

# CAREER, COLLEGE, FINANCIAL AID and other EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The following are “favorite” links in career, college, financial aid, etc. categories. Some touch several areas. Don’t be intimidated. Some have great subsections.

**Disclaimer:** All links are provided from credible sources, because of the positive resources we know they provide. The New York Times, colleges and scholarship search engines, etc. value their credibility. However, when students go from link to link to link, they may eventually uncover a site that wants them to buy something or isn’t positive. We can’t control what is on websites beyond the links we provide. Our intent is to help students and their families. Judicial use of the internet is the responsibility of the family and student. If desired, the student may create a separate email address and use a fake name, etc. when doing searches.

## Career Information

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) U.S. Government’s **Occupational Outlook Handbook** from the Dept. of Labor. Find 2-3 page articles on the careers that 90% of people actually do, wages, working conditions, etc. The first four line paragraph shows how to use the site.

[www.Nebraskaworkforce.com](http://www.Nebraskaworkforce.com) which goes immediately to the NE Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.state.ne.us/> (Parents may use this too.)

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org) (Also Good for parents looking for a better job) All students will eventually find this a helpful place to go. Even now, in the second tab sub-section:

[www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org) Discover, among other things, **550 career videos**.

[www.acinet.org/acinet/crl/library.aspx](http://www.acinet.org/acinet/crl/library.aspx) Career Resource Library for Career searchers and Job seekers

[www.khake.com](http://www.khake.com) **Vocational Information Center:** A huge site for exploring college, vocational and technical careers (Everything from **college academics to welding**).

-The **Index to the Site** is in the center of the alphabetical list on the first screen.

-In the **Career and College Planning Resources\*** alone are many pages of links.

One part of this sub-section unites subjects you may like with careers. There is also a resource page re. *stress reduction* links and much more.

[http://www.howardcc.edu/students/counseling\\_career\\_services\\_and\\_job\\_assistance/resources/resources.html](http://www.howardcc.edu/students/counseling_career_services_and_job_assistance/resources/resources.html) Howard Community College in Maryland. Very extensive list of websites in career areas. Some specific to fields.

[www.quintcareers.com/teen\\_college.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/teen_college.html) List of **sites to help teens select future possibilities**. The scope of this one might intimidate you, but if you are really ambitious, go for it.

[www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com) Students and parents can learn and link to specific services.

## **LINKING SKILLS to CAREERS**

<http://www.iseek.org/sv/10210.jsp> The State of Minnesota offers excellent assistance in helping people find out what skills they have along with other planning activities.

<http://www.acinet.org/acinet/skills/default.aspx?nodeid=20> **Career One Stop** Assessment. With a little bit of work, the serious minded seeker will get a good picture of how self-perceived skills stack up against what is needed in many careers.

## **Theological Sites:**

<http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/index.html> A large site developed through Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio and his partners. Many resources on and for the Catholic faith are available.

## **LINKING CAREERS with COLLEGE MAJORS**

<https://www.uky.edu/CareerCenter/Majors/default.html> (New address) Connect majors with careers. For each major that interests you find an outline of common career areas, typical employers, and strategies. Choose "Links" to find a list of websites that provide information about listed majors and related careers from the University of Kentucky.

[www.udel.edu/CSC/mrk.html](http://www.udel.edu/CSC/mrk.html) : From the Career Center at the University of Delaware, read about what you can do with the many college majors it has.

<http://admissions.unl.edu/Majors/alpha.php> UNL alphabetical list of its 150 majors, after choosing, find out a little about it, how UNL prepares you and a sample schedule of courses.

<http://www.career.fsu.edu/advising/guides.html> Many Florida State U. Career Planning and Research Guides give advice: Choosing and researching majors and occupations that link to them.

[www.niu.edu/careerservices/weblinks/index.html](http://www.niu.edu/careerservices/weblinks/index.html) **Click on these links to access hundreds of occupational & job search sites** via Northern Illinois University

<http://majors.osu.edu/> Ohio State University has 175+ majors. Enter a word, e.g. *Marketing* in the search window and see Marketing as a major, plus majors which incorporate the field of marketing.

**Also**, if e.g. you enjoy/want to plan things, enter *Planning* and it will bring up majors that involve planning e.g. City and Urban Planning, Civil Engineering, Interior Design, etc. Click on any major title and you will be connected to information, courses, etc.

[www.khake.com](http://www.khake.com) This site is listed above in Career Information. Many links to “2” yr. programs.

**College Selection:** Most college searches are essentially the same. Enter personal preferences re. size of city and school, major, etc., then search. Change some or all criteria and search again.

Extensive information and links to specific colleges are provided. Some searches allow you to set up a personal folder to save findings.

Note: When using any search engine, the information is usually up to date, but it is only up to date if the colleges (and scholarship organizations) send new info. each year. After your search reveals colleges, link to the web sites of the colleges you choose to verify up to date info.

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

College Board’s excellent college and scholarship searches  
Help for students, parents, educators  
**SAT** etc., registration and help

[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)

Not all schools are entered or have great tours.

[www.vocational-schools-guide.com](http://www.vocational-schools-guide.com)

Link to 1-2 year vocational schools throughout the country.

[www.university-directory.org](http://www.university-directory.org)

Link to states, then 2-4 yr. colleges within those states.

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

**ACT** testing and other college info

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

NCAA Clearinghouse information.

[www.naia.cstv.com/](http://www.naia.cstv.com/)

**National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes**

[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)

**College View College Search**

[www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx](http://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx)

**Common Application**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

**Fastweb**

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

**Peterson’s College Guide**

[www.Duchesneacademy.org](http://www.Duchesneacademy.org) (click) **Student Life** (click) **College Counseling** (click) **College Handbook**. This is a 70 + page handbook of assisting students with their High School resume, writing their college essay, college interviews, etc.

**Financial Aid** Searches, etc.

**You do not have to pay \$ to get scholarship help. There are many good free sources and searches.** Many career and college searches also have scholarship searches. Most do the same things. After the student enters personal criteria: interests, possible majors, etc., the search draws up the scholarships that fit the student's criteria. Do national searches early in the school year. A student does not need to use them all. Some scholarship applications are on line. Some must be ordered. Allow enough time.

Many of the searches create folders for the student to store information. Some send email alerts, etc.

[college-scholarships.com/index](http://college-scholarships.com/index) **College Scholarships, Colleges and Online Degrees**

Contains about fifty scholarship searches\*, some huge, some specific to fields or interests, i.e. Christian colleges, colleges for women, ones for the learning disabled, and many more such as:

[www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm](http://www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm)

101 Top College, University and Scholarship Web Pages

[educationquest.com](http://educationquest.com) Financial aid + scholarship search site provided by:

Educational Quest Foundation\*\*,

11031 Elm St. (Near 108<sup>th</sup> & W. Center) in Omaha

Walk in or Ph. 391-4033 for appointment to talk with professionals.

Highly recommend this **free** service for NE students and parents.

\*Web sites of interest:

[collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student](http://collegeboard.com/student/index.html?student) College Board's college and scholarship searches

[collegequest.com/](http://collegequest.com/)

Peterson's College and scholarship searches

[www.scholarshipmonkey.com](http://www.scholarshipmonkey.com)

A talking monkey helps you with your search.

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

*ScholarshipQuest* from:

Educational Quest Foundation Ph. 391-4033

11031 Elm St. Near 108<sup>th</sup> & W. Center in Omaha

Very helpful **free** service + Fin. aide + scholarship

search.

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

Financial Aid Administrator's site links to most things financial aid related.

[www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)

Site for the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.

**First time Nebraska filers: Let Education Quest\*\* punch in your #s.**

[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

The student and at least one parent must go here to get a (good for life) pin # to electronically sign the electronic FAFSA. Do this before filing.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/complefafsa](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/complefafsa) Detailed instructions for every FAFSA question.

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide) Online resources covering full range of financial aid topics.

## **Distance Education Courses**

<http://www.netche.org/resSelect.cfm?catSelect=Nebraska%20Distance%20Learning%20Catalog>

Nebraska College's Distance Learning Links (Internet Courses)