



Financial Aid Information

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

www.getreadyforcollege.org

Provides information on preparing and paying for higher education as well as how to select a school.

Federal Student Aid

www.studentaid.ed.gov

Provides detailed information on pursuing education beyond high school.

FinAid: The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid

www.finaid.org

Provides links to information on student financial aid.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Allows students to apply online for student financial aid.

FAFSA PIN

www.pin.ed.gov

Allows students and parents to request and activate a PIN number to apply online for student financial aid.

Students.gov

www.students.gov

Provides those planning for college easy access to the information on preparing and paying for education.

Saving for College

Minnesota 529 College Savings Plan

www.mnsaves.org

Internet Guide to 529 Plans

www.savingforcollege.com

Life Advice About...Planning for College

www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/family/college/college.htm

Saving for College

www.kiplinger.com/personalfinance/money/college/

Saving for College Calculator

www.dinkytown.net/java/CompoundSavings.html

Minnesota Colleges & Universities

Minnesota Career College Association

www.mncareercolleges.org

Provides basic information on 14 of Minnesota's private career colleges.

Minnesota Online

www.mnonline.mnscu.edu

A gateway to online education from schools in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

Minnesota Private College Council

www.mnprivatecolleges.org

Provides information on 17 of Minnesota's private four-year, liberal arts colleges.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

www.mnscu.edu

Provides information on public state colleges and universities in Minnesota.

Minnesota Transfer

www.mntransfer.org

Provides information on how students can transfer credits between Minnesota institutions.

University of Minnesota

www.umn.edu

Provides information on University of Minnesota's Twin Cities, Duluth, Crookston and Morris campuses.

Minnesota College Fairs

www.mn-acac.org/?s=fairs_mef

National College Fairs

www.nacacnet.org/MemberPortal/Events/CollegeFairs

Find out more about specific Minnesota colleges and universities at:

www.iseek.org

College Entrance Exams

ACT, Inc.

www.actstudent.org

Provides information on the ACT which tests English, reading, writing, math and science reasoning skills.

The College Board

www.collegeboard.com/sat

Provides information on the SAT which tests critical reading, writing and math reasoning abilities.

Test of English as a Foreign Language

www.toefl.org

Provides information on the TOEFL which tests the ability of nonnative speakers of English to understand and use North American English.

College & Scholarship Information

American Indian College Fund

www.collegefund.org

Provides useful information on tribal colleges and scholarship opportunities for Native American students.

College Answer

www.collegeanswer.com

Provides information for students and parents on preparing, selecting, applying and financing college as well as college and scholarship searches and a variety of cost calculators.

The College Board

www.collegeboard.com

Provides useful information on financial aid available for students and parents as well as a college search function.

College View

www.collegeview.com

Provides a college search of schools in the United States and Canada.

CollegeNet

www.collegenet.com

Provides college and scholarship searches and allows student to apply online to select schools.

FastWeb Free Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com

Matches students with information on scholarships, fellowships, internships, grants, and loans from corporations, institutions, philanthropic organizations, foundations and clubs.

Financial Aid for Native American Students

www.finaid.org/otheraid/natamind.phtml

Provides financial aid information for Native American students.

Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities

scholarships.hacu.net

Awards scholarship to Hispanic students attending a member institution.

Hispanic College Fund

www.hispanicfund.org

Awards scholarships to Hispanic students based on both merit and financial need.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

www.hsf.net

Awards scholarships to Hispanic students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

IPEDS College Search (COOL)

nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/

Provides information on colleges, tuition and enrollment demographics through a searchable database.

ISEEK: Internet System for Education and Employment Knowledge

www.iseek.org

Provides information on higher education options.

Mapping Your Future

www.mapping-your-future.org

Provides information on career planning, college selection, and financial aid for middle and high school students, undergraduate and graduate students and adult students.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

www.marine-scholars.org

Provides information on undergraduate scholarships for the children of current and former Marines.

Migrant Scholarships

www.migrant.net

Administers scholarships for migrant students.

Military College Help

www.todaysmilitary.com/app/tm/get/collegehelp

Provides information on scholarship and education assistance earned through military service.

Minority, Ethnic, & International Student Scholarships

www.hamline.edu/hamline_info/offices_services/student_relations/sas/financial_aid/undergraduate/fa_office_grants_mineth.html

Provides a list of links to organizations providing scholarships for minority and international students.

Minority Scholarship List

www.miami.edu/UMH/CDA/UMH_Main/1,1770,6802-1;8577-3,00.html

Provides information on scholarships for African-American and other minority students.

NCAA Scholarships and Internships

www.ncaa.org/about/scholarships.html

Provides information on scholarship and internship opportunities for athletes.

Peterson's / Thomson Learning

www.petersons.com

Provides higher education information for students of all ages, parents, admissions officers and guidance counselors.

Scholarship Experts

www.scholarshipexperts.com

Provides a detailed searchable scholarship database.

Scholarships for Hispanics

www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org

Provides a directory of scholarship opportunities for Hispanic students.

Scholarships for Military Children

www.militaryscholar.org

Awards scholarships to children of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members or survivors of deceased members.

Scholarship Resource Network Express

www.srnexpress.com

Contains a searchable database of over 150,000 scholarship awards.

Scholarships.com

www.scholarships.com

Provides a searchable scholarship database.

SuperCollege

www.supercollege.com

Provides information on college admission and scholarship tips and strategies as well as information for adult students and parents.

Union-Sponsored Scholarships and Aid

www.unionscholarships.com

Provides a searchable database of nationwide and local union-sponsored scholarship awards.

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org/scholarship/

Provides a searchable database of minority-related scholarships and grants.

Information on Scholarship Scams

www.getreadyforcollege.org/gPg.cfm?pageID=186

www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml

Military Service

Careers in the Military

www.careersinthemilitary.com

Provides career information about military service.

Military Transition:

www.careeronestop.org/militarytransition/

Connects veterans and service members to information on career planning, training and job search resources.

U.S. Army

www.goarmy.com

U.S. Navy

www.navy.com

U.S. Air Force

www.airforce.com

U.S. Marines

www.marines.com

U.S. Coast Guard

www.gocoastguard.com

Campus Crime Information

Campus Crime Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Education

www.ope.ed.gov/security/

Provides information on crime statistics for the nation's colleges, universities and career schools.

Campus Security & Police Web Site List

www.campussafety.org/schools/policesites.html

Provides links to web sites of campus police for colleges and universities across the country.

Avoid Diploma Mills

Diploma mills, or degree mills, are fraudulent “colleges” that offer potential students degrees requiring little or no serious work. These “colleges” are not legitimate or accredited. Learn more about diploma mills:

Check for Accreditation

www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.asp

Council for Higher Education Accreditation

www.chea.org/degremills/default.htm

Oregon Office of Degree Authorization

www.osac.state.or.us/oda/unaccredited.html

List of known Degree/Diploma Mills

www.michigan.gov/documents/Non-accreditedSchools_78090_7.pdf

Career Information & Resources

Apprenticeship Training, U.S. Department of Labor

www.doleta.gov/atels_bat/

Provides information about apprenticeship benefits and eligibility requirements.

Apprenticeships, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

www.doli.state.mn.us/appr.html

Answers common questions about apprenticeships.

Construct My Future

www.constructmyfuture.com

Helps students explore careers in the construction industry and connect with related scholarships.

ISEEK: Internet System for Education and Employment Knowledge

www.iseek.org

Provides information on careers and higher education.

Job Shadow

www.jobshadow.org

Provides information on job shadowing opportunities.

MnCareers

www.iseek.org/mncareers

Provides career and education planning.

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/

Provides career information on skills, education requirements and salary estimates.

Other Useful Web Sites

Minnesota Minority Education Partnership

www.mmep.net

Works to increase the success of Minnesota students of color in Minnesota schools, colleges and universities.

General Educational Development (GED) Testing

www.acenet.edu/clll/ged

Provides information for prospective, current and past GED test-takers and for education professionals.