

## INTERNET RESOURCES for College Planning

### CAREER PLANNING

#### Career Assessment

<a href="http://mappingyourfuture.org">http://mappingyourfuture.org</a> Click on Features, then Careership	An online career exploration adventure.
<a href="http://www.knowhow2go.org/">http://www.knowhow2go.org/</a>	In order to turn college dreams into action-oriented goals, the American Council on Education, Lumina Foundation for Education and the Ad Council launched the KnowHow2GO campaign in January 2007. This multiyear, multimedia effort includes television, radio and outdoor public service advertisements (PSAs) that encourage 8th through 10th graders to prepare for college using four simple steps.
<a href="http://www.careerinfonet.org">http://www.careerinfonet.org</a> Click on Skills Profiler under Career Tools	Find occupations related to skills and interests.
<a href="http://online.onetcenter.org">http://online.onetcenter.org</a>	O NET™ Online – An Occupational Information Network - Making occupational information interactive and accessible for all.

#### Available Careers

<a href="http://www.bls.gov/k12/">http://www.bls.gov/k12/</a>	Exploring Career Information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
<a href="http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm">http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm</a>	<i>The Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> is a nationally recognized source of career information, designed to provide valuable assistance to individuals making decisions about students' future work lives. The <i>Handbook</i> is revised every two years.
<a href="http://www.jobprofiles.org">http://www.jobprofiles.org</a>	Job Profiles.org covers the personal side of work, because a good fit between an individual's interests and chosen field is the number one correlation for success.

#### State and Local Resources

<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd">http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd</a> Click on Career Planning, then Parents as Partners	A Web site designed for educators who want to help parents help their children.
<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/som">http://www.michigan.gov/som</a> Click on Careers, Colleges, Jobs & Training	Smart career and business decisions start here! This is a one-stop-shop for searching for jobs, finding information on starting a business, connecting to job training resources, and getting information on community college or university classes.



## PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

<a href="http://www.college.gov">www.college.gov</a>	This site is intended to provide inspiration and hope to all students, and encourage them to consider and pursue a postsecondary education. It is also intended to be the go-to source for information and resources about planning, preparing and paying for postsecondary education.
<a href="http://www.going2college.org">www.going2college.org</a>	The College Access Web site provides information about available resources in the United State on career planning, college preparation, and paying for college.
<a href="http://www.macac.org">www.macac.org</a>	The Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling (MACAC) provides a calendar of events for college fairs in the state of Michigan.
<a href="http://www.eduguide.org">www.eduguide.org</a>	EduGuide is a non-profit organization that helps schools and communities work together to boost learning from birth through the transition to college.
<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>	<b>ACT</b> is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development. (college entrance exam)
<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>	A student site for ACT test takers.
<a href="http://www.princetonreview.com">www.princetonreview.com</a>	The Princeton Review helps students explore schools and careers, improving test scores and skills, and find information on scholarships and financial aid.

## FINDING A COLLEGE

### Shop Around

<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/som">http://www.michigan.gov/som</a> Click on Careers, Colleges, Jobs & Training, Education & Training, then Michigan Colleges and Universities (Admissions, Academic, Financial Aid, and Apply Online)	Information on Michigan colleges and universities admissions, academics, financial aid, and applying online, and a link to Michigan trade, vocational, and proprietary schools.
<a href="http://studentaid2.ed.gov/gotocollege/collegefinder">http://studentaid2.ed.gov/gotocollege/collegefinder</a>	Federal Student Aid Web site assists students, parents, and counselors in finding the right college.
<a href="http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool">http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool</a>	College Opportunity Online Locator (COOL) provides information to consider when narrowing options: campus crime statistics, accreditation of the school, and participation in the federal student aid programs.



## Visit the School

<a href="http://www.ecampustours.com">http://www.ecampustours.com</a>	Offers virtual college tours of different schools.
<a href="http://www.campustours.com">http://www.campustours.com</a>	Links to profiles of colleges and provides virtual tours.
<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">http://www.collegeboard.com</a>	Offers college site, cost and information on the PSAT/ SAT <sup>®</sup> .
<a href="http://www.collegiatechoice.com">http://www.collegiatechoice.com</a>	Offers videos of student-guided college walking tours.

## Check the Cost and Apply for College

<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid">http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid</a> Click on Michigan Postsecondary Handbook under Quick Links	The Michigan Postsecondary Handbook contains current information on admission requirements, campus characteristics, and application procedures on Michigan colleges and universities.
<a href="http://www.studentaid.ed.gov">http://www.studentaid.ed.gov</a> Click on the Applying tab	The U.S. Department of Education Web site gives information on applying for admission, navigating the school application process, and applying for federal student aid.

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE

### Apply for Student Financial Aid

<a href="http://www.pin.ed.gov">www.pin.ed.gov</a>	Students and their parents must obtain a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to submit Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) online.
<a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>	To be eligible for federal and state aid, students must apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.

### Scholarship Search

<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid">www.michigan.gov/studentaid</a> Click on Students and Parents, then Types of Financial Aid	There are a variety of scholarships, grants, and self help aids available to assist students in paying for college. The Student Financial Services Bureau's Web site has information on both federal and state financial aid programs.
<a href="http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/scholarship">www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/scholarship</a>	The U.S. Department of Education has resource information on scholarships.
<a href="http://www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org">www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org</a>	Making resources available free of charge to thousands of aspiring Hispanic residents.
<a href="http://www.uncf.org">www.uncf.org</a>	The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) provides support for undergrad and graduate students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree.



<a href="http://www.fastweb.org">www.fastweb.org</a>	Online scholarship search site.
<a href="http://www.internationalscholarships.com">www.internationalscholarships.com</a>	The International Scholarship Search is the premier financial aid, college scholarship, and international scholarship resource for students wishing to study abroad.
<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity.
<a href="http://www.thomsonpeterson.com">www.thomsonpeterson.com</a>	Prepare for a test, find the right school, explore financial aid, and advance a career.
<a href="http://www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a>	The online resource to the National College Athletic Association (NCAA).
<b>Calculating Costs</b>	
<a href="http://www.finaid.org/calculators">http://www.finaid.org/calculators</a>	FinAid's custom calculators can assist in figuring out how much school will cost, how much to save, and how much aid is needed to attend college.
<a href="http://michigan.gov/studentaid">http://michigan.gov/studentaid</a> Click on Borrowers, Financial Resources Database, then choose Paying for College: Investing and Saving	Michigan's Paying for College Web Site, including important information on investing and saving for college.
<b>Saving for College</b>	
<a href="http://www.setwithmet.com">http://www.setwithmet.com</a>	Information about Michigan Education Trust.
<a href="http://www.misaves.com">http://www.misaves.com</a>	Information about the Michigan Education Savings Program.
<a href="http://www.finaid.org/savings/coverdell.phtml">http://www.finaid.org/savings/coverdell.phtml</a>	Information about Coverdell Education Savings Plans.
<a href="http://www.collegesavings.org">http://www.collegesavings.org</a>	Information about College Savings Plans.
<a href="http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov">www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov</a>	The FAFSA4caster is an online tool to help you prepare financially for college before officially applying for federal student aid. It provides an estimate of federal student aid eligibility by instantly calculating an estimated Expected Family Contribution.
<b>Tax Credits</b>	
<a href="http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf">http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf</a> Click on More Forms and Publications, then find form 970	Information on education tax credits.