

College Search & Higher Learning Information

Start your search here and narrow your choices: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
(Create a CollegeBoard account to save searches. Use the filters to narrow your search. Consider the questions on slide 2 to define what you are looking for)

Or

National Center for Education Statistics
<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

Technical & Career Training Search

If you are interested in technical & career training programs, take a look at the following:

Trade Schools in U.S.

<https://www.trade-schools.net/>

Trade Schools in Massachusetts

<https://www.findmytradeschool.com/trade-schools/massachusetts/>

Only Interested in 2-Year Colleges?

Here are schools in our area:

Holyoke Community College. <https://www.hcc.edu/admission/visit-campus>

Springfield Technical Community College. <https://www.stcc.edu/about-stcc/calendar-of-events/>

Greenfield Community College. <https://www.gcc.mass.edu/admissions/campus-tours/>

Asnuntuck, Enfield, CT. <https://asnuntuck.edu/admissions/information-sessions/>

North East Colleges With In-State Tuition Rates

Go here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13Eslf-UopTtITeDb2mOINfxEQ1T0aUrNo-m9ttKpI9w/edit#gid=0>

Search Colleges With In-State Tuition Rates By Majors

Bachelor's: https://nebhe.org/info/pdf/tuitionbreak/2021-22/Bachelor's_Programs_by_Area_of_Study.pdf

Associates: https://nebhe.org/info/pdf/tuitionbreak/2021-22/Associate_Programs_by_Area_of_Study.pdf

Contact Information for North East Colleges With In-State Tuition

Go to: https://nebhe.org/info/pdf/tuitionbreak/2021-22/Undergraduate_Campus_Contacts.pdf

Take a tour of the colleges you are interested in without leaving your home!

Black and Latin College Expos: <https://www.thecollegeexpo.org>

(Read information regarding registration)

Virtual Tours of Over 600 Colleges!

October 12th, from 1pm.-9pm.

Register at: <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events/6/exhibitors>

Apply!!!!!!!

Use the Common Application at <https://www.commonapp.org/>

Or complete each school's individual application.

Consider the following...



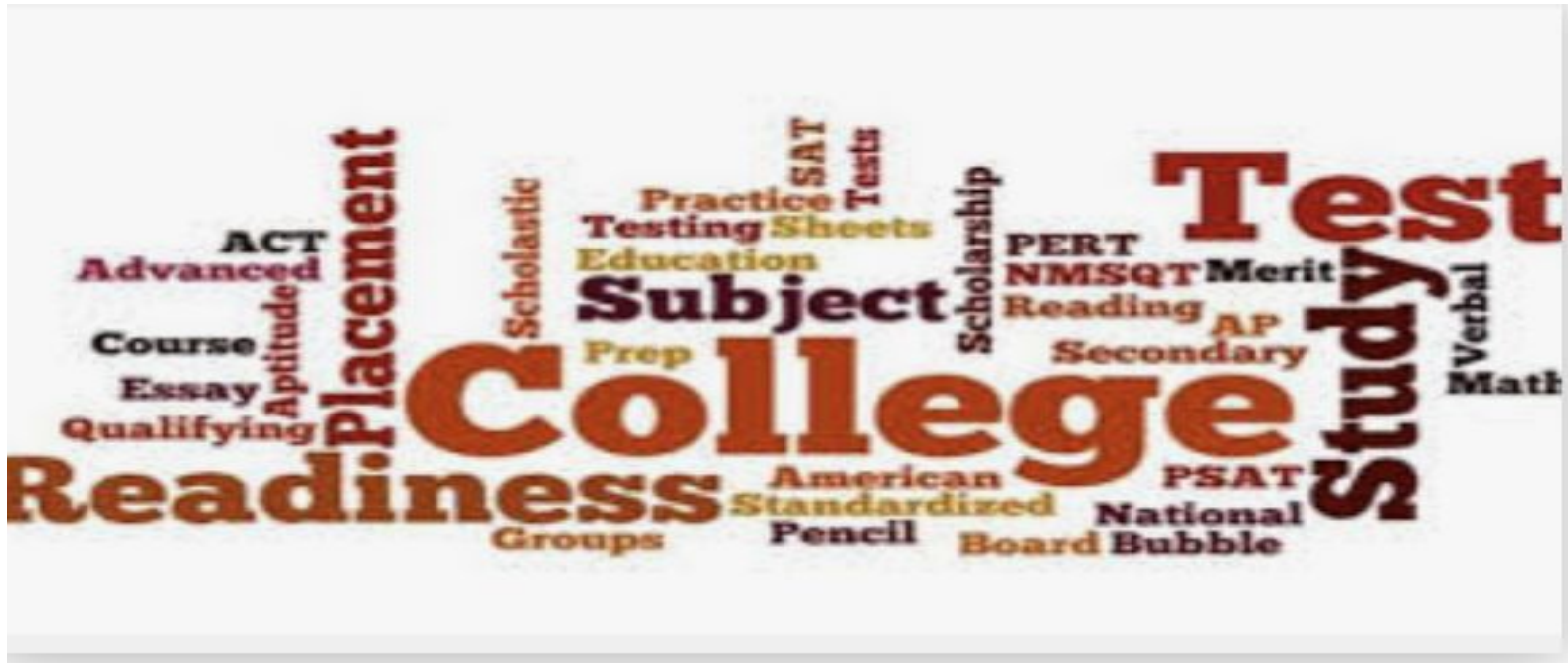
...to narrow your searches

1. Do I want to live at home and/or commute to college?
2. Do I want to go away to college and how far away am I willing to go?
3. Do I want to go to a college where the majority of students live on campus?
4. What do I want to major in and does the college have that major?
5. If I don't know what I want to study now, does the college offer enough variety of majors for me to select later on?
6. If I have a special area I want to study, such as nursing, or physician assistant, or culinary arts, which colleges have my program?
7. Do I want to go to a college in an urban setting (e.g., WNE), suburban setting (e.g., Elms), or rural setting (e.g., Williams)?
8. Do I want to go to a very large school (e.g., UMass) or smaller school (e.g., Stonehill)?
9. Do I want to go to a college (e.g., Pine Manor) or a university (e.g., Boston U)?
10. Do I want to go to a private school (e.g., Springfield) or a public school (e.g., Westfield)?
11. Do I want to go to a 2-year community (e.g., STCC) college or 4-year college (e.g., AIC)?
12. Do I want to go to a college known for its sports programs (e.g., Notre Dame)?
13. Do I want to go to a college that is known for its activities and campus life (e.g., UCLA)?
14. Do I want to go to a college with a self-contained campus (e.g., Cornell) or buildings situated throughout a town or city (e.g., NYU)?
15. Do I want to go to a well known school (e.g., Duke) or to a local college (e.g., Curry)?
16. Depending on my grades and SAT scores, do I want to go to a very selective college (e.g., Columbia) or to a college with open enrollment--all you need is a high school diploma (e.g., STCC)?
17. Do I want to go to a faith-based college (e.g., Liberty U)?
18. Do I want to go to a single-sex college (e.g., Bay Path--all women; Morehouse--all men)?
19. Do I want to go to a Historical Black College (e.g., Howard U)?
20. Do I want to go to a college with significant minority student representation (e.g., The New School)?
21. Do I want to go to a college that offers programs for students with learning and other disabilities (e.g., Adelphi)?
22. Do I want to go to a college that offers study abroad programs (e.g., Syracuse)?
23. Do I want to go to a college that offers ROTC (e.g., Alabama A&M)?
24. Do I want to go to a college that offers accelerated programs and/or dual programs, such as Bachelors/Masters (e.g., Arizona State)?
25. Do I want to go to a college that emphasizes health professions (e.g., Molloy)?*

*Please note: If you are interested in pursuing studies in medicine, law, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, almost any college will provide you with the necessary prerequisite classes to get into professional graduate programs. These programs are known as pre-med, pre-law, pre-dentistry, or pre-veterinary medicine. All this means is that you take the classes that the professional schools require. You can major in whatever you want so long as you meet the minimum requirements. For example, if you want to go to medical school, you can major in History in college so long as you take the following: 1 year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, 1 year of calculus/higher mathematics, 1 year of physics, 1 year of organic chemistry, and a course in microbiology or biochemistry. This is also the same for pre-dentistry and pre-veterinary school. For pre-law, you need to take classes that sharpen your writing and critical thinking skills such as philosophy, literature, history, political science, courses in law and justice, and logic.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) & American College Test (ACT)

Required by most colleges



For the SAT, go to the CollegeBoard website

<http://collegeboard.org/>

Upcoming tests: November 7 (Oct 7 deadline) & December 5 (Nov 5 deadline)

Register Now!

For the ACT, go to ACT.org website

<http://ACT.org/>

Upcoming tests: December 12 (November 6 is deadline to register)

Register Now!

Free SAT Test Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

Free ACT Test Prep

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

<https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-free-practice-test>

College Scholarships & Funding



Paying for college can produce a lot of anxiety. The good news is that there are so many organizations looking to give their money away to deserving college students. You just need to find them. For the month of October, spend at least 1/2 hour a day searching for scholarships and applying. Each organization has its own requirements, so pay attention to what they are looking for. Make sure your application and essays are well written and free of grammatical errors. Have a parent, teacher, or friend look over your work before sending it off.

Begin Your Searches Here:

The CollegeBoard

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

The Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts

<http://communityfoundation.org/>

Fastweb.com

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

Scholarships.com

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Cappex

<https://www.cappex.com/>

Community Service @ Baystate Academy Charter Public School



Class of 2021 must complete 30 hours of community service

Class of 2022 and all subsequent classes must complete 40 hours of community service

Explore any of the community service opportunities listed below or come up with your own. The purpose is to do something useful for your community and perhaps meet great people and learn some skills in the process.

Please visit this page often as the information will change frequently.

The Out of Darkness Run is an event from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and will take place on Saturday October 24th at School St Park in Agawam. The event starts at 10am. The coordinator for Western Mass is Lyndsey Nunes. You can call her at 413-387-3770 or email her at lyndseynunes@gmail.com. You can register for the run on the AFSP website as well. afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=7001

Gardening the Community volunteer applications are available on their website gardeningthecommunity.org - youth tab. You can call them at 413-693-5340 if you have questions.

Applications to volunteer at Ronald McDonald House are available on their website rmhc.ctma.org. You can call Enix Zavala, the Senior Manager for Guest and Volunteer Services, at 413-794-5683 or email info@rmhc-wma.org. PLEASE NOTE - this is a medical facility.

Applications to volunteer at Springfield Partners for Community Action are available on the website: springfieldpartnersinc.com. Or you can call 413-263-6500 for more information.

Click on this link to [Community Events](#). Here you will find many volunteer opportunities