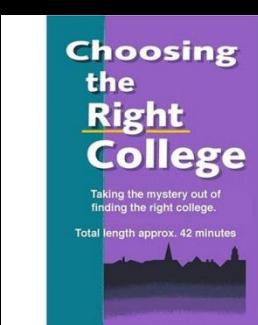
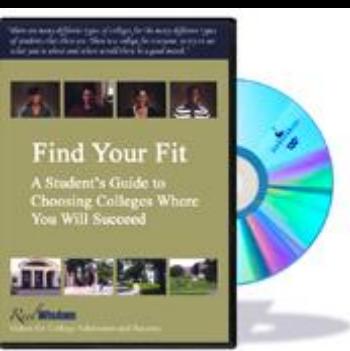
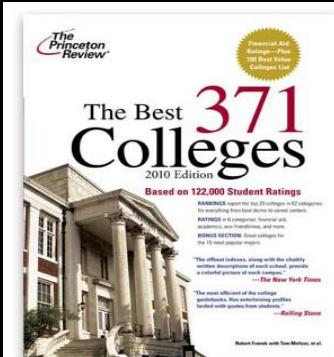
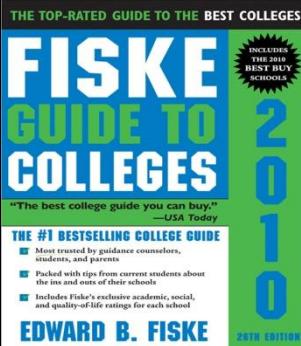


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## Teen Resources for Choosing a College



When choosing a college, it is important to consider the size, location, cost, required test scores, entrance requirements, student/teacher ratio, and courses of study available and financial aid. Wow, that seems like a lot of information! These resources take in consideration all of those things and have been selected to help you choose a college that is the right fit.

### BOOKS

Antonoff, Steven R., *College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You*. 10<sup>th</sup> Ed., Octameron Associates., March 2009.

College Match combines easy-to-use worksheets and loads of practical advice to guide students through the complicated process of choosing the school that is the best for them.

Fiske, Edward B., *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2010*. 26<sup>th</sup> Ed, SourceBooks Inc., July 2009.

This guide is an honest and straightforward insider's look at academic, social and extracurricular activities at 330 college and universities across the United States. Self quizzes are available to help you choose the college that fits, as well as, explains college rankings, ratings, and information on applying to schools are included in this guide.

O'Shaughnessy, Lynn. *The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking for the Right School at the Right Price*. 1<sup>st</sup> Ed., FT Press, June 2008.

The College Solution is a guidebook that provides an abundance of information about how to afford college, in addition to how to approach the selection process by putting the student first.

Princeton Review. *The Best 371 Colleges, 2010 Edition (College Admissions Guide)*.

Princeton Review. July 2009.

This book contains a 2 page layout for each of the colleges listed, with in-depth information on campus life, academic selectivity (the number of applicants, how many were accepted, and of those how many actually decided to attend), up-to-date tuition and room/board costs.

### VIDEOS

MacGowan, B & MacGowan, P., *Choosing the Right College DVD*. CreateSpace.

April 2008. This 42 minute DVD serves as a friendly and informative guide that will get teens started on their college search. The DVD covers topics such as; location and setting, size, student body characteristics, selectivity, majors, campus activities, religious affiliation, and public vs. private colleges.

*Find your fit: Student's Guide to Choosing Colleges Where You Will Succeed.*

**DVD.** Reel Wisdom: Beverly, Massachusetts, 2008.

This 20 minute DVD features how students can use self discovery and learn tools to match up colleges, visit colleges and finding one that fit their needs.

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~~~~~How can you find a college that fits you?~~~~~

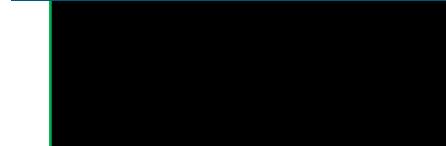
Choosing where you want to go to college is a personal decision that teens and their families have to make. The process of finding the right college should start by your junior year in high school, if not before. The purpose of this pathfinder is to help guide you in the right direction to find the college that is best for you.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

**"Choosing a College that is Right for You."** Quintessential Careers. 2009.

<[http://www.quintcareers.com/choosing\\_a\\_college.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/choosing_a_college.html)>.

Quintessential careers offer step by step instructions on how a high school student should choose a college. Some materials include a college-bound high school student planner, career assessment tests, choosing college major charts and many more college planning resources. Additional online resources are available from this site.



**"My College Quick Start for Students."** Collegeboard.com. Sept. 2009.

<<http://www.collegeboard.com/>>.

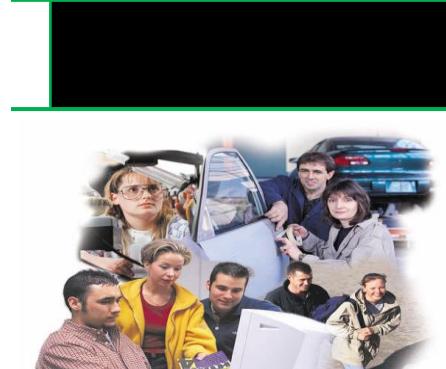
Collegeboard is an exceptional online resource to find information on how to choose a college that best suits student and parent needs. Materials include information for college board tests, planning, applying and paying for college.



**"Peterson's College Planner: Student Edition."** Petersons.com. 2009.

<[http://www.petersons.com/college\\_home.asp?path=ug.home](http://www.petersons.com/college_home.asp?path=ug.home)>

This website contains search tools for some of the best colleges and universities, articles, and resources to help you find the right school, contact admissions officials instantly, excel on tests, and pay for college.



**"Xap Student Center."** Xap Corp. 2009 <<http://www.xap.com/>>

This website contains easy to use tools to help students plan, explore and apply to colleges. Students can create their own log in to keep track of information they choose during the college selection process.

## FUN STUFF

Almardonoff, Bahrom. **College Planning WebQuest**. Sept. 2009.

<[https://www.msu.edu/~almardan/Webquest/teacher\\_page.htm](https://www.msu.edu/~almardan/Webquest/teacher_page.htm)>

A WebQuest is a scavenger hunt online adventure. This quest is a fun way to gain technological competence when using the Internet to research education options, and analytical reasoning ability in gathering the criteria that are important in preparing for colleges.



**How to Choose a College.** YouTube, Howcast. 2009.

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2ZmSVgkk5g>>

A short video about how choosing a college is like picking an ice cream flavor. There are too many choices, and you're not sure what they'll really taste like.



**Virtual College Tours – Campus Tours.** 2009. <<http://www.campustours.com/>>

Take a tour of the college you are interested in attending, from the convenience of your computer. Use this easy-to-use website to search and virtually tour college campuses you want to see with interactive campus maps.