# Great Resources for Students and Parents Making Post-High School Plans

## **Federal Student Financial Aid Information**

Federal Student Aid Site - Federal Student Aid Site for students, parents and counselors

http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/ - learn the basics of financial aid before you apply

# Scholarship and Financial Aid Information – NEVER PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Scams - avoid scholarship scams - don't pay!

AIE - College Planning, Finance, Scholarships, Aid, Jobs, Money Management

http://college-scholarships.com/texas.htm - a new web page which lists and links to virtually every post-secondary educational option in our state

http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm

http://www.collegeboard.com/ - College, Career, Scholarship Search

http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars/ - electronic version of the Compendium of Texas

Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar

http://www.fastweb.com/ - Financial Aid and Scholarship Search

http://www.finaid.org/ - Smart Student's Guide to financial aid

http://www.gmsp.org/ - Gates Millennium Scholars Fund

http://www.hillel.org/ - Jewish resource for colleges http://www.hsf.net/ - Hispanic scholarships

http://www.hispanicfund.org/ - Hispanic resource for college aid

http://www.scholarship.com/ - finding scholarships

http://www.supercollege.com/ - discover ways to pay for college; learn how to write a scholarship essay

http://www.uncf.org/ - United Negro College Fund

http://www.wiredscholar.com/ - SallieMae site for financial aid (primarily loans)

MeritAid.com: Search Merit Scholarships, Academic Scholarships, Merit Awards - Merit Aid - Search

SchoolSoup: Scholarships, Colleges, Student Loans and Financial Aids -Ryan

US Dept. of Education - search for student aid resources by state

<u>www.CollegeforAllTexans.com</u> – follow the links: apply for financial aid, type of financial aid – this gives a list of exemptions, grants, and scholarships available from the state of Texas. You must "self-identify" to your college's financial aid office if you qualify for any of this help.

www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml - minority aid site

#### **Financial Aid Calculators**

http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/calc.html

www.act.org/fane/index.html - calculator on the ACT website

www.finaid.org/calculators/ - financial aid calculator

## **College Information**

ApplyTexas - apply to many public colleges in Texas

Find Info on College, University, Four Year Schools, Community Colleges, Career Schools, Scholarships,

Financial Aid, College Admission - CollegeBound.net

Help Getting Into A College | Help Finding A College - My College Guide

http://www.mycollegeoptions.org/ - Get college suggestions based exclusively on your profile

http://youcango.collegeboard.org/?navid=bf-ycg - Can you really go to college?

Peterson's – find colleges by degree programs of interest

The Princeton Review - all sorts of college information

Welcome to the Common App! - college applications for over 300 private colleges

## **Two Year College Resources**

Community College Review - profiles of community and junior colleges

League for Innovation in Community Colleges – international consortium of community colleges

American Assoc. of Community Colleges

#### **Virtual Tours**

College Fairs Online - CollegeWeekLive - live chat with college recruiters (dates vary)

http://www.ecampustours.com/ - virtual campus tours

http://www.campustours.com/

http://www.collegiatechoice.com/ - helpful information to have before making a college visit

## **Health and Safety for Students**

<u>Centers for Disease Control</u> - learn what you can do to enjoy college the safe and healthy way! <u>Health Insurance</u> – student health insurance quotes and plans

#### Information on Tests

**PSAT** – Preliminary SAT

http://www.collegeboard.org - The SAT test plus all sorts of testing and college preparation information

http://www.actstudent.org - the ACT test and other resources

Advanced Placement (AP) tests - information about AP testing

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) - about the CLEP program

## **Test Prep Resources**

http://www.eurekareview.com/ - Eureka One on One Review, LLC \$\$\$\$

http://www.vocabulary.com/ - fun ways to improve your vocabulary

## Information on the Selective Service

http://www.sss.gov

# Federal Bureau of Investigation: Internet Safety Tips for Parents

FBI — Be Crime Smart

## **Career Exploration**

<u>Bureau of Labor and Statistics Career Guide</u> - link your favorite subject in school to a possible career <a href="https://www.actprofile.org/login">https://www.actprofile.org/login</a> - Start with Insights: link interests, abilities, and values to related careers

<u>Careers and Career Information - CareerOneStop</u> - explore careers for salary, benefits, education, training, resumes, and interviews

http://www.lmci.state.tx.us/ - useful & reliable information about careers, educational training options, and jobs

http://www.nextstepu.com/default.aspx - help finding the perfect career, searching for colleges, and for college planning

http://www.bls.gov/ooh/ - Occupational Outlook Handbook: view training & education, expected earnings, job prospects, and working conditions for hundreds of different types of jobs

http://www.texasrealitycheck.com/ - take a look into your future by learning how much money it will take for you to have the things you want.

# **Military Careers**

http://www.todaysmilitary.com/ - Military (general)

http://www.army.mil/ - Army

http://www.navy.mil/ - Navy

http://www.gocoastguard.com/ - Coast Guard

http://www.marines.com/ - Marines

http://www.af.mil/ - Air Force

### **For Minority Students**

www.finaid.org/otheraid/minority.phtml - minority aid site

http://www.hispanicfund.org/ - Hispanic resource for college aid

http://www.uncf.org/ - United Negro College Fund

collegefund.org - American Indian fund

http://www.aihec.org/ - American Indian Higher Education Consortium

The Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for

<u>Limited English Proficient Students (OELA)</u>

http://www.black-collegian.com/ - the Black Collegian

http://www.blackexcel.org/ - Black Excel: The College Help Network

http://www.hillel.org/ - Jewish resource for colleges http://www.gmsp.org/ - Gates Millennium Scholars Fund

http://www.hsf.net/ - Hispanic scholarships

http://www.hacu.net/ - Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

http://www.jbhe.com/ - Journal of Blacks in Higher Education

## **Students with Disabilities**

http://www.ahead.org/ - Association of Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

http://www.add.org/ - Attention Deficit Disorder Association

http://www.chadd.org/ - Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders

http://www.ldanatl.org/ - Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)

http://www.ldresources.com/ - Learning Disability Resources

http://www.ncld.org/ - National Center for Learning Disabilities

http://www.fcsn.org/ -Federation for Children with Special Needs

http://www.ldonline.org/ - Learning Disabilities Online