



Lawrence Academy

P.O. Box 992, Groton, MA 01450 • www.lacademy.edu • 978-448-1557 • 978-448-1558 fax

THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

COLLEGE SEARCH

| | |
|---|--|
| Scoir | We encourage our students and parents to use the college search resources and tools through their Scoir account |
| College Kickstart | Each junior receives a College Kickstart account during the winter term. CK has search engines as well as direct links to research tools. |
| Big Future | College Board's search engine with information about over 2000 colleges and universities |
| Campus Pride Index | National listing of LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities |
| Cappex | College search and scholarship guide for first generation and under-represented students |
| Colleges That Change Lives | Website based off of the book, <i>Colleges that Change Lives</i> , CTCL recognizes distinctive liberal arts colleges offering personalized, student-centered college experiences |
| College Guide for Students with Disabilities | College search engine, information and scholarship guide for students with |
| HBCU Resource Guide | Information regarding historically black college and universities including: key facts about HBCU's, scholarships, and college planning tools |
| Hillel | Information regarding Jewish life at various colleges in the United States including a college guide and information about Hillel scholarships |
| UCAS Guide | College and university search engine and application guide for British schools based in the United Kingdom |
| Virtual College Campus Tours YouVisit Virtual Campus Tours | Virtual college tour websites |

TESTING

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| College Board | SAT |
| ACT | ACT |
| TOEFL | Test of English as a Foreign Language |
| Fairtest | Search engine and listing of colleges and universities which are test-optional or test blind |

APPLYING TO COLLEGES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Common Application | College application accepted by majority of colleges and universities LA students apply to (over 900 colleges/universities) |
| Coalition Application | College application and planning tool for Coalition member schools (~140 colleges/universities) |

ATHLETIC RECRUITMENT

| | |
|---|--|
| NCAA Eligibility Center NCAA Initial Eligibility Course Standards Worksheet | Prospective Division I or Division II athletes should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of their junior year (or third year) of high school |
|---|--|

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP

| | |
|--|---|
| FAFSA | 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' – all families applying for financial aid must fill out this form in order to be eligible for federal grants and/or loans |
| CSS Profile | Additional financial aid form that many private colleges require – more specific to institutional aid. Sponsored by College Board and families must pay for the CSS Profile. |
| FAFSA4caster | Provide basic financial information and FAFSA4caster will estimate your eligibility for federal student aid |
| MyinTuition Net Price Calculator | Every US college and university is mandated by law to provide a net price calculator on their website so that prospective students and families can enter basic financial information to receive a rough estimate of their eligibility for financial aid at that college. Fill out a few net price calculators on individual school's financial aid webpages to get a sense of what you might qualify for in aid. |
| MEFA | 'Massachusetts Education Financing Authority' with valuable resources and tools to help prepare for the future and navigate the college planning process |
| SmartTrack College Funding | Financial advisory specific to funding for college; Lawrence Academy families have access to free resources as well as an initial, individualized meeting and assessment |
| FastWeb | Connection to resources for: scholarships, college search, and financial aid information |
| Student Scholarship Search | Scholarship search website |

GENERAL RESOURCES ON COLLEGE ADMISSION

| |
|---|
| Georgia Tech Admissions Blog |
| Tulane Admissions Blog |
| Forbes – Brennan Barnard |
| 'Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania , Frank Bruni |
| 'Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions' , Jeffrey Selingo |