



CollegeBoard.org  
Great site to help find and pay for a college education.

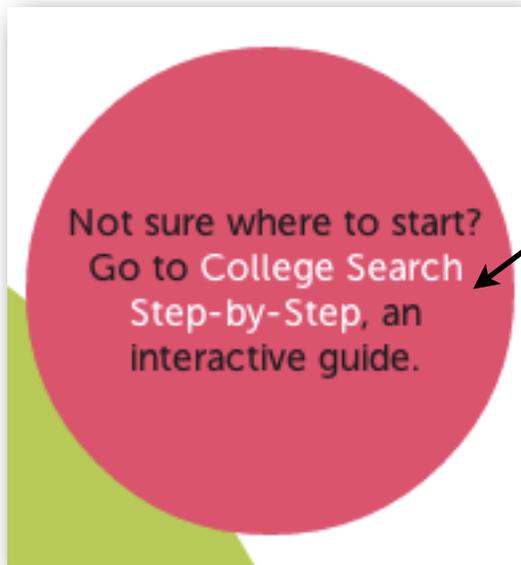
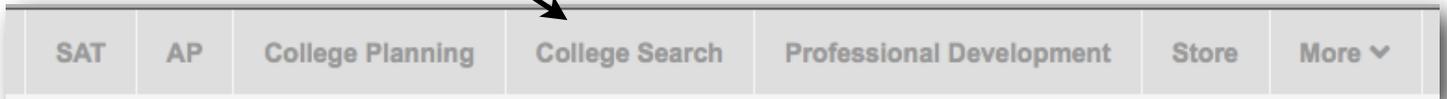


According to their website, “The College Board is driven by a single goal — to ensure that every student has the opportunity to prepare for, enroll in and graduate from college.” This tutorial will show you how to use CollegeBoard’s site to find the perfect school and hopefully ways to help pay for it! Don’t forget, going to college isn’t just for kids!

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## Searching for a College

The first step is to head over to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). From there, click on the “College Search” option at the top of the page.

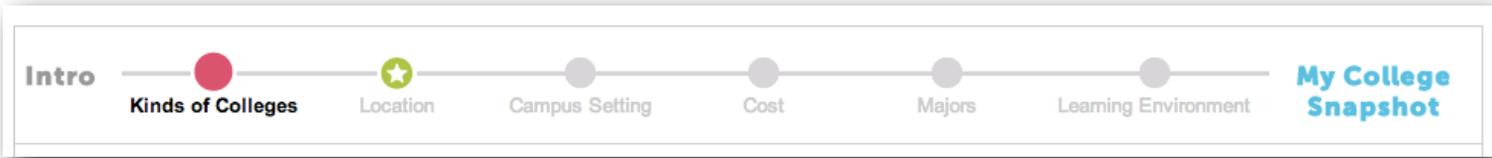


We will now be able to search for the perfect college. Click on “College Search Step-by-Step”...

... and then click “Begin exploring.”



CollegeBoard will now walk you through finding the best college for you. As you can see, they focus on six different areas of interest.



Each section will offer advice and guiding questions on what option to choose. They even have videos you can watch explaining all the different options.

## Kinds of Colleges

Most students start by thinking about the kind of college they want to attend. As you do so, keep in mind that you have lots of options. More than 1,600 colleges — mostly community colleges — accept almost all high school graduates.

Begin by considering these questions:

- Do I want to go to a two-year or four-year college? At a two-year college, students can earn an associate degree. At a four-year college, students can earn a bachelor's degree. Many students begin at a two-year college on the path to a bachelor's degree at a four-year college.
- Am I limiting my choices by focusing on whether a college is public or private? Many students exclude private colleges because they think they're more expensive, but that's not always the case. Financial aid can sometimes make private colleges as affordable as public colleges. And private colleges are not always more selective.

**Is the kind of college important to you?**

I'm not sure | Somewhat | Very

**If so, what kind of college are you interested in?**  
(You don't have to choose now.)

**2**  2-year / community college

**4**  4-year college or university

**Starting at a community college helped me save money**  
Zach, college junior

**Are state colleges always cheaper?**  
Patricia McWade, Dean of Student Financial Services, Georgetown University

Each section will pose a few questions. Answer them to the best of your ability.

Once complete, click on the arrow icon to move forward to the next section.

**Location**

**Campus Setting**

**Cost**

**Majors**

**Learning Environment**

You will go through each category answering questions. In some cases, you will be able to choose more than one answer. Be careful to look closely. Don't worry about making a mistake, you can change your answers later.

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## Take It Away

Print this snapshot to guide you as you explore colleges.

Start your college search with what matters to you.

- 2 year/community college
- Small (<2,000) and/or Medium (2,000–15,000)
- Within 20 miles of 02121

**Find colleges**

Once complete, you are now presented with your "College Snapshot." CollegeBoard has taken your information and created a list of schools that meet your requirements.

Click on "Find colleges."

# College Search

Save Selections

Clear All Selections

## SELECT FILTERS

### Type of School

2-year school

Don't care    Want    Must have

### Small or medium-sized

Don't care    Want    Must have

### Location

<20 miles from 02121

Don't care    Want    Must have

### Campus & Housing

### Majors & Learning Environment

### Sports & Activities

### Applying

### Academic Credit

### Paying

### Support Services

### Diversity

Save Selections

Clear All Selections

The menu bar on the left will allow you manually modify your selections. It will start based on all the answers your provided earlier. If you want to change the importance of any options, feel free to do so here and your list of schools will change.

<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Bay State College</b> Boston, MA	<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Benjamin Franklin Institute of</b> ... Boston, MA	<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Bunker Hill Community</b> ... Boston, MA
<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Laboure College</b> Dorchester, MA	<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Massachusetts Bay Community</b> ... Wellesley Hills, MA	<b>100% Match</b>  <b>Massasoit Community</b> ... Brockton, MA

Above are the list of schools that were found based on your preferences. Go ahead and click on any of the ones in your list.

# Massachusetts Bay Community College

Wellesley Hills, MA

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## At a Glance

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### MORE TO EXPLORE

Students who viewed this college also viewed these:

[See similar colleges](#)



A medium-sized, 2-year, public community college. This coed college is located in a large town in a suburban setting and is primarily a commuter campus. It offers certificate and associate degrees.

[www.massbay.edu](http://www.massbay.edu)

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You will now see a really nice and easy to navigate page about your chosen school. From here you can see important application deadlines, information about the school's academics and student life, and a very clear explanation about the costs of going to this school.

Another great feature of CollegeBoard is their "Academic Tracker." This will help you find out what grades and courses you need to take in high school in order to meet the college's entrance requirements.

Are you on track?



See if you're set to meet this college's requirements — and how you can get there.

[Go to Academic Tracker](#)

Does this college have what you want and need?



MY MUST-HAVES

- ✓ 2-year school
- ✓ Small or medium-sized
- ✓ < 20 miles from 02121

MY WANTS

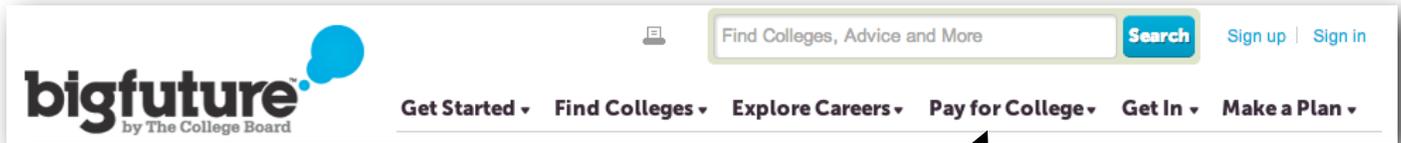
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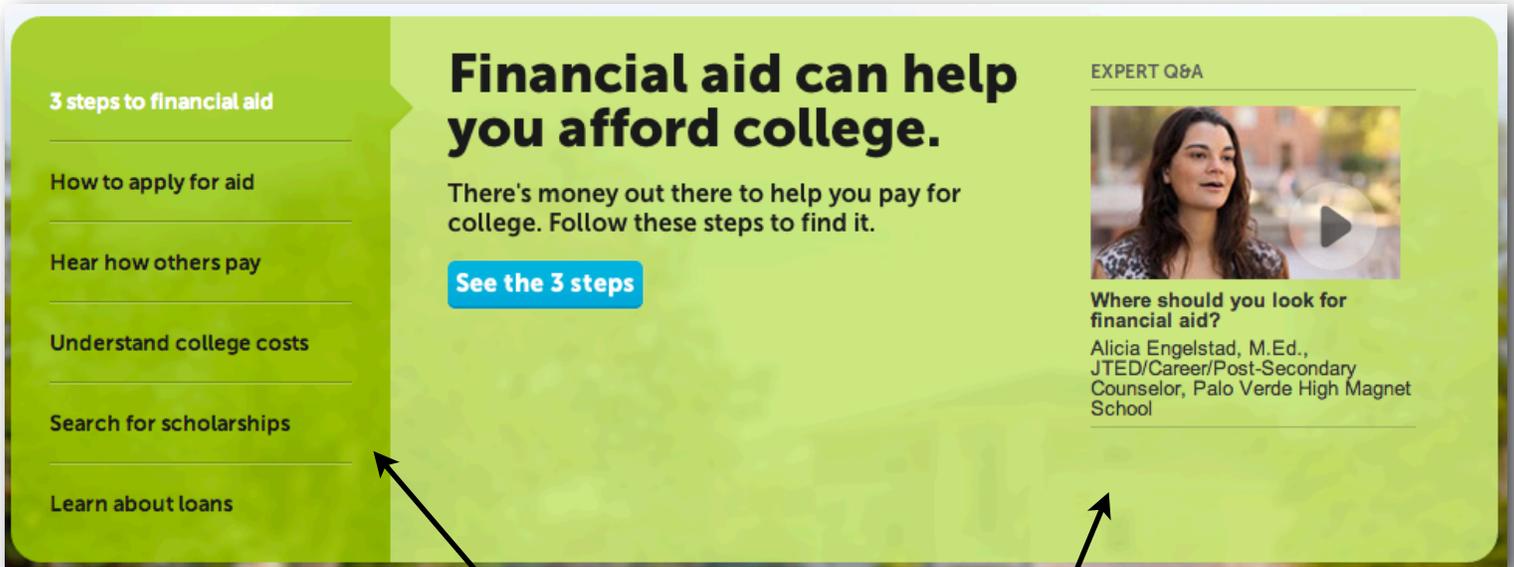
# Paying for College

Paying for school is often the number one issue that families must face. CollegeBoard has a section of their site dedicated to this challenge.

Head to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>



Click on "Pay for College"



Here you will see tons of information on everything from how to apply for financial aid to hunting for scholarships. As before, there are even videos you can watch that will help explain the whole process.

If you really like the CollegeBoard site, you might want to consider creating an account. This will allow you to connect to your test scores such as the SAT, manage your college lists, save scholarship information, and much more!

To create an account, head to:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Student Professional

Take me to Student Home

Username ?

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Sign In Sign Up, It's free

Next Step: The SAT

Showcase your knowledge, and potential to colleges and scholarship programs. Go >>

College Search

Search by college name

Click on "Sign Up"

### Create Your Student Account

This one account is for everything, including **SAT**, **AP**, **PSAT/NMSQT**, and **BigFuture** activities, and accurate information.

All information is required unless stated *(optional)*

General Student Information

First (given) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle initial: *(optional)* \_\_\_\_\_

Last name (surname): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Female  Male

Date of birth: Month Day Year

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm email address: \_\_\_\_\_

High school graduation: Month Year

Complete the "Create Your Student Account" form and you're done!