

statewide resource list for higher education



Going to college is a lot more affordable than people realize. California has outstanding community colleges, public universities, and independent colleges AND the lowest fees for attending college of any state in the country. California also provides access to a range of state and federal financial aid programs. Learn more about financial aid options for going to college, and what you need to do to prepare by visiting the listed resources.

GENERAL RESOURCE

California Colleges

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>

A resourceful, open-ended site that makes finding and applying to a school in California a snap.

KnowHow2GO

www.KnowHow2GO.org

Big dreams and good grades aren't enough to get into college. KnowHow2GO is a national public service campaign designed to inform young people about the actual steps they need to take to make their college dreams a reality.

Campaign for College Opportunity

<http://www.collegecampaign.org>

The Campaign for College Opportunity is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization solely devoted to ensuring that the next generation of college-age students in California has the chance to go to college as promised by the state 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education.

INFORMATION - CA COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

California Community Colleges

<http://www.cccco.edu/>

Provides Information about the Community College system and links to the different Community Colleges & the Chancellor's site.

California State University (CSU)

<http://www.csumentor.edu/>

An online resource designed to help students and their families learn about the CSU system, select a CSU campus to attend, plan to finance higher education, and apply for admission.

University of California (UC)

<http://www.ucop.edu/doorways/>

The University of California's online undergraduate and transfer admission information and application network.
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>

Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities (AICCU)

<http://www.aiccu.edu/>

Information about the AICCU, which serves as the unified statewide voice of independent higher education in California. It represents 77 private colleges and universities on policy issues with the state and federal government.

College Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC)

1303 J Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95814-2938
(916) 445-7933
(916) 327-4417 (FAX)
<http://www.cpec.ca.gov>

CPEC provides information about:

- How to prepare for going to college
<http://www.cpec.ca.gov/CollegeGuide/CollegeGuide.asp>
- Names, addresses, and points of contact for all California institutions of higher learning, both public and independent
- Admission and transfer requirements for California's public institutions
- Financial aid information
<http://www.cpec.ca.gov/CollegeGuide/FinancialAid.asp>

ACADEMIC PREPARATION, SUPPORT & OUTREACH (K-12) for PARENTS, STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Student Preparation for Careers & College

<http://k12.ucop.edu/student.html>

Provides a list of tutoring, mentoring, test preparation, and other special academic support and enrichment programs that motivate K-12 students to consider a college education and professional careers. The site also contains UC admissions and application information.

Just for Kids – California (JFK-CA)

<http://www.jftk-ca.org/>

Provides free, easy to understand data on every public school in California to help schools and communities raise student achievement.

FINANCIAL AID

Federal Student Aid (FSA) Information Center

PO Box 84
Washington, DC 20044
1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)
http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html
For Financial Aid from the U.S. Department of Education, try the Student Guide. It is a comprehensive resource on student financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants, loans, and work-study are the three major forms of student financial aid available through the Department's Student Financial Assistance office. Updated each award year, the Student Guide tells you about the programs and how to apply for them.

FinAid

<http://www.finaid.org/>

FinAid has a large amount of information, on everything from grants to grad school funds. Access to FinAid is free for all users and there is no charge to link to the site.

EdFund

1-888-22FFELP (223-3357)

<http://www.edfund.org/students/studentmenu.html>

Information on Federal Programs [Pell Grants], Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, State Programs [Cal Grant], and other financial aid programs.

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC)

PO Box 419045

Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9045

(916) 526-7282

<http://www.csac.ca.gov/>

Financial Aid for higher education students is available in the form of grants and scholarships, student employment, and low-interest loans. Most of the different types of available state, federal and private financial aid programs are listed here.

College-Scholarships

<http://www.college-scholarships.com/california.htm>

The 2004 California Colleges and Universities page. Students, parents, and educators may use this page to request college and university catalogues, admissions applications, and information about scholarships and financial aid.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

<http://www.hsf.net/>

The nation's leading organization supporting Hispanic higher education. In support of its mission to double the rate of Hispanics earning college degrees, HSF provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country.

Fastweb.com

<http://www.fastweb.com>

This website provides information on different scholarships opportunities throughout the United States. You have the ability to compare colleges. Fastweb also provides information on jobs and internships in the area that you attending college.

Scholarships.com

<http://www.scholarships.com>

This is a free scholarship database with over 3,000 sources of scholarships. They have given you the ability to customize your scholarship search.

Icanaffordcollege.com

<http://www.icanaffordcollege.com/applications/homepage.cfm>

Step by step financial planning and helpful services for perspective California Community College students.

CollegeFunds.net

<http://www.collegefunds.net/>

An internet-based service committed to bringing students the most up to date and accurate scholarship information available to them. They have designed a scholarship and financial aid information packed website to help you meet your financial aid needs. CollegeFunds.net helps you hunt down the most ideal student loan, scholarships and other financial aid resources available to you!

Salliemae.com

<http://www.salliemae.com>

The nation's leading provider in loans for higher education, this website offers a step by step process for looking for a college, applying for a loan, and managing student loans.

Golden State ScholarShare

1-877-SAV-4 EDU (728-4338)

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

A new way for parents and grandparents to save and invest for college - and receive tax-deferred benefits -- through the Golden State ScholarShare College Savings Trust, sponsored by the State of California.

Assist

<http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html>

Assist is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another. ASSIST is the official repository of articulation for California's public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California.

College Confidential – Online services

<http://www.collegeconfidential.com/index.htm>

College admissions, financial aid, college search - College Confidential.com is a great web source for information on college-related topics, from Ivy League admissions to evaluating college rankings, from college books and book reviews to college counseling and paying for a university education.

CollegeBoard.com

www.collegeboard.com/splash

Provides students, parents, & educators access to College Board tests (e.g. SATs) and services to assist in planning, locating, applying to and paying for college.

AB540 resources for undocumented students

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB%20540%20final.pdf>

The college and financial aid guide for undocumented immigrant students that shares information about the California law – AB540 and resources available for these students.