

college & financial aid resources

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

These websites help you prepare for college step by step starting in middle school:

KnowHow2GO: www.knowhow2go.org

California Colleges: www.californiacolleges.edu

College Next: www.collegenext.org

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov

The FAFSA is the application for federal financial aid. It is also required to apply for other financial aid from your college or university. You apply in your senior year of high school. Each college and university has its own deadline but it is usually in February.

CALGRANT: www.calgrant.org

A Cal Grant is free money from the state of California that you can use at any California college. To apply you need to submit the FAFSA and a verified Cal Grant GPA by the deadline on March 2nd of your senior year in high school.

SCHOLARSHIPS

These websites have many, many scholarships of all types:

Fast Web: www.fastweb.com

Scholarships.com: www.scholarships.com

Black Excel: www.blackexcel.org

Latino College Dollars: www.latinocollegedollars.org

CollegeFunds.net: www.collegefunds.net

PLANNING FOR PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Federal Student Aid (FSA) Information Center:

http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)

This website has a large amount of information about federal aid including grants, loans, and work-study. (Also in Spanish)

FinAid: www.finaid.org

This website has a large amount of information, on everything from grants to grad school funds.

I Can Afford College: www.icanaffordcollege.com

This website helps you find financial opportunities and services for future California Community College students.

Cash for College: www.lacashforcollege.org

This website has resources for preparing financially for college & financial aid services for students in the Los Angeles area.

ScholarShare: www.scholarshare.com

This website shows you how to open a college savings account.

INFORMATION ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

California Community Colleges: www.cccco.edu

This website gives you information about the community college system and links to all 109 community colleges.

California State University (CSU): www.csumentor.edu

CSU Mentor is an online tool that helps you and your family learn about the CSU system, select a CSU campus to attend, plan to finance higher education, and apply for admission.

University of California (UC):

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

This website gives you undergraduate and transfer admission information for the UC's.

Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities (AICCU): www.aiccu.edu

This website gives you information on private colleges and universities in California.

California Postsecondary Education Commission:

www.cpec.ca.gov/CollegeGuide/CollegeGuide.asp

This website gives you extensive information about all California public and private colleges and universities, including how to prepare.

TESTS

College Board: www.collegeboard.com/splash

This website gives you access to College Board tests like the SAT and services to help you plan, locate, apply to and pay for college.

TRANSFER

Assist: www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html

This website is the official source for up-to-date information on how to transfer within California colleges and universities.

AB 540 RESOURCES

AB 540 Student Guide:

www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB%20540%20final.pdf

This document is a college and financial aid guide for undocumented immigrant students.

Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF):

<http://maldef.org/leadership/scholarships/general/>

This is a list of scholarships that are open to all students regardless of immigration status.