

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR RESEARCHING THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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www.ctcl.org This is a site originally developed by Loren Pope and his team who research which colleges are found to be “colleges that change lives” based on his book of the same name that Pope wrote. It’s a great site!

www.cfnc.org This is a free resource for almost all elements of the college search, finance and application process. Visit and set up your “MY CFNC” account. It’s one of the best sites for North Carolina residents!

www.collegeboard.com This site offers information on the PSAT, SAT I & IIs, & AP tests. You can also sign up to get an SAT question of the day emailed to you. There are 5 focuses on the site: College Board tests (information, dates, registration, sending scores); planning for college, college search, apply to college (online application and advice about essays) and paying for college (including a financial aid estimator, scholarship search and CSS Profile).

www.act.org This site offers loads of information on the PLAN ACT & ACT. It is also a great source for college financial aid research. You can register online at this site for the ACT.

www.fairtest.org Find over 760 colleges and universities do not use the SAT or ACT to admit a substantial numbers of students.

www.nextstudent.org This site offers good and up to date advice about student loans.

www.finaid.org FinAid is a guide to understanding the various types of financial aid available and provides calculators to help you estimate how much money you will need for college. There is also a “Financial Aid to Do List” to help you get organized. Go to the EFC Estimator. This also provides Title IV and Profile codes, needed as you complete the financial aid forms. This website also contains a great deal of useful information about the financial aid process and types of aid available.

www.scholarships.com This site offers scholarships by category.

www.fastweb.com If you register with FastWeb, this service will email you with scholarships that match your criteria. As one of the most up to date scholarship data bases, it can be helpful and is completely free!

www.scholarshipplus.com/charmack This is the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School guide to scholarships which is research and compiled by the School Counseling Services Department.

www.800headstart.com This site is the home of the “world’s largest and oldest private sector scholarship database”, the culmination of 25 years of research. It’s updated constantly.

www.freschinfo.com This site contains over 2,000 sources of scholarships, grants & fellowships for college & university students. It also provides information on internships & much more.

The following are NACAC approved sites for college searches, admission advice, financial aid, virtual tours and scholarships:

www.collegedata.com **www.collegeview.com** **www.eCampusTours.com** **www.mycollegeoptions.com**

www.collegenet.com This site offers scholarship search along with providing college resources.

www.collegeispossible.org This site provides information of preparing, selecting and then paying for college.

www.mapping-your-future.org This site provides a variety of tools to help you plan for the future including career information.

www.theoldschool.org This comes highly recommended. The Financial Aid Resource Center provides a free newsletter and offers discussions on financial aid concerns.

www.salliemae.com These are for-profit organizations that have user-friendly sites offering lots of helpful information about planning for the cost of college, as well as information about types of loans and repayment schedules.

www.ncicu.org This provides a listing of North Carolina’s Independent Colleges & Universities.

www.nerdworld.com This site pulls together some of the best scholarship search engines on the Web offering unique scholarships.

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net This site is the resource for student athletes who are interested in collegiate sports. Student-Athletes should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse via this website the spring of their junior year.

www.naccap.org This site, one of my favorites, can link you to a variety of Christian colleges.

www.christiancollegesearch.com This is a good site for searching Christian colleges.

www.petersons.com This site provides a good college search and comparisons.

www.christiancollegementor.org This is a good site to search for Christian colleges.

www.gospelcom.net/naccap This site provides information on several Christian colleges.

www.campuslifecollegeguide.com This site provides information on Christian colleges.

www.princetonreview.com This site gives loads of general information about the entire process and offers a recruiting service. It contains a wealth of resources and references. There are four focuses: research, SAT & ACT tests, applications and paying for college including a financial aid estimator and scholarship search. It provides brief descriptions of “The Best 351 Colleges”. They also have their prep courses of which they encourage you to take.

www.usnews.com In addition to allowing you to access a portion of the rankings (complete listings are available through their “premium online edition”) there are search options for scholarships. They also have numerous articles on college admissions.

www.kaplan.com This site gives information about all Kaplan services including area SAT & ACT prep classes.

www.ftc.gov/opa/1996/09/scholar.shtm The Federal Trade Commission Scholarship Scam generates a list of suspicious scholarship opportunities. Note that if it seems too good to be true, it is.

www.fafsa.ed.gov This is FAFSA on the web (the free financial aid form required by all colleges). You will need to acquire a PIN and you can apply for the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid online. You & your parents must fill out the FAFSA form ASAP after January 1 of your senior year. The PROFILE (a supplementary financial aid form required by many private colleges) can be accessed at via the College Board website. Both are online applications.

If you are interested in ROTC scholarships, visit the following websites that will provide you with the necessary application materials and a list of the participating colleges & universities.

AIR FORCE: **www.afrotc.com/home.html**

ARMY: **www.armyrotc.com**

NAVY & MARINES: **www.cnet.navy.mil/nrotc.html**

-----Helpful Links for the Student Athlete:-----

NCAA Eligibility Center (formerly called the NCAA Clearinghouse) Visit this site to complete the NCAA Initial-Eligibility form, a requirement for student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports. **https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/**

National Collegiate Athletic Association: Official Web site of the NCAA. **http://www.ncaa.org**

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics: Official Web site of the NAIA. **http://naia.org**

College Coach: Helps student athletes search for schools and scholarships and allows your profile to be viewed by coaches. You will receive updates on which schools have viewed your profile. **http://www.collegecoach.com**

Scholar Athlete Information: A matching service for student athletes. **http://www.hevanet.com/imbh/**

University Sports: Specializes in helping student athletes contact college coaches. **http://www.universitysports.com**