

# Navigating the Web for College Bound Students

There is an abundance of information as you begin to explore higher education opportunities. In fact, the amount of information can be overwhelming at times. Please use the following websites as a springboard to your college search process. As always, please visit the guidance office with any questions.



## Exploring College Options

- ✓ *Career Cruising* [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (username:hrhs, password: hampshire)  
College search engine. Research college majors that connect to your career goals.
- ✓ *College Board* [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (school code: 220722)  
College search engine, search through colleges according to your preferences in location, size, major, etc.
- ✓ *Massachusetts Department of Higher Education* [www.mass.edu](http://www.mass.edu)  
Higher education and admission requirements at Massachusetts state universities and colleges.
- ✓ *National Association of College Admission Counseling* [www.nacac.com](http://www.nacac.com)  
List of national college fairs and college related articles.
- ✓ *National Commission for Cooperative Education* [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)  
Information on colleges with cooperative education programs.

## Exploring Financial Aid & Scholarships

- ✓ *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
Forms to apply and receive federal student aid.
- ✓ *CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE* [profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)  
Electronic version of the CSS Profile. This is only used at selective schools.
- ✓ *Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority* [www.mefa.org](http://www.mefa.org)  
Loans, debt management, financial information.
- ✓ *FinAid* [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
Wealth of information, tip and special topics.
- ✓ *FastWeb* [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
Database of private scholarships. Free search using online profile.
- ✓ *CollegeNET* [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
Scholarship search service plus other information on scholarships and loans.

## Miscellaneous

- ✓ *Common Application* [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
Access to the Common Application accepted at over 400 schools.
- ✓ *NCAA* [www.ncaastudent.org](http://www.ncaastudent.org)  
Provides eligibility and core-course requirements, plus graduation rates for athletes and academic support services available at colleges.
- ✓ *Association of Higher Education and Disability* [www.ahead.org](http://www.ahead.org)  
Lists information and advocacy resources for students with disabilities pursuing higher education.

## Test Preparation and Information

- ✓ *College Board* [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Links to SAT registration and information.
- ✓ *ACT* [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
Information and registration for the ACT's.
- ✓ *Princeton Review* [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)  
Course offerings and study guide information.
- ✓ *Kaplan* [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)  
Test preparation information and more