

Big Future By CollegeBoard



BigFuture is The CollegeBoard's online resource hub for students interested in college. They have many tools and resources for students to explore as they begin to chart out their post-graduation plans. Such resources include resources/quizzes for finding scholarships as well as an online search engine which helps students find potential colleges that complement their interests (e.g., majors, location, or extracurricular activities).

To help students be set up for success Senior year, it is recommended that they begin creating their list of potential colleges Junior year.

How to Use BigFuture's Search Engine

1. Start by going to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
2. From the homepage, click **"Plan for College."**
3. Under **"Plan for College,"** select **"College Search."**
4. On this page you will see a list of over 4,000 colleges, from here you can start using the **filters provided:**
 - a. (these are listed as: Majors, Location, Type Affordability, Campus Life, Admissions, Reach Match Safety, and Degrees).
 - i. Important things to think about; would you like a campus located in a city or a more rural area, or what majors are you interested in? You will notice the more filters you select, the smaller this list will become.
5. After you have a narrowed list; you can now click on the names of each college, which will bring you to a profile page.
 - a. A college profile page will provide you with a general overview, admissions information, academics, cost, and campus life. It also provides you with contact information for the admissions department.
6. If you like a college and have a collegeboard account you can save the college. Doing so will create a list of **"Saved Colleges."** Which is located in the upper right corner of the webpage.