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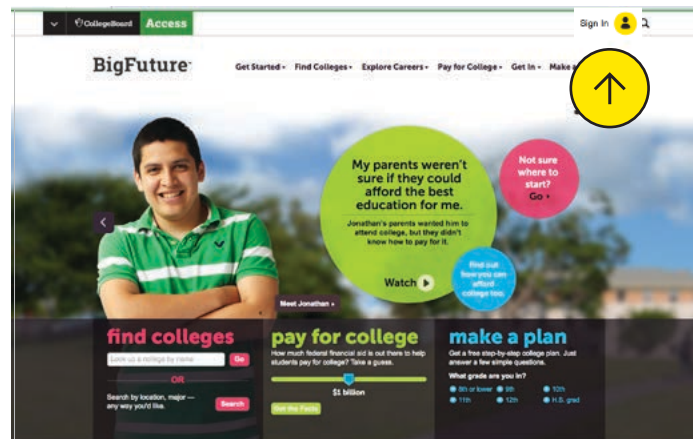


How to Build a College List

The next step in your academic career is deciding where to apply to and attend college. By applying to a range of colleges, you can expand your opportunities and increase your likelihood of success. We can help.

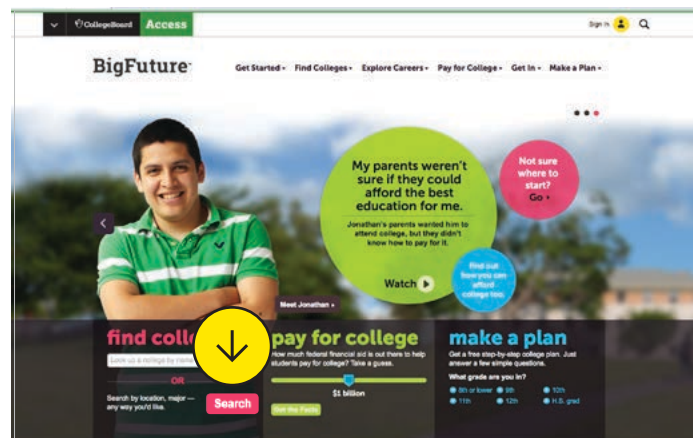
1 CREATE A FREE COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT

Visit bigfuture.org and sign up for an account. You can register for exams, get test scores, find colleges, and learn about financial aid and more with this account.



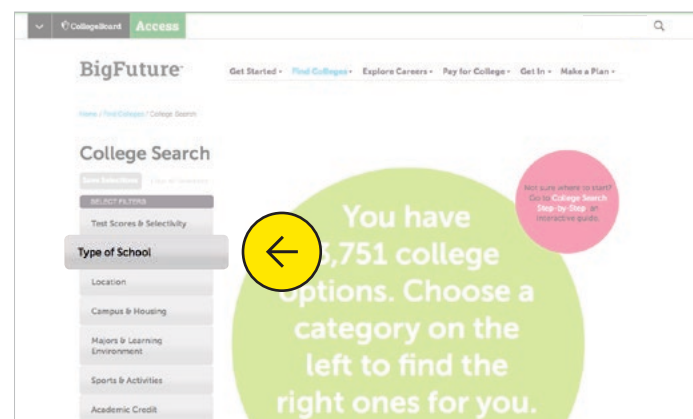
2 CLICK THE SEARCH BUTTON UNDER "FIND COLLEGES"

There's no magic formula for choosing a college. Use this tool to find the right colleges for you. Search by type, size, location, majors, cost, and more.



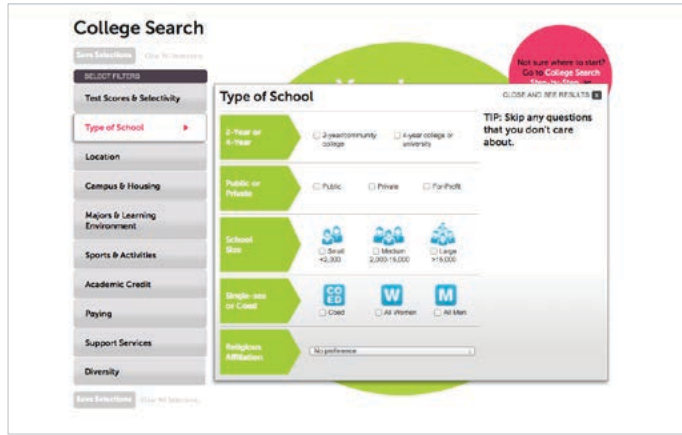
3 CHOOSE A FILTER TO GET STARTED

Start with one that's important to you—from type of school, test scores, location, majors, cost/financial aid, sports, or any other popular category.



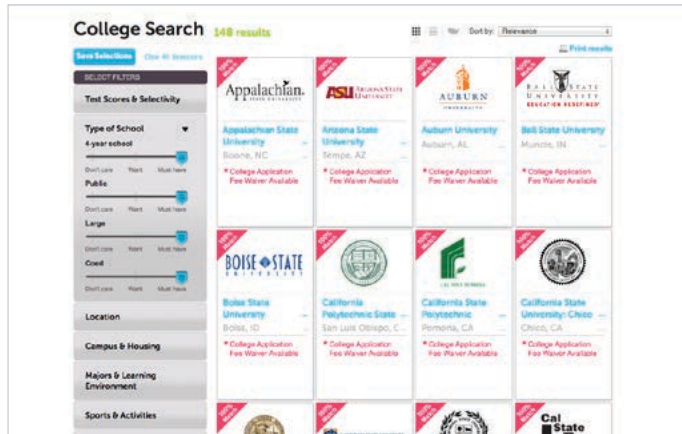
4 SELECT YOUR PREFERENCES AND GET GUIDANCE ON EVERY STEP

Review your options and answer the questions. You'll get tips and advice as well as videos from college planning experts and college students to help you understand your choices.



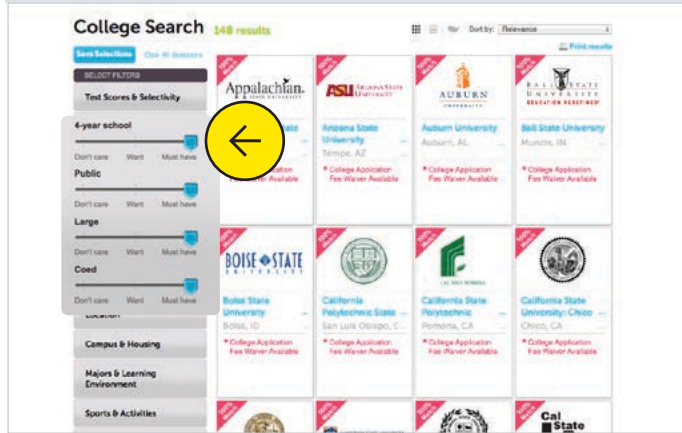
5 GET INSTANT COLLEGE MATCHES

As you make your selections, the number of matches is updated. The more options you select, the more refined your list of matches, which appears behind the question window, becomes. Your preferences are summarized to the left of your list, so you always know what you're searching.



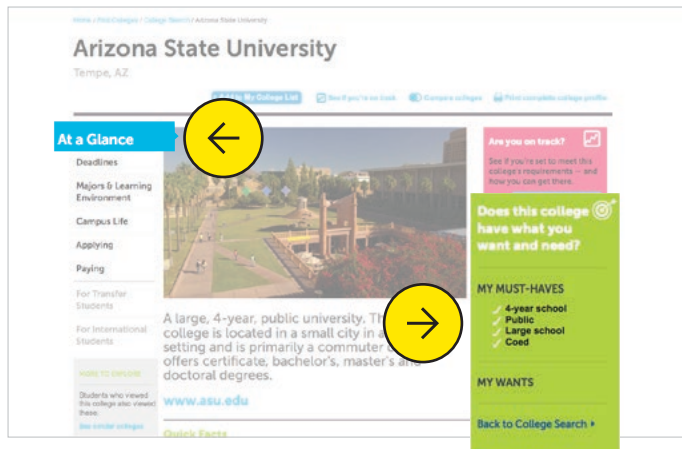
6 PRIORITIZE YOUR PREFERENCES

Start with the preferences that are important to you—from type of school, test scores, location, majors, cost/financial aid, sports, or any other popular category.



7 CHOOSE A COLLEGE TO EXPLORE

Click on a college to learn more about the school. On the "At a Glance" page, you'll get an overview of the school and a map showing its location. The box to the right shows you whether the college matches your college preferences. If there's a check mark, the college matches.



8 GET MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Browse the topics on the left menu—such as “Majors & Learning Environment,” “Paying,” or “Campus Life.” Tabs within each section offer even more specific information.

The screenshot shows the Arizona State University website for Tempe, AZ. On the left, a navigation menu includes "At a Glance", "Deadlines", "Majors & Learning Environment", "Campus Life", "Applying", and "Paying". A yellow circle with a left-pointing arrow highlights the "Majors & Learning Environment" tab. The main content area displays "Large school" with enrollment statistics: 42,477 total students, 6,250 commuter campus, 42,224 suburban setting, and 9,962 small city. It also lists "Unique Facilities" and "Applying" options like "Student Body", "Housing", "Activities", "Sports", and "Support Service". A section titled "Waiting a college can give you a feel for life on campus" includes a poll question: "Are you interested in being part of a diverse community with people from many different backgrounds? Do you want to be around students who are interested in sports, studying, politics or something else?" Below this is a "Race/Ethnicity" pie chart showing 51% White and 12% Two or More Races.

9 SEE IF YOU'RE ACADEMICALLY ON TRACK FOR THE COLLEGE

Click on the “Applying” section and the “Academics” tab. It shows the high school coursework required by this college. Enter the years of each subject you’ve taken, and the chart will instantly update to show if you’re academically on track or need to adjust your plan. Also in the “Applying” section, you can see how your grades, class rank, and test scores stack up against those of students accepted at this school.

The screenshot shows the "Applying" section of the Arizona State University website. A yellow circle with a left-pointing arrow highlights the "Applying" tab in the left navigation menu. Another yellow circle with a downward-pointing arrow highlights the "Academics & GPA" tab. The main content area displays "Regular Applicants" and "Wait List Statistics" with a table of statistics: Total applicants (24,754), Admitted (20,431), and Enrolled (8,239). It also shows "Application Deadlines" for Paper/Online (\$50*) and "Application Fee" (\$50*). A section titled "Years of High School Classes" includes a "ARE YOU ON TRACK?" checker with a table for "HIGH SCHOOL COURSE WORK REQUIREMENTS" showing years completed (1-4) for various subjects.

10 ADD THE COLLEGE TO YOUR FAVORITES LIST

Click the “Add to My College List” button located near the college name.

The screenshot shows the Arizona State University website for Tempe, AZ. A yellow circle with an upward-pointing arrow highlights the "Add to My College List" button located near the college name. The main content area displays a large image of the campus and a description: "A large, 4-year, public university. This coed college is located in a small city in a suburban setting and is primarily a commuter campus. It offers certificate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees." Below the description is the website URL "www.asu.edu" and "Quick Facts". On the right, there is a "Are you on track?" section with a "No, I'm Not on Track" button and a "Does this college have what you want and need?" section with "MY MUST-HAVES" (4-year school, Public, Large school, Coed) and "MY WANTS" (Back to College Search).

Be sure to apply to at least four colleges.
Why Apply to 4 or More™?

1 It can save you money.

Every college offers different scholarships and financial aid packages that can help you pay for college. Apply to at least four colleges so that you can compare and determine which is the best option for you.

2 It increases your odds of getting in.

If you apply to only one or two colleges, you risk not getting into either school. If you apply to at least four, you have a much better chance of being admitted.

A good fit makes a difference.

Students who apply to at least four colleges increase their chances of finding a good academic, social, and financial fit. And a good fit matters because it will influence your overall college experience.

Don't forget that the **FAFSA opens Oct. 1.**
You'll need to complete this form to apply for financial aid.

Visit bigfuture.org for more information.

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Quick Facts		
 38% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 4.7K Total undergrads
Strengthen Your List		
Enter an SAT or ACT score , and we'll help you sort your colleges by reach, match and safety.		
	Georgia Southern University Statesboro, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 50% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 19K Total undergrads
Strengthen Your List		
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	Georgia State University Atlanta, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 54% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 21K Total undergrads
Strengthen Your List		
Enter an SAT or ACT score , and we'll help you sort your colleges by reach, match and safety.		
	Savannah State University Savannah, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 N/A Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 3.3K Total undergrads
Strengthen Your List		
Enter an SAT or ACT score , and we'll help you sort your colleges by reach, match and safety.		
	University of Georgia Athens, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 86% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 28K Total undergrads
Strengthen Your List		
Enter an SAT or ACT score , and we'll help you sort your colleges by reach, match and safety.		
	University of West Georgia Carrollton, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 42% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 8.7K Total undergrads
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	Valdosta State University Valdosta, GA	Added ✓
Quick Facts		
 42% Graduation Rate	 N/A Avg SAT and ACT	 7K Total undergrads
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Good job. 100 points