

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](#) [NCAA Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete](#) and [NAIA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#). Start at the source for information.

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

[Colleges with No Application Fees](#) Sortable list of colleges with no application fees. Updated each year.

[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

[FAFSA & CSS Profile - A Straightforward Guide to Understanding Financial Aid](#) There's more than one financial aid form and you need to understand what they actually require and do.

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

[OfferLetterDECODER](#) Tool by the Hechinger Report to analyze your financial aid letter.

[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](#).

[26 Free Resources for FAFSA Help](#) 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](#)

[Award Letter Comparison](#) another way to compare award letters from Discover.

[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](#).