

Resources for Students and Families

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

The Department of Education Web site helps you find specific information about federal financial aid programs and complete your FAFSA online.

www.ed.gov

NELA's Web site helps you learn more about preparing and paying for college, debt management and student loans. The site also offers a college aid calculator, budget calculator and information about money management for students.

www.nela.net

www.centerforstudentsuccess.org

FinAid — Smart Student™ Guide to Financial Aid has information about financial aid and interactive calculators that allow you to estimate your financial need and expected family contribution.

www.finaid.org

Mapping Your Future has information to help you plan your career, select a school and pay for your education.

mapping-your-future.org

Adventures in Education has college planning information for high school and middle school students.

www.adventuresineducation.org

The College Board offers advice on student loans and a repayment calculator that lets you estimate your future repayment debt. The Web site also provides career search information, online SAT registration, college search information, a financial aid calculator and college savings advice. You can also order College Board publications from the Web site.

www.collegeboard.com

MONEY MATTERS

College Savings Plans Network has information on state-sponsored prepaid tuition and college savings plans throughout the U.S.

www.collegesavings.org

CNN Money Magazine lets you calculate how much you need to save to pay for college. An interactive tool helps you find annual costs for any four-year U.S. school.

www.money.com/pf/college/

The Motley Fool offers general financial information as well as tips for saving and paying for college from investment and money management authors Tom and David Gardner.

www.fool.com

Looking for information on state-sponsored college savings plans? Compare 529 plans, find a consultant or participate in their online message board.

www.savingforcollege.com

FINDING YOUR COLLEGE

CollegeNET lets you search its database for information on four-year schools, community and technical colleges. If you want to attend college in a particular state, the site allows you to search for colleges by state map.

www.collegenet.com

Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education provides information on the Western Undergraduate Exchange program. The program allows students in certain programs of study to enroll at reduced rates in two- and four-year colleges. The site also lists all states participating in the program.

www.wiche.edu

Princeton Review provides results of a survey in which college students rate the schools they are attending. You can also get guidance on going to college, choosing a career and access to Princeton publications on college and financial aid choices.

www.princetonreview.com

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

FastWeb allows you to search through a database of thousands of private scholarships. The database is set up to e-mail you when it finds grants or scholarships that match your profile.

www.fastweb.com

Get your free scholarship search at Scholarships.com. General financial aid information is also available.

www.scholarships.com

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION CALCULATORS

www.nela.net

www.finaid.org/calculators

www.collegeboard.com

FINANCIAL PLANNERS

National Institute of Certified College Financial Planners

www.niccp.com

National Financial Planning Support Center

www.fpanet.org

National Association of Personal Financial Advisors

www.napfa.org