numbering System www.tccns.org compare courses offered at Texas colleges to see if they transfer.

Texas Gear Up www.texasgearup.com Provides **college** prep tools and **career** exploration.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us> Search for *Higher Education Almanac* **colleges**

Texas Higher Education Foundation <https://txhigheredfoundation.org/> (Formally known as College for All Texans <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>) Provides Info on college planning, college comparison, **cost to attend** each college in Texas, and the degree programs they offer.

TEXASgenuine <http://texasgenuine.org/> Website showing programs of all two year colleges in Texas and a link to their admission page. Click on "Find Your Future" to discover your top 3 **career** clusters of interest in 5 minutes.

Texas Workforce Commission Resources

- 1-800-822-PLAN call and request up to 3 **colleges** & 3 **careers** and they will mail you free information
- O*NET-SOC Auto Coder <http://www.onetsocautocoder.com/plus/onetmatch> Enter job title or job description to get **career** info
- Industry Profile www.texasindustryprofiles.com/apps/mHWOL/index.asp Top 25 job postings within an area of Texas
- Texas Career Check www.texascareercheck.com explore **careers** and show **colleges** that offer those programs
- Texas CREWS www.txcrews.org Compares employment, wage, & student loan debt data across Texas' public colleges to see value between **colleges**
- Texas Labor Analysis <http://texaslaboranalysis.com/>
- Texas Labor Market Data www.tracer2.com Pull 1 page labor market data by WDA or state: click "The Future" under "WDA Projections" select area
- Texas Reality Check www.texasrealitycheck.com find out what budget you want and what job you will need to get it
- Texas Internship Challenge www.TXInternshipChallenge.com To find paid internships
- Texas Wages www.Texaswages.com To compare occupational wages across all Texas Metropolitan Statistical and Workforce Development areas

U.S. Dept of Ed's College Affordability and Transparency Center <http://collegecost.ed.gov/> Find info about **cost to attend** **college**

- **College Scorecard** to search by programs, location, size, name of **college** to find: % earning above HS grad, avg annual cost, graduation rate, avg salary after attending, avg student debt, ethnicity breakdown, avg test scores, majors.
- **Net Price Calculator** To estimate the cost of college. Each college should have one too.
- **College Navigator** Provides **college** info such as: admissions, cost, majors, accreditation
- **College Affordability & Transparency List** find out how fast costs are going up, and info related to why

XAP www.choices360.com Free for KISD students. using kidsd(KISD ID# and Search for **colleges**, **scholarships**, & **careers**. Take assessments on interest, work values and basic skills. There is also a section that covers job acquisition skills.

To login, use "kidsd(your ID#) and password unless you changed it is (first 3 letters of last name + your ID#).