

A Few College Information Resources:

Of course there are so many more – these are resources I am focusing on right now:

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile.html>

Excellent tools provided by the company that administers the ACT test

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

Excellent tools provided by the company that administers the SAT test

<https://professionals.collegeboard.org/higher-ed/financial-aid/netprice>

<https://ctcl.org>

College profiles of the franchise originated by the book by Lauren Pope (see BOOKS).

<http://www.thecollegesolution.com>

Lynn O'Shaughnessy' website, blog. wrote one of the top books on financial aid (see BOOKS)

<http://hscounselorweek.com/>

http://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/college/college_search_tmpl.jhtml

This website is selling financial services, but you can get some good info/stats on colleges here.

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

Users can estimate and compare net price and academic fit at colleges and universities

Websites such as College Confidential, Niche, College Times and others have some good info; some should be verified elsewhere. Some of these serve the college-for-profit industry.

BOOKS:

Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania by Frank Bruni

The College Solution by Lynn O'Shaughnessy

Colleges That Change Lives Lauren Pope (Published in 1996, revised by CTCL in 2012)

COLLEGE RANKINGS (*I recommend viewing many rankings with a critical eye. I favor rankings that look at outcomes, such as 4-year / 5-year graduation rates, % of grads pursuing post-graduate degrees, income figures for alumni.*)

Many college and university ranking guides by organizations, financial publications, businesses, etc. can be accessed online, in bookstores. They rank by different criteria, and use different stats and methodologies. Consult more than just one for a broader data set. Some I find useful are:

Forbes "America's Top Colleges"

Business Insider

Time's *Money Magazine*

The Washington Monthly's "College Rankings"

U.S. News and World Report

Bloomberg BusinessWeek for business programs

There are many additional resources that address financial aid, college reviews, college rankings, and more. Contact me if you seek additional info on one of these topics:

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