

Helpful Websites

College Planning and Exploration

1. azcis.intocareers.org a comprehensive college planning site, including: a college search, information on programs of study, a scholarship search, and more. (Username: cdadult / Password: 2viewazcis)
2. bigfuture.collegeboard.org this site helps students explore colleges, careers, various aspects of financial aid, and general college planning. It has a great college match function.
3. higher.ed.gov click on AZ College and Career Guide for a booklet of all postsecondary institutions in Arizona.
4. collegeview.com includes a comprehensive college search engine.
5. nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator a government site which contains a cost breakdown for all colleges nationally, including the average amount of financial aid received.
6. <https://webapp4.asu.edu/eadvisorhs/app> me3 provides an online quiz designed to help match students with potential career and degree options.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

1. fafsa.gov the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is provided by the U.S. Department of Education, and is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. Completing the FAFSA allows students to be reviewed for grants, loans and work-study at their colleges of choice.
2. phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot select the scholarship link and you will see a rotating list of upcoming scholarship opportunities arranged by upcoming deadline.
3. azcis.intocareers.org has scholarship lists organized by category. (Username: cdadult / Password: 2viewazcis)
4. azgrants.az.gov provides a one-stop resource to all state grants, scholarships and forgivable loans.
5. scholarshipsaz.org was created to provide resources and scholarships to students, in order to make higher education accessible regardless of immigration status.
6. azfoundation.org/scholarships Arizona Community Foundation is the largest private provider of scholarships in Arizona, awarding millions of dollars to help students achieve their educational goals.
7. issuu.com/kimnauer/docs/fafsa_howtoguide_final this FAFSA How to Guide for High School Students is an excellent resource to better understand the application.
8. collegegreenlight.com this site matches students to scholarship opportunities based on their profile.
*Select College Depot as your community based organization when you complete your profile.
9. studentaid.gov a comprehensive financial aid site including information on types of aid and managing loans.
10. pell.collegeabacus.org a tool that helps students who qualify for free or reduced lunch get net price estimates quickly without answering detailed financial questions that would require a parent or tax form.
11. collegeabacus.org a tool that helps students compare the net price estimates of 5,000+ colleges.

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Test Preparation

1. phoenixpubliclibrary.org LearningExpress Library is provided by Phoenix Public Library and has many practice tests for students. A library card is needed to access this site outside of the library. Go to the main library page and select “Browse the Library”, choose Learning & Research, next select elearning, in this window select “Learning Express Library”. Lastly, click on “College Prep Center”.
2. actstudent.org visit this site to register for the ACT. It also offers some great preparation information.
3. collegeboard.org visit this site to register for the SAT. It also offers some great preparation information.
4. khanacademy.org is an on-line service that provides FREE lessons and tutorials.
5. number2.com you can take free practice tests for ACT, SAT, GRE, and study vocabulary.
6. testpreppractice.net has ACT and SAT, but also ACCUPLACER and ASSET test preparation.
7. march2success.com interactive games for ACT, SAT, AIMS, flashcards, and tips on interviewing.

Volunteer Sites

1. phoenix.gov/volunteer provided by the City of Phoenix to search for various volunteer opportunities.
2. volunteermatch.org a good site to find a variety of local volunteer opportunities.
3. handsonphoenix.org an excellent source for volunteer opportunities, it has a search option so you can search by your zip code and type of volunteer project you want to find.

Other Resources

1. phoenixpubliclibrary.org Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center can be accessed by selecting Phoenix Works, Career Exploration, then Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center.
2. hsf.net the Hispanic Scholarship Fund website includes college preparation information in English and Spanish.
3. knowhow2go.org from middle school students just starting to think about college to adult mentoring prospective college students, this site has relevant information for every step of the way to a higher education.
4. aztransfer.com helps students transfer from an Arizona community college to one of the three state universities to earn a bachelor's degree.
5. students.asu.edu/trio/vub Veterans Upward Bound is a free educational program designed to meet the needs of veterans who seek to improve their academic skills and assistance with postsecondary planning.
6. bls.gov/ooh this site provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics contains information on careers, job outlook projections, pay scales, and more.
7. evvec.org the Maricopa Community Colleges East Valley Veterans Education Center (EVVEC) provides educational outreach and college advisement services to veterans and their family members at no cost.
8. fosteringadvocatesarizona.org/foster-youth-bridging-success Provides campus support to meet the needs of alumni of foster care.