



OVERVIEW OF INTERNET RESOURCES

This section contains helpful websites and online publications which may or may not have been referenced in other sections of this toolkit.

Use common sense and safe Internet practices when accessing any sites. Always use extra caution whenever personal information is requested. Additionally, as stated in the Introduction, all of the sites included in this toolkit were checked and working when the toolkit was published. Those included have been found useful, but their inclusion here does not necessarily represent endorsement of particular agencies or their practices.

Career Colleges and Technical Schools

- Education Planner: www.educationplanner.com. Click on “Discovering.”
- U.S. Department of Education: www.ed.gov. Click on the “Student” link. Then click on “Career Colleges and Technical Schools.”

Career/Personality Tests

For Elementary and Middle School Students

- FunEducation: www.funeducation.com
A number of kid-friendly tests (career, personality, IQ) but some of them can be lengthy even though they are multiple choice; students should visit this site with permission from their parent(s)/guardian(s) because address information is requested.
- Kidz World: www.kidzworld.com
Type “careers” in the search field for two kid-friendly, rather short quizzes with fun questions.

For High School Students

- University of Missouri, Career Interest Game:
www.career.missouri.edu/students/explore/thecareerinterestsgame.php

Choosing to Go To College

- Pathways to College, College Planning Resource Directory:
www.pathwaystocollege.net/collegeplanningresources

Choosing the Right College

- Sallie Mae, College Answer: www.collegeanswer.com. Click “Selecting.”
- Student Aid on the Web: www.studentaid2.ed.gov/gotocollege/collegefinder
- The College Board, College Search: www.collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp. Go through the “College MatchMaker” process.
- The State of Michigan: www.michigan.gov/studentaid Click on “Michigan Postsecondary Handbook.”
- Virtual College Tours: www.campustours.com

Community College Resources

- Quick Facts About Financial Aid and Community Colleges:
www.ticas.org/files/pub/cc_fact_sheet.pdf

Financial Aid: Federal

- Federal Student Aid: www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
- The FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- The Federal Student Aid PIN website: www.pin.ed.gov
- Funding Education Beyond High Schools: The Guide to Federal Student Aid:
www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

Financial Aid: State

- Michigan Education Savings Plan: A savings plan offering tax advantages for individuals who contribute to investment accounts used to pay for qualified higher education expenses:
www.misaves.com.
- Michigan Education Trust (MET): A pre-paid tuition plan for parent, grandparents, businesses, and others to pre-purchase future undergraduate tuition at current rates: www.setwithmet.com.
- The State of Michigan Financial Aid: www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- Tuition Incentive Program (TIP): An incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive-month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FactSheetTIP_161201_7.pdf

Help for Completing the FAFSA

- College Goal Sunday: www.micollegegoal.org

Help for Considering Types of Loans, Federal or Private

- Federal Aid First: www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/federalaidfirst/index.html
- Next Student: www.nextstudent.com
- The Project on Student Debt: www.projectonstudentdebt.org

Information for Students About Safely Using the Internet

- Get Net Wise: www.getnetwise.com
- Safe Teens.com: www.safeteens.com

Organizations Supporting this Project and College Access

- Mentor Michigan: www.mentormichigan.org
- Michigan Campus Compact: www.micampuscompact.org
- The King-Chávez-Parks Initiative: www.michigan.gov/mcdc click “Career Education,” then click “Postsecondary Services,” then click “King-Chávez-Parks Initiative.”
- The National College Access Network: www.collegeaccess.org

Paying for College

- College Answer.com, 5 Steps in Paying for College: www.collegeanswer.com/global/checklists/CA_5_steps_paying.pdf
- Know How 2 Go: www.knowhow2go.org
- Mapping Your Future: www.mappingyourfuture.org

Preparing for College

- College.gov: www.college.gov
- Education Planner.org: www.educationplanner.org
- Go College: www.gocollege.com
- GRAB College Prep!: www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/GRAB-FINAL-AS-OF-8-23-07_220439_7.pdf
- Know How 2 Go: www.knowhow2go.org
- Mapping Your Future: www.mappingyourfuture.org
- Sallie Mae, College Answer: www.collegeanswer.com
- The College Board: www.collegeboard.com Click on the “Student” link.

Preparing for the ACT/SAT

- 4 Tests: www.4tests.com
- March 2 Success: www.march2success.com
- Michigan eLibrary (MEL): www.mel.org. Requires a Michigan Driver’s License (a parent/guardian license is acceptable) or library card; click on “Tests and Tutorials”
- Number2.com: www.number2.com
- The ACT: www.ACTStudent.org
- The College Board, Preparing for the SAT: www.collegeboard.com/testing

Resources for Students with Disabilities

- Pacer Center: Champions for Students with Disabilities: www.pacer.org Type “College Planning” into the search box for a list of resources.

Scholarship Search

- Education Planner: www.educationplanner.com, and click on “Paying for College,” then click on “Scholarship Search” under “Find Money for College.”
- Fast Web: www.fastweb.com
- The Federal Student Aid, Scholarship Search Tool: www.studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/scholarship_search_select.asp?13817/
- Mission Possible: www.thesalliemafund.org/smfnew/sections/download.htm

Selecting a Career

- Know How 2 Go: www.knowhow2go.org
- Michigan Jobs and Careers, Career Exploration: www.michigan.gov/careers
- My Majors: www.mymajors.com
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, What Do You Like?: www.bls.gov/k12