

Links to College: A brief guide to some key college websites

College Options & Information:

California Colleges: A great source of information about colleges in California. They even have it translated en español! <http://californiacolleges.edu/>

California State University (CSU) Mentor: www.csumentor.edu

Research the California State University campuses and even take virtual tours. Use this site to apply online to any CSU campus.

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

This contains everything you need to know about the campuses of the University of California, as well as admissions information, and the online application.

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

This immensely convenient method of applying to any of almost 400 colleges can really simplify your work. We recommend that you submit this - and all other applications - online.

Virtual Tours: take an online tour of college campuses! <http://campustours.com/>

Financial Aid & Scholarships

FinAid: The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid: www.finaid.org

This is the most complete financial aid site on the internet, and allows students to search for scholarships, and families to estimate their financial aid eligibility. Information about student loans, scholarship scams to be avoided, and virtually every aspect of college cost and available aid.

FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov

If you're applying for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and March 2.

Fastweb: www.fastweb.com

This is the internet's largest free scholarship search. The important thing about "free" is that you should never have to pay a fee in order to find out about scholarships. The information in these databases is for everyone. Junior year is a

good time to explore this, since deadlines can vary considerably.

<http://www.scholarships.com/>

Scholarship Scam Alert: <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC): www.e4fc.org – resources, information and scholarship listings for undocumented students

College Entrance Exams:

ACT www.act.org

This website has information about the ACT test and other college information.

College Board: www.collegeboard.com

This website has information about the SAT exams, and many other college resources. Register for the SATs and CSS Profile (a financial aid application for private colleges) on this site.

I need a Pencil: free online SAT test prep: <http://ineedapencil.com/>
