

College and Career Resources

The following list of websites provides helpful information related to the college admissions process. Students and parents are encouraged to refer to the links below to assist in preparing for post-high school plans

StudentEdge www.studentedge.com

StudentEdge is a free online college and career planning resource center. It offers tools to help all high school students take ownership of the college planning process by letting them find scholarship money, prepare for exams, search for colleges, and explore career interests.

Education Planner www.educationplanner.org

Students can utilize the “My Planner” section, upon creating a free, secure account, to store the results of the career, college, and scholarship searches they conduct in the site. They can also store their resume and the data they have entered into the financial aid award analyzer. Especially helpful is the learning styles quiz, which serves as a tool to discover learning styles and to get tips to help become a better learner. Additional resources include career assessment tools, lists of the fastest-growing occupations, study skills tips, test prep questions, and an education timeline. Other parts of the website focus on college search and selection, an application essay writing course, information on financial aid, and help with decision making. The website is a free service of AES, American Education Services. (The College Advisor, 2007—2008)

College Answer www.collegeanswer.com

College Answer walks students and parents through the process of planning and paying for college. College Answer is presented by Sallie Mae and provides solutions for planning and paying for college. The site guides users through the entire process — from early planning and estimating, to applying for federal and private loans online. The “Education Investment Planner” is an interactive tool that offers easy-to-follow guidance on paying for college based on a family's unique financial situation.

Careers and Colleges careersandcolleges.com

College, scholarship, and career search site on the web that provides tools for college-bound and current college students to assist in their college planning efforts. Students can investigate majors and careers, explore college choices, learn about and prep for college admissions tests, and search for scholarships. Registration is required for use of the site, and students “pay” by allowing the

website's sponsors to contact them and through the collection of information. To avoid an influx of e-mail offers, you have the ability to "opt out" of such contact if you wish. (The College Advisor, 2007--2008)

College Navigator www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

A site that allows future students to evaluate and compare institutions' prices, financial aid, enrollment fees and academic disciplines by the Department of Education Institute of Education Statistics.

College View www.CollegeView.com

Find scholarships, financial aid, career and minority information and more. View profiles of thousands of colleges and universities

College Data www.collegedata.com

Online college advisory service for students and parents. Choose, prepare, apply and pay for college with advice and tools. Get college admission help and search for colleges and scholarships.

Campus Tours www.CampusTours.com

Virtual Campus Tours, College Videos, and Interactive University Maps. CampusTours builds video tours, photorealistic interactive campus maps and custom data-driven multimedia applications for higher education, non-profit and government clients worldwide.

Application Services

Common Application www.commonapp.org

The Common Application is a not-for-profit organization that serves students and member institutions by providing an admission application – online and in print – that students may submit to any of our 415 members. For those of you just beginning on the college search process, you might want to take an early look at the parts of a college application. Check out the information that colleges will want to know. An early look at the essay questions will give you time to think about experiences that reveal the true you, while the discipline statement might make you more aware of the impact of behavior on college acceptance. Once ready to begin applying to college, use of the common application will greatly streamline the procedure. (The College Advisor, 2007--2008)

CSU Mentor www.csumentor.org

CSUMentor is a website designed to help students and their families learn about the California State University (CSU) system, comprised of 23 campuses. CSUMentor assists students in planning for college, in selecting the appropriate campus to attend, in planning how to finance their education, and in applying for admission.

Hawaii Resources

University of Hawai'i – Financial Aid www.hawaii.edu/finaid

University of Hawaii system awards more than \$16 million in institutional scholarship assistance. Find out information about financial aid awards funded by the U.S. Government, the State of Hawaii, corporate entities and private people.

UH Scholarship opportunities, Campus Financial Aid Offices phone numbers, and online college resources information.

University of Hawai'i – Scholarships www.hawaii.edu/finaid/scholarships

The University of Hawaii at Manoa offers a variety of scholarships. University Scholarships are awarded through Financial Aid Services. Some internal scholarships include Charles R. Hemenway and E.E. Black. External scholarships are awarded through private organizations and academic departments. Some external scholarships include, Hawaii Community Foundation, Ke Alii Pauahi Foundation / Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate, and Unity House. Scholarships do not require repayment.

Hawai'i Community Foundation

<http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/scholar/categories.php>

Online portal for applying to scholarships for students from Hawaii. The Hawai'i Community Foundation is a public, statewide, charitable services and grantmaking organization supported by donor contributions for the benefit of Hawai'i's people. The scholarship program consists of over 150 different scholarship funds established by generous individuals, families, businesses or organizations to assist Hawai'i's residents in obtaining a college education. Some of the funds are part of the Hawai'i Community Foundation and some represent private foundations that have asked Hawai'i Community Foundation to administer their scholarships. Students apply to the program and, if eligible, can be awarded from one or more of these funds.

Hawaii Mentor www.hawaiimentor.com

A student services website representing the colleges and universities of Hawaii. An online resource to help students and their families select a college, apply for

admission, and plan to finance higher education. Hawai`i Mentor offers access to information and admissions applications for colleges and universities within Hawai`i. The student is responsible for the standard fee charged by a college or university upon submitting an application for admission, but otherwise, the mentor systems are provided free of charge.

GEAR UP Hawai'i <http://gearup.hawaii.edu>

GEAR UP, which stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, is a federal program whose mission is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The State of Hawai'i GEAR UP program is a consortium of partners that include the State of Hawai'i Department of Education, the University of Hawaii's ten-campus system and many community partners. Together with its partners, GEAR UP inspires hope and improves futures by increasing Hawaii students' access to and success in higher education. Project services are designed to: Prepare students for academic success, Facilitate transitions from K-12 to higher education, and Increase access to information and financial aid.

Standardized Testing

College Board www.collegeboard.org

Information about on the SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests, the CSS Profile, college searches, and much more. College planning resources include finding and comparing colleges, major and career profiles. My College Quickstart provides personalized feedback for students that have taken the PSAT and created an online account. MyRoad is the college and career planning section of the website. Students can find helpful resources for applying to and paying for college.

ACT www.act.org

Students can find helpful information including test preparation, college planning, financial aid, career planning. In addition, students may register for the ACT exam, request to send scores and conduct college searches.

Number 2 www.number2.com

Information available includes free online test preparation courses for the SAT and ACT. Students may also access user-friendly tutorials, practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, a vocabulary builder, and more.

Financial Aid

FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the free federal form required by almost all colleges for financial assistance. The form is to be filled out annually by current and anticipating college students to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid. Students and parents may file online through the website to save weeks in notification time.

Federal Student Aid PIN www.pin.ed.gov

A government PIN is required to access and complete the FAFSA online. Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your Federal Student Aid records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to share it with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records, so you should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place.

FAFSA4caster www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

The Federal Student Aid website is the source for free information, guidance and tools for federal student assistance. Available on the website is the FAFSA4caster – a Financial Aid Forecaster developed to help students and families assess their eligibility for college financial aid during the student’s junior year in high school. Families enter financial information into the 4caster, a simplified version of the FAFSA form, and receive an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as well as information about paying for post-secondary education. Students and families interested in assessing their eligibility for federal student aid can access FAFSA4caster. The links for the FAFSA4caster are located in the lower right corner of the home page. (The College Advisor, 2007–2008)

Fin Aid www.finaid.org

A broad overview of everything related to financial aid: loans, scholarships, grants, savings, military, calculators, and other aid related information. A comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools.

FastWeb www.fastweb.com

A comprehensive search engine for scholarships of all types. Fastweb has materials to keep students informed, including research and resources on the financial aid process. Students can search scholarships, colleges, financial aid, jobs, military, and information related to student life.

Nelnet www.nelnet.com

Education planning and financing website that includes planning your education, financing your education, and planning your career. A college planning service with an emphasis on the financial aid aspects of college.

Sallie Mae www.salliemae.com

Tips on managing student loans and financial aid in general. Information about how to save, plan and pay for a college education.

Student Athletes

NCAA www.ncaa.org

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is the largest and most well-known collegiate athletic organization in the nation. The NCAA purpose is to protect student-athletes and continues to implement that principle with an increased emphasis on both athletics and academic excellence.

NCAA Eligibility Center www.eligibilitycenter.org

The Eligibility Center site is a resource for tools and information for potential college athletes. Provides information about the application, division, sports and other resources to apply for NCAA eligibility. The first step in playing college sports, student-athletes must register with the to qualify for college athletics.

NAIA www.naia.org

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics purpose is to promote the education and development of students through intercollegiate athletic participation. The website provides information for prospective student athletes and member schools.

College Student Athletes www.collegestudentathletes.com

For high school athletes who want to combine sports and academics at a Division III college. Match your academic, athletic and extracurricular needs to find the schools that best fit your criteria. The site also includes a treasure trove of information about the recruiting process, financial aid, and what it's like to play at a D3 school. A conference search tool allows you to focus in on the schools that play in one of the 44 D3 conferences. A resources page provides links to websites that are helpful to D3 athletes. Try out this free site to pursue your interest in athletics. (The College Advisor, 2007--2008)