

College Planning & Admissions Application Resources

Choosing a college and a major is an important decision and there are many factors to consider when determining which school is the best fit. KC Scholars has compiled the following list of resources to help students and parents navigate the college planning and college application process.

College Planning

- ACT College Planning Guide – A comprehensive guide to planning and preparing for college
 - o <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile/college-planning.html>
- Khan Academy's College Planning Guide – Videos answering common questions about planning for college
 - o <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/college-admissions/get-started>
- College Navigator – A free tool to help students explore colleges and universities based on majors offered, location, graduation rates, cost of attendance and more.
 - o <http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

College Admissions

- Anatomy of a College Application – An overview of the most common requirements of a college application
 - o <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying-101/quick-guide-the-anatomy-of-the-college-application>
- Khan Academy's College Admissions Guide – Videos and resources explaining the various steps of the college admissions process
 - o <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/college-admissions/applying-to-college>

College Planning for Parents

- College Board Guide for Parents – Action plans for parents to help their child prepare for college
 - o <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents>
 - o En Español: <https://padres.collegeboard.org/elegir-una-universidad>
- Preparing Your Child for College – Tools and resources to help parents prepare their children for college
 - o <https://www.aie.org/parents-and-families/preparing-child-college/>
- College 101 for Parents - A guide to common questions parents may have about their child's college future
 - o <https://www.aie.org/parents-and-families/helping-child-succeed-college/college-101-parents/>
- Family Firsts, Parent Version – Helpful resources specifically for parents of first-generation college students
 - o <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/FamilyFirstsParents.pdf>
 - o En Español:
<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/FamilyFirstsParentsSpanish.pdf>

Campus Visits and College Fairs

- Campus Visit Guide – helpful tips and resources for preparing for a campus visit
 - o <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide>
- College Fair Checklist – tips and suggestions for navigating college fairs
 - o <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/college-fair-checklist>

