

Helpful College Planning Websites

Naviance Student – <https://student.naviance.com/pkwyctrl>

PCH historical acceptance data; students request transcripts and recommendation letters; career inventories; college research; resume builder; link to free test prep; scholarship opportunities

College Reviews/Research

Niche – colleges.niche.com Big Future – bigfuture.collegeboard.org College Navigator - nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

Virtual Campus Tours

<https://campustours.com/> or <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>

Video Resume

Zeemee – www.zeemee.org

*Free platform/app that allows students to share their authentic **video** story with admissions teams.*

Campus Safety

Campus Safety & Security Data Analysis – ope.ed.gov/security

Run by the US Dept of Education. Statistics collected by the federal government on campus crimes. Keep in mind that controversy does swirl around truth in reporting and whether nearby off-campus crime is included.

Financial Resources

- FAFSA – www.fafsa.ed.gov FSA ID Creation – fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
*Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Create FSA ID for student AND parent, and complete the FAFSA4caster now. Submit FAFSA application as soon after **October 1** (senior year and then every year in college), as possible.*
- The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis – www.sfstl.org
Nonprofit organization founded to provide access to postsecondary education to members of the St. Louis community who otherwise would not have the financial means to fulfill their educational goals. Free advising and workshops are available for students and their families.
- College Affordability & Transparency Center - collegecost.ed.gov
Run by the US Dept of Education. Find information about how much it costs students to attend different colleges, how fast those costs are rising, and why.
- Big Future Tools & Calculators - bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/tools-calculators

Scholarship Databases

- Scholarship Central - <http://www.stlouisgraduates.org/students-families/scholarships>
Includes scholarship applications to over 50 St. Louis area scholarships.
- Finaid – www.finaid.org
A comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools. It also provides calculators and the necessary forms for parents to fill out.
- Cappex – www.cappex.com/scholarships/
This site lists merit aid opportunities in the US and allows you to search by college or special talent area.
- Scholarships – www.scholarships.com
Find scholarships, grants and financial aid opportunities
- Fastweb! – www.fastweb.com
Members are matched to relevant scholarship opportunities

***NOTE:** When creating accounts on these types of sites, I suggest using one email address created completely for this work (ie: nprangescholarships@gmail.com)

Athletes

NCAA Clearinghouse – www.eligibilitycenter.org

Resources for student athletes, and registration for Div I or II eligibility.

NAIA Eligibility – www.naia.org

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Be Recruited – new.berecruited.com

Founded by former coaches and ESPN executives. Athletes may get information on the recruiting process and post their athletic resume and videos for coaches to review.