

# Researching Colleges

*Advice and Articles on Where and How to Start Your College Search*

## **Identifying Important Factors in Choosing a College**

<http://www.actstudent.org/college/factors.html>

## **Choosing Your College: The Basics**

<http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/cmscontents/article.aspx?sponsor=2088&id=474>

## **Which College is Right for You?**

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=2C9F5D64-9AAC-B74D-D4C4A5AFBE01E601>

## **College Admission Requirements Get More Competitive**

<http://www.petersons.com/college-search/college-admission-requirements-competitive.aspx>

## **Building Your Credentials Is Part of Your College Prep**

<http://www.petersons.com/college-search/building-credentials-college-prep.aspx>

## **College Application Checklist**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/college-application-checklist>

## *Resources for the College Search*

### **College for All Texans**

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

A comprehensive site for students considering Texas colleges. This site contains a college locator, a college match-up tool, and help with applications, financial aid and college planning.

### **College Search**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Search by location, major, school type, cost and more to find the college for you from a database of over 3,900 schools.

### **College Confidential**

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

Excellent site to research colleges, college admissions, financial aid, and read about college life.

### **Peterson's**

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

Comprehensive college search site with a student college planner timeline, financial aid, scholarships, admissions and essay tools.

## **AnyCollege**

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

Site resources include search tools, scholarship drawings, college information request forms, information on featured colleges and universities, college videos, and other resources for students, parents, and counselors.

## **Campus Explorer**

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

This site helps all types of students find the schools which best match their higher education needs providing pricing transparency, scholarship information, college rankings as well as numerous other key details on over 8,500 US colleges, universities and trade schools. It helps students personalize their searches and connect directly to schools online.

## **Campus Security Data**

<http://ope.ed.gov/security/>

Sponsored by the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U. S. Department of Education, this site provides data about crime on over 6000 campuses throughout the United States.

## **Campus Tours**

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

Provides links to virtual and interactive tours of college campuses throughout the United States. A comprehensive overview of cost, degree options, and campus information is also provided.

## **College Prowler**

<https://colleges.niche.com/>

Subjective information and opinions about college campuses around the country written by current and recent students. Find out the inside scoop about colleges you're interested in attending.

## **Know How 2 Go**

<http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/>

This site provides college preparation guidance beginning with middle school students through the senior year of high school, with special emphasis and assistance for first generation college students.

## **What Will They Learn**

<http://whatwilltheylearn.com/>

This free resource focuses on seven key areas of knowledge. It's designed to help you decide whether the colleges you're considering prepare their graduates to succeed after graduation.