

Best Free Resources for Finding and Paying for College

College Search and Admissions

[The Source](#) from the Missouri Department of Higher Education is a comprehensive 23 page overview of the admissions process.

[50-50 Colleges PDF](#) lists over 400 colleges that accept at least 50% of students and have at least a 50% graduation rate.

[College Planning for Students with Disabilities, A Supplement to the College Prep Handbook](#) 20 page guide by EducationQuest.

[The College Planning Guide for Student Athletes](#) 16 page guide from the New Hampshire Higher education Assistance Foundation.

[College Results Online](#) allows the most flexibility in searching for colleges and downloading data for use. Be sure to use the Similar College Option.

[7 Days to a Smarter College List](#) 26 page PDF that walks step by step to creating a college list.

[College Application Tracker Spreadsheet](#) tracks your college application deadlines. Includes a financial timeline.

[Fair Test](#) lists colleges that do not use the SAT/ACT to admit a substantial number of students.

Financial Aid

[Guide To Financial Aid, The FAFSA, and CSS CSS Profile](#) has the best overview of financial aid and EFC with a table of estimate EFC by Adjusted Gross Income.

[Financial Aid Time](#) beginning sophomore year in high schools with resources links.

[Quick Reference Guide to Evaluating Financial Aid Award Letters](#) 6 page guide from FastWeb.

[Understanding Your Financial Aid Award Letter](#) From The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis. 15 page PDF includes comparison worksheet.

[Award Letter Comparison Tool](#) (XLS) - Compare the financial aid award notifications you receive from colleges.

Vermont Student Assistant Corporation's 35 page [Paying for College Guide](#).

[24 Places to Get Help with the FAFSA](#) Listing of online and in-person resources for help in completing the FAFSA.

Compare actual financial award letters from 6 colleges at [Financial Aid Letter.com](#)

[Financial Aid Shopping Sheet](#) from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

[College Board EFC Calculator](#) is the only calculator that users to choose the federal or institutional methodology.

[Step-by-Step FAFSA Tutorial](#) is provided on the Edvisors website.

Khan Academy has a series of videos showing a [CSS PROFILE Walkthrough](#).