



# SONORAN SCHOOLS

STEM EDUCATION, COLLEGE PREPARATION

## College Planning online resources

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In addition to the resources available in your Family Connection account, there are many resources on the Internet to help you prepare and plan for college and career.

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### Preparing for college

Getting Ready for College during Middle School Years: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/GettingReadyCollegeEarly/>

College & Career Exploration WebQuest: <http://www.njsca.org/col/colquest.htm>

All About College: <http://www.allaboutcollege.com/>

College Plan: <http://collegeplan.org/>

Planning Your Future (Grades 9-12 calendar): <http://www.njsca.org/col/cal>

Big Future (for 7-9 graders):  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents/parent-action-plan-middle-school>

CollegePrep-101 <http://collegeprep.okstate.edu/>

Summer College Programs <http://www.petersons.com/summerop/sgeo-u.html>

Application Organizer <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/coapp2.htm>

Individuals with Disabilities - Postsecondary resources: <http://www.heath.gwu.edu/>

Fair Opportunity Project guide PDF: [www.fairoppportunityproject.com](http://www.fairoppportunityproject.com)

### Online applications

FastWeb links to resources: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

Common Application: <http://www.commonapp.org/>

### College rankings and comparisons

US News & World Report college comparison: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/coworks.htm>

Peterson's Best College Picks <http://iiswinprd01.petersons.com/bestcollegepicks/login.asp>

U.S. Dept of Education campus safety: <http://ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/>

## College search

The College Board: <http://cbweb1.collegeboard.org/csearch/>

The College Board Advanced Search: <http://apps.collegeboard.com/search/advhome.jsp>

US News & World Report College Search: <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cosearch.htm>

College Net: <http://cnsearch.collegenet.com/cgi-bin/CN/index>

My College Guide: <http://www.mycollegeguide.org/ACG/search.html>

Campus Program <http://www.campusprogram.com/>

College Express: <http://www.collegexpress.com/>

College Net: <http://www.collegenet.com/>

Peterson's: <http://www.petersons.com/>

Princeton Review: <http://www.review.com/>

Virtual Campus Tours: <http://www.campustours.com/>

Online colleges in Arizona: <http://www.onlinecolleges.net/arizona/>

## College Lifestyles

College Bound Network: <http://www.collegebound.net/>

College Club ambassadors and networking: <http://www.collegeclub.com/>

Student Advantage deals and discounts: <http://www.studentadvantage.com/>

## International colleges / Study abroad / Volunteer programs

International Information Service <http://www.ies-ed.com/>

WorldWide Classroom <http://www.worldwide.edu/>

Institute of International Education Passport <http://www.iiepassport.org/>

The Center for Interim Programs (gap year): <http://www.interimprograms.com/>

Where are you headed? <http://www.whereyouheaded.com/>

## Two-year colleges / Technical and Career schools

American Association of Community Colleges: <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/>

Maricopa Community Colleges (Arizona): <https://www.maricopa.edu/>

U.S. Dept of Education community colleges resources  
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/cclo/index.html>

## College athletics

NCAA: <http://www.ncaa.org/>

NAIA: <http://www.naia.org/>

## SAT / ACT test information

SAT - The College Board: <http://www.collegeboard.org/sat/html/students/indx001.html>

ACT : <http://www.act.org/>

ACT student resource page: <http://www.act.org/path/student/>

Kaplan test prep: <http://www.kaptest.com/>

FairTest site - info on schools that do not require SAT or ACT tests: <http://fairtest.org/optional.htm>

## Financial aid

FinAid resource page: <http://www.finaid.org/>

College Board financial aid resource guide: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>

U.S. Dept of Education financial aid resources: <http://www.ed.gov/>

U.S. Dept of Ed Free Application for Federal Student Aid <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Register for a Federal Student Aid ID <http://www.pin.ed.gov/>

National Assn of Student Financial Aid Administrators parent resource page:  
[http://www.nasfaa.org/students\\_parents\\_counselors](http://www.nasfaa.org/students_parents_counselors)

## Scholarships

CollegeNET : <http://www.collegenet.com/>

FastWeb: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

FastAid: <http://www.fastaid.com/>

Go College: <http://www.gocollege.com/goscholarshipsearch/index.html>

Free 4U scholarship database <http://www.free-4u.com/>

College Board online scholarship search <http://www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html>

Scholarships.com <http://www.scholarships.com/>

U.S. government site on financial aid for students with disabilities  
<https://www.disability.gov/resource/disability-govs-guide-student-financial-aid/>

Tuition Funding Sources.com <http://www.TuitionFundingSources.com>

Online Colleges in Arizona financial aid information <http://www.onlinecolleges.net/arizona/#scholarships>

## Loans

American Student Assistance <http://www.asa.org/>

eStudent Loan: <http://www.estudentloan.com/>

Sallie Mae: <http://www.salliemae.com/>

## Career planning

School Finder career interest quiz <http://www.schoolfinder.com/careers/3step1.asp>

Jung and Myers-Briggs personality type test <http://www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes1.htm>

CareerPlanner.com <http://www.careerplanner.com/>

University of Manitoba career explorer: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/counselling/careers.html>

U.S. Dept of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

College Board Exploring careers, step by step  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers/exploring-careers-step-by-step>

MyFuture.com <http://myfuture.com/>

## **Military careers**

Military Careers Online: <http://www.militarycareers.com/>

Selective Service Registration: <http://www.sss.gov/>

U.S. Naval Academy: <http://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

U.S. Air Force Academy: <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

U.S. Army ROTC schools: <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/courses-and-colleges/military-colleges.html>