The Road to College
with College Board as Your Guide

- Starting your college search
- Preparing for the SAT
- Building your academic transcript
- Connecting to scholarships and other postsecondary opportunities
Starting Your College Search
Build a personalized plan for getting into college

1. Search for colleges
2. Explore majors and careers
3. Financial calculators
4. Scholarship search
The College Major: What It Is and How to Choose One

Major and Career Search

Browse major and career profiles using the categories below, or use the tools on the right to search by keyword or interest.

MAJOR CATEGORIES
- Arts and Humanities
- Business
- Health and Medicine
  - Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences
  - Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services
  - Allied Health Diagnosis, Intervention, and Treatment
  - Alternative and Complementary Medicine
  - Aromatherapy
  - Asian Bodywork Therapy
  - Audiology
  - Bioethics and Medical Ethics
  - Clinical Laboratory Science
  - Chiropractic (DC)
  - Clinical Nutrition
  - Communication Sciences and Disorders
  - Dental Assisting
  - Dental Hygiene
  - Dental Laboratory Technology
  - Dietetic Assistance
  - Dietetics
  - Dietetic Technology
  - Health Aide

CAREER CATEGORIES
- Arts, Entertainment, and Sports
- Business
- Health and Medicine
- Media and Social Sciences
- Public and Social Services
- Science, Math, and Technology
  - Architecture, Engineering, and Drafting
    - Aerospace Engineers
    - Agricultural Engineers
    - Architects
    - Biomedical Engineers
    - Chemical Engineers
    - Civil Engineers
    - Computer Hardware Engineers
    - Drafters
    - Electrical Engineers
    - Engineering Technicians
    - Environmental Engineers
    - Geographic Scientists
    - Industrial Engineers
    - Landscape Architects
    - Materials Engineers

Want to explore career options?
Enter keywords

Want to explore college majors?
Enter keywords

Explore career options: What are you into?
Select an interest and explore related careers:
Select Interest

CollegeBoard
You have 3,752 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We’ll help along the way.
## Testprod's College List

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Based on estimated SAT score: 1250

**Plan for College**

**Keep Adding Colleges**

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### Your Colleges

**Reach Colleges**

You have 6 reach colleges

- **Amherst College**
  - Amherst, MA
  - **Quick Facts**
    - Graduation rate: 93%
    - Avg cost after aid: $20K
    - Total undergrads: 1.9K
  - **Reach**
    - This college is highly selective, which means it accepts less than 20% of applicants.

- **Babson College**
  - Babson Park, MA
  - **Quick Facts**
    - Graduation rate: 94%
    - Avg cost after aid: $20K
    - Total undergrads: 1.8K

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Welcome

Students and their families are expected to contribute to the cost of college to the extent that they're able. Use this 2018-19 academic year Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Calculator to:

- Estimate how much the student's family will be expected to contribute for the year. After all, you can't make a realistic plan to cover the student's share if you don't have any idea what the student's share could be.
- Gain insight into the student's financial aid eligibility. If you're unable to contribute the entire cost of college, financial aid is available to bridge the gap. That's how the financial aid system works. The difference between the total cost and the student's EFC is considered the student's financial need and the amount of aid you're eligible to receive.

If you have a specific college in mind, you can get a more accurate estimate of your real cost by using the net price calculator on its website. Net price is the full cost of attendance minus the grants and scholarships you receive from the college. A college's net price calculator uses the financial aid policies of that college to calculate its estimate. Learn more about net price.

Your Financial Aid Award Explained

Your award probably consists of a combination of gift aid, loans and a job. Each of these is very different from the others. Understanding the differences is important.

You need to know what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year, and how your aid might change in future years. Plan your finances now, so you can complete your degree on schedule.

Gift Aid Is the Best Form of Financial Aid

You don't have to repay it or work for it. Gift aid can be a scholarship, a grant, or other assistance, such as a tuition waiver. Questions to ask:

- What do I have to do to keep my scholarship?
- Is there a minimum grade point average (GPA) or other condition?
- Do I have to do anything more than maintain satisfactory academic progress?
- Can I expect to receive the same assistance each year I'm in college?
- What happens to my aid if I win an outside scholarship?
- Can the aid be increased if my family has financial problems?

Loans Must Be Repaid

If your student loan is based on need, it is subsidized. This means you don't have to pay the yearly interest while you're in college. However, after you leave school, your payments include the amount you borrowed plus interest.
Parts of an Application

Is student academically prepared?

- HS Transcript
- Profile (context)
- External Academic
- SAT/ACT/SAT Subject Scores/AP & IB Scores
- Recommendations

Will student contribute to the life of the college/university?

- Evidence of Contribution to School Community?
- Evidence of Contribution to Home Community (including family)?

Meta Cognitive Variables (social capital)

- Motivation
- Perseverance
- Goal Setting
- Navigating System
Preparing for the SAT
The SAT® Is

• A globally recognized college entrance exam accepted by all colleges in the United States

• Used by colleges for admission, course placement, and scholarship opportunities.

• A way to show colleges what you know and how well you apply that knowledge.

• Connected to the College Board’s free college planning and financial aid resources.
Scholarships

Provost Scholars Award

Annual value: Up to $10,000
Four-year value: $40,000

The university annually awards scholarships to National Merit Finalists and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. The competition for these awards begins when you take the PSAT/NMSQT in your junior year of high school. To be eligible, National Merit Finalists must list the University of South Carolina as their first choice through the National Merit Corporation. The National Hispanic Recognition Program will send USC the names of scholars selected for its program. No scholarship application is required. The Provost Scholars Award is one of only two USC scholarships that can be combined with another university-issued scholarship (the other is the USC STEM Supplement).

Please note that for most students, the total award amount includes a $500 National Merit Scholarship.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Scholarships for S.C. Residents

The University of South Carolina Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers many different kinds of merit scholarships for freshmen who reside in South Carolina.

Presidential Scholars Award

Annual value: $1,000
Four-year value: $4,000

This award is for students who have been named a Palmetto Fellow and score a minimum of 1450 on the SAT or 32 on the ACT.
Scholarships

Collegiate Scholar

- A student with a **1300-1320** SAT score and a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- $40,000 over four years ($10,000 per year)

Foundation in Excellence Scholar

- A student with a **1330-1350** SAT score and at least a 3.5 GPA
- $60,000 over four years ($15,000 per year)
NCAA Eligibility

Student athletes seeking a DI or DII scholarship also need to aware of score requirements
SAT Suite of Assessments

Beyond Tests, More Opportunities

PSAT™ 8/9
sets readiness baseline

PSAT/NMSQT®
and PSAT™ 10
allow check-in on student progress

SAT®
connects students to college
PSAT Connection to Over $350M in Scholarships
Fall 2019: Recognition Programs

- The Jackie Robinson Foundation: African American Student Recognition
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund: Hispanic Student Recognition
- Indigenous Education Inc.: Indigenous Student Recognition
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: Rural Student Recognition
Beyond the Score Report

Your Summary Score Report

Get Your Full Score Report Online
psat.org/myscore

Hi, Ima B. Student
School Name: John F. Kennedy High School
School Code: 123456
Grade: 11th Grade
Student ID: 12345678
Optional Code: 98765432
Access Code: A0B9C8D7654
College Board ID: 12345678

Your Total Score
960
52 to 55.20

You are in the 91st percentile
You scored equal to or higher than 91% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score
430
20 to 52.40

Your Math Score
530
25 to 52.40

Here’s what else is waiting for you online:

1. Course Recommendations
   Congrats! Your scores show you’re ready to succeed in AP courses. Talk to your counselor about signing up.

2. Scholarship Opportunities
   Learn more about the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Also, earn College Board Opportunity Scholarships just by planning for college.

3. Free Khan Academy SAT Prep
   Create a personalized SAT study plan based on the questions you missed on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Don’t forget to take the SAT in college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

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Entry Requirements
To enter in the NMSC’s 8th Grade Recognition Program, students and their schools must meet the following criteria:

- High school student
- Not enrolled in high school and not homeschooled
- U.S. citizen or national
- Enrolled in grades 8-12

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Online Student Reports Are Key to Student Success

- **Pinpoint** strengths and weaknesses.
- **Review Skills Insight™** for suggestions on improving performance.
- **Identify** test questions and answer explanations in areas of difficulty.
- **Link** College Board and Khan Academy accounts for personalized practice plans.
How Students Access Online PSAT/NMSQT Scores and Reports

Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org.
How Students Access Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports

1. Log in to your account.
2. Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores.  
   *OR*
3. Use the “Matching Tool” to locate scores.
Score Overview

- Total Score
- Section Scores
- Percentiles
- Benchmarks
Monitor Progress Over Time

Section Scores are placed on a vertical scale.

- SAT (200–800)
- PSAT 10 & PSAT/NMSQT (160–760)
- PSAT 8/9 (120–720)
Percentiles

Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

- Shows how a student scored compared to others in the same grade.
- Percentage of other students who would likely score below that student’s score.
- It is a norm-referenced group of all U.S. students in the same grade, regardless of whether they typically take the PSAT/NMSQT.

User Percentiles

- Allows students to gauge their performance against other PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 takers in the same grade.
- Based on all PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 tests administered in the past three school years.
### PSAT/NMSQT Scores and Subscores

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Linking College Board and Khan Academy Accounts

Step 1
Log in or create a Khan Academy account.

Step 2
When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.

Step 3
Sign in or create a College Board account.

Step 4
When prompted, hit “Send” to authorize the account linking.

Step 5
Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!
TIFFANY'S PATH TO SUCCESS

SEND SCORE DATA

COLLEGE BOARD

Khan Academy

PERSONALIZED LEARNING ROADMAP

TIFFANY

OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE TESTS

WITH SCORING FOR PAPER & PENCIL

CONTINUOUS PRACTICE

SUCCESS!
Delve Deeper

Intentional Personalized Focused Practice

- A combination of how likely a topic is to show up on the SAT, and prior student performance, this is the skill that the student has the most potential to improve on.
- There is also a full library of skills available for students who know exactly what they want to work on.
Resources Available From Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

satpractice.org

Full-Length Practice Tests
8 official practice tests, with more to come, plus study and test-taking tips

Video Lessons
Easy-to-follow videos explain practice problems step by step

Interactive Problems and Instant Feedback
Hints, explanations, and constant progress updates to let students know where they stand

Daily Practice App
More practice available on your phone featuring questions of the day
Score Improvements with and without Official SAT® Practice

Average number of points gained from PSAT/NMSQT® to SAT correlated to hours spent practicing on Khan Academy

- No hours of Official SAT Practice: ~60 pts. increase
- 6 hours of Official SAT Practice: ~90 pts. increase
- 20 hours of Official SAT Practice: ~115 pts. increase

16,000 students saw gains of 200 points or more.

Based on 250,000 students from the Class of 2017
SAT Scoring

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
200-800 points

Math
200-800 points

Essay
OPTIONAL
(separate scores)

3 Hours
50 Minutes
When should students take the SAT?

• Spring of junior year
• Again in the fall of senior year

Taking the test a second time can:

• Show how much students have practiced and learned since the last test
• Prove an increase in students’ academic skills
• Strengthen students’ college applications

2 out of 3 students improved their score by taking the SAT® twice
How to Register for the SAT

South Carolina students have options for taking the SAT

- SAT School Day - **FREE**

  [SAT School Day logo]

  [sat.org/choose-sat]

- National SAT Administration - [sat.org/register]

  Registration Fees:
  - $49.50 SAT (no Essay)
  - $64.50 with essay
  *Fee waivers available for students who meet eligibility requirements*
Advanced Placement®: High Expectations, Higher Rewards

All students can benefit from taking AP
Why Colleges Trust AP

Rigorous enough to use as the basis for granting credit

1. The learning standards and curricular requirements for an AP course are **developed by a committee of college faculty** and expert AP teachers.

2. The achievement expectations for an AP Exam are **informed by national experts** in the field and validated by studies of how well AP students do in subsequent college courses.

3. AP Exams measure student knowledge and skills using **rigorous psychometric standards**.

4. AP Exams are **scored by college faculty** and AP teachers led by tenured higher education faculty members from across the country.
AP: Proven Record of Delivering College Opportunities

The expansion of AP across the country, from the Rio Grande Valley to Chicago, has increased, rather than diminished, our ability to find and enroll students from a wide range of backgrounds who have challenged themselves with college-level coursework in high school.
College Admission Officers Recognize AP Quality

AP Course Participation Consideration in College Admissions Decisions

- Public Colleges and Universities:
  - Selective: 100%
  - Less Selective: 86%

- Private Colleges and Universities:
  - Selective: 89%
  - Less Selective: 94%
“Due to the research and results mentioned above, BYU is very comfortable offering extra consideration in our admission evaluation for each AP or IB class appearing on a student's high school transcript. While we do not extend the same consideration for honors, college prep, or concurrent enrollment classes, the evidence supports the admission bonus for AP/IB enrollment.”
Advanced Placement Credits (AP)

Clemson University strongly endorses the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program and consistently ranks among the top colleges and universities in the nation in the number of students reporting AP grades. Students who have participated in AP are attracted by, and in turn contribute to, the superior academic environment at Clemson. Clemson University credit is awarded for grades of 3, 4 or 5 on AP examinations.
AP students have higher average college first-year GPAs than dual enrollment students, a strong predictor of longer-term outcomes.

Better Educational Outcomes for AP® Students
Predicted First-Year College GPAs for Takers of AP, Regular, or Dual Enrollment Science Courses

Access to AP
Research shows the benefits of AP for all students.

AP students with an average AP Exam score of:

1. are 2–6 percentage points higher
2. are 7–11 percentage points higher
3. are 12–16 percentage points higher
4. are 17–22 percentage points higher
5. are 23–27 percentage points higher

in expected on-time college graduation rate compared to academically matched peers who don’t take an AP Exam.
**States Agree:** Students Deserve Credit for AP

More Statewide and Systemwide Credit Policies Than Ever Before
Connecting Students to Scholarships and Postsecondary Opportunities
Student Search Service®

• **Free and voluntary** service for students to self-identify as interested in receiving information (mail, email) from colleges, universities, and scholarship and educational organizations

• These organizations are **vetted** for eligibility and must sign specific terms and conditions

• **Communications** from these organizations are **monitored**

• Students must affirmatively **opt in**; they can **opt out** at any time

• **Over 80%** of students taking College Board assessments opt in

To learn more, visit: [sat.org/studentsearch](http://sat.org/studentsearch)
Connection to Over $350M in Scholarships
Fall 2019: Recognition Programs

- African American Student Recognition
- Hispanic Student Recognition
- Indigenous Student Recognition
- Rural Student Recognition
Turn Your Efforts into Scholarships

The College Board is investing $25 million in a new scholarship program, with students earning $5 million in scholarships each year, beginning with the class of 2020. Be the first to know when it launches later this year.

Notify Me
The College Board Opportunity Scholarships recognize students who take six key actions to prepare for college.

1. **Build Your College List**
   Get started by exploring colleges you’re interested in with BigFuture™.
   **$500** *(700 scholarships)*

2. **Practice for the SAT®**
   Get ready for test day with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®.
   **$1,000** *(1,500 scholarships)*

3. **Improve Your Score**
   Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score.
   **$2,000** *(150 scholarships)*

4. **Strengthen Your College List**
   Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools.
   **$500** *(400 scholarships)*

5. **Complete the FAFSA**
   Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.
   **$1,000** *(800 scholarships)*

6. **Apply to Colleges**
   Apply to the schools you want to attend.
   **$1,000** *(500 scholarships)*

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**Complete all six key actions to be eligible for the Complete Your Journey Scholarship**

**$40,000** *(25 scholarships)*
Students participate in the program using their personalized progress tracker.
This is one of THE simplest processes to get a scholarship.

Elaina S. Cummings – Ridge Spring, SC
Practice Scholarship Recipient
Between January – October 2019 there were **37 South Carolina CBOS winners** from the Class of 2020.

- The scholarships earned so far include:
  - 15 Build Your College List - $500
  - 13 Practice for the SAT* - $1000
  - 2 Improve Your Score* - $2000
  - 7 Strengthen Your College List* - $500

- There are schools with **multiple winners**:
  - Academy for the Arts Science and Technology
  - Lancaster High School
  - Nation Ford High School
  - River Bluff High School
  - Spring Valley High School
  - Sumter High School and
  - Cyber Academy of School Carolina

- The winners represent 19 school districts and 1 private school

- **The program opens to juniors in the Class of 2021 in December 2019**
Identify OPPORTUNITY
PSAT/NMSQT™

Support COLLEGE ACCESS
SAT

Advance COLLEGE SUCCESS
AP®
College Starts Now

- Learn outside the classroom - use your summers
- Believe in yourself. Have a powerful friend group
- Build relationships with faculty & administrators
- Get out of your comfort zone - value diversity, learn another language
- Develop your writing skills
Key Takeaways

- The SAT Suite of Assessments is designed to measure student progress over time. The PSAT/NMSQT allows a check-in on student progress.

- The newly designed online student score reporting portal makes it easier for students to view their score reports, access resources, and take action.

- Using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy can help students feel more prepared and confident going into test day.

- College Board tools such as BigFuture, Career Finder and Student Search Service help students plan and prepare for college.

- Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can connect students to over $350 million in combined annual awards from our partner scholarship organizations.
Thank you.