College & Career Websites

COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL: SEARCH & INITIAL RESEARCH

Search - Enter criteria you want and receive schools suggested for you, SAT/ACT scores, tuition, etc.

- Cappex
- College Board Big Future
- College Confidential
- College Data
- College Insight
- College Kickstart
- College Navigator
- College Scorecard
- College Xpress
- Find My HBCU
- LGBTQ+ Pride College Index
- My College Options
- Niche
- Petersons
- Princeton Review
- Super College
- Unigo

COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL: INTENSE RESEARCH AND APPLICATION PROCESS

- Senior College Timeline - When should I be doing everything?
- Individual College / Trade School Websites (Find "request more information" links) - This is your ultimate destination where you can compare programs, learn how to visit, go on a virtual tour, check out the college catalog and begin the application process
- Common Application - The Common App - Complete one application and apply to over 1000 schools
- Coalition Application - The Coalition App - Complete one application and apply to over 150 top colleges that promise to make college affordable if you are eligible and they accept you

TRADE SCHOOL / APPRENTICESHIPS / UNIONS

- Mike Rowe WORKS Foundation - How America works resources
- Best Trade Schools in Pennsylvania

- America's Unions / AFL-CIO - Find a union job
- Career Seekers - Search for apprenticeships
- IBEW 81 - Local electrical worker's union
- UA Local 524 - Local plumber's union
- Local 445 - Local carpenter's union
- BAC Local 5 PA - Local bricklayer's union

TESTING

- Khan Academy - Free SAT Practice and free tutorials
- ACT - ACT Testing
- Collegeboard - SAT Testing
- Fairtest - List of colleges that are test optional
- March2Success - Prepare for ASVAB and free ACT practice session
- NOCTI - Technical skill certification
- Military - ASVAB testing for military

COLLEGE MAJORS & RANKINGS

- My Majors
- College Majors 101
- US News - best colleges, best engineering schools, 100 best jobs, etc.

COLLEGE ESSAY

- College Application Hub
- College Essay Examples with Analysis

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA: Federal and State Resources

- FAFSA - Apply for financial aid – starting October, senior year
- FAFSA Forecaster - Predict grant money you may be eligible for - any grade level
- Fin Aid - Understanding the financial aid process
- Pheaa - State money
- Student Aid

SAVING FOR COLLEGE:

- 529 Plans

NET PRICE CALCULATORS: (What will you really pay?)

- Tuition Tracker
- College Affordability and Transparency Center - Link to net price calculators, etc.

LOANS:

- US News World Report - Best student loans
- My Smart Borrowing - Helps make smart decisions about careers and education

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Fast Web - Scholarship search
- Going Merry - Find scholarships and financial aid
- Raise Me - Micro scholarship search
- Scholarships 360 - Scholarship search
- Scholarship Owl - Scholarship search
- Scholly App (Featured on Shark Tank - $3.75 per month or $45 per year) - Comprehensive scholarship search
- Bold Scholarship Search - Newest one on the market - 2023
- QuestBridge - Free college scholarships at top-ranked schools - low income / first generation students

MILITARY

- Todays Military - Links to Air Force, Marines, Navy, Army, Space Force and Coast Guard

UNDECIDED / CAREER INTEREST ASSESSMENTS

- 123 Test
- Monster - Career assessments
- PA Career Zone - Interest profiler for career match assessment
- What Career is Right for Me?
- Clever - Link to Xello

RESUME WRITING

- Resume Examples - Free resume templates can be found on Google Docs

CAREER RESEARCH / JOB HUNTING

- BLS - Occupational Outlook Handbook: career profiles including salary, demand, etc.
- Salary - Compare salaries for different careers based on location
- Online Job Shadowing Resources - Find occupations by clusters, detailed descriptions
- Indeed, Monster, Career Builder - Locate current job openings geographically
- PA Career Link - Find a job, apprenticeship, training program, connect to the Office of Career Rehabilitation (OVR) for disability services
- Career Ready Monroe
- Federal Government Jobs
- Pennsylvania Government Jobs
- New York Government Jobs

JOB SHADOWING / FREE COLLEGE NON-CREDIT COURSES

- Online Job Shadowing Resources
- Skillup PA - 6000 free courses, certificates, etc.
- Coursera - Free non-credit college courses you can take now
- Job Shadow - Interview links
- Career Ready Monroe

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

- NCAA Clearinghouse - How to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Be Recruited

OWN A BUSINESS

- Small Business Administration
- Ye$ Youth Entrepreneurship
- University of Scranton Small Business Development Center (SBDC) - Helping NEPA and Northern Tier small businesses start, grow and prosper

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Volunteer Match - Matchmaker volunteer work
- College Vine - Online opportunities for teenagers

STUDY ABROAD

- Study Abroad - Attend college in the U.S., but have study abroad experience
- College Choice - Most popular international universities

GOOGLE

- Google - How to write a great college essay, how to ace a college interview, is an Ivy League education worth it, advantages of attending a community college, how many times should I take the SAT, how to earn a better ASVAB score, trade careers with big salaries, how old do you have to be to obtain a CDL license, great careers without college, etc.