

## A Few College Information Resources:

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These are some resources I am focusing on right now:\*

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>?

Federal website with more data on US colleges / universities than any other Internet resource. Search for schools based on your criteria.

<https://collegecompletion.chronicle.com/>

<http://www.collegeresults.org/>

Search for colleges and universities at these sites and learn the 4- and 6-year graduation rate, plus other comparison and statistical info about schools

<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>

Tool to calculate college costs after scholarships, financial aid are factored

<https://ctcl.org/>

Profiles of Colleges That Change Lives franchise originated by Lauren Pope book (see BOOKS).

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

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

[https://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/college/college\\_search\\_tmpl.jhtml](https://www.collegedata.com/cs/search/college/college_search_tmpl.jhtml)

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

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

Users can estimate and compare net price and academic fit at colleges and universities – and then get pitched for loan products

Here is a list of colleges that are **test-optional or partially so**:

<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

*There are things to know and consider here; talk to me*

**NOTE:** Websites such as Niche, College Times, Unigo, and others have some good info; some info should be verified elsewhere. Some of these serve the college-for-profit and lending industries, so best to verify information

RE: College Confidential - often contains unverified claims, opinions, misinformation.

### BOOKS:

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

*The College Solution* Lynn O'Shaughnessy

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

*Fiske Guide to Colleges 2019 35th Edition* by former NY Times education editor. The best guide in my opinion

*College Admission: From Application to Acceptance, Step by Step* Robin Mamle/Christine Van De Velde

*See next page for more information*

**COLLEGE RANKINGS** (*I recommend viewing rankings with a **critical eye**. I favor those that look at **outcomes**, such as 4-year / 6-year graduation rates, % of grads pursuing post-graduate degrees, income figures for alumni.*)

Many college / university ranking guides by organizations, financial publications, businesses, etc. are online, in bookstores. They rank by different criteria and use different stats and methodologies. Some I find valuable are:

**Forbes** "America's Top Colleges"

**The Washington Monthly's** "College Rankings"

**Business Insider**

**U.S. News and World Report** (useful but with caveats)

Time's **Money Magazine**

**Bloomberg BusinessWeek** for business programs

For some perspective, here is a **RANKING of the RANKERS !!**  
(and comments on usefulness)

<https://www.bestcollegereviews.org/comparing-college-rankings/>



## **NEW APPLICATION PLATFORM:**

### **Coalition Application**

<http://coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

<http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/alert.html>

139 colleges / universities, including ivy league schools, accepting for 2018-19 application season. University of Washington and University of Florida are accepting **ONLY** the Coalition Application.

“The Coalition for Access, Affordability, and Success was developed to improve the college application process for all students as they search for and apply to their perfect college. The platform provides a single, centralized toolkit for students to organize, build, and refine their applications to numerous institutions.

In addition, Coalition members hold [values and beliefs](#) that align with recent [research](#) which, among other things, demonstrates that students thinking about college early in high school begets higher application rates.”

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## **OTHER PLATFORMS for COMPILING YOUR PROFILE / INFORMATION**

**ZeeMee** (some colleges on Common App and other application platforms accept ZeeMee materials)

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

“Students on ZeeMee can use short videos to fully express themselves in their applications. ZeeMee goes far beyond transcripts, test scores and essays in showcasing character, grit and passion. In a world where over one billion videos are shared daily on Snapchat, ZeeMee is a natural extension of the student’s everyday life. In addition to sharing your story on ZeeMee, you can connect with other stories through ZeeMee’s college communities and begin to meet other students before you arrive campus.

### **FROM:**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/christeare/2017/07/07/college-applicants-can-use-zeemee-to-show-as-well-as-tell/#1c0cc4b84fb>

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