

College - Online

If you have a high-schooler searching for the right college, you know the problem: so many schools and so little time. But you can do lots of preliminary screening online—trekking only to the schools that survive your cut. Here are two websites that can help:

CollegeSource Online (www.collegesource.org). This site, from the Career Guidance Foundation, includes links to catalogs from nearly 18,000 schools. You're just a click from learning the tuition for out-of-state undergraduates at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign or that there are 52 colleges within 50 miles of Denver.

College Savings Plan Network (www.collegesavings.org). This site, affiliated with the National Association of State Treasurers, emphasizes state college savings plans, but can also help you search for scholarships and financial aid. It also offers a link to the College Board, which helps kids prepare for college.

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