

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Connecticut Higher Education Trust.

portal.ct.gov/ott/financial-education/chet/connecticut-higher-education-trustchet
A tax-advantaged, low-cost savings program designed to help families save for future college costs. The funds can be used at accredited colleges and universities, vocational and technical schools, and some colleges abroad.

Fast Web.

fastweb.com
The leading online resource for finding scholarships to help you pay for school.

Federal Student Aid.

studentaid.gov
Discusses key steps in preparing for college and walks through the process of preparing for, completing, and submitting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.

Money Geek.

www.moneygeek.com
Provides detailed information on student loans, choosing a school or program and resources for students with different backgrounds and needs.

DATABASES

Available at the Ferguson Library. Visit fergusonlibrary.org/resources.

(If prompted for a patron ID, enter your Ferguson Library card number)

Academic Search Premier

Full-text articles from academic journals covering all major areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, language and linguistics.

African American History Online (Infobase)

Maps, charts, timelines and primary sources on African American history.

Biography Reference Bank

Access via EBSCOhost.

Narrative profiles of almost a million individuals, taken from the H.W. Wilson Biographical Series and other authoritative reference works and from leading journals and magazines.

Directory of Open Access Journals

Provides access to scholarly, peer-reviewed articles, covering all aspects of the sciences, social sciences and arts and humanities.

Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)

For the study of education, a large selection of journal articles, books, conference reports, policy papers and dissertations. Materials are vetted by the Institute of Education Sciences (U.S. Dept. of Education); most items are peer-reviewed.

JSTOR

Search for articles in academic journals, images, letters and primary sources.

Professional Development Collection

Provides a highly specialized collection of nearly 520 high-quality education journals and more than 200 educational reports.

Tutor.com (A service of The Princeton Review)

Live access to tutors, tutorials, study guides and more.

Udemy

Top-rated courses offering upskilling in the areas of business, tech and personal development across more than 75 different categories. More than 4,000 online video courses also available. A Google or Microsoft account is needed to use this service.

PODCASTS

College, Disabilities, and Success.

Is your child planning to attend college, technical or trade school higher education? Find tips and resources to arrange accommodations and overcome barriers to their future.

College Admissions Decoded.

Insiders from the world of admissions break down the facts, myths and rules of engagement for today's college landscape.

The College Info Geek.

In-depth, actionable advice for boosting your productivity, earning better grades, paying off your student loans, and more.

Dear Grad Student.

Grad students talk about their professional and personal experiences. Episodes consist of conversations about students' day in the life, diverse identities, racism in academia, mental health in grad school, fieldwork and finances.

Educationally Speaking.

Focuses on helping youth succeed in school, career and life by exploring challenges to entering the workforce.

Fulbright Forward.

Features alums of the Fulbright Program who talk about their work, and the impact their Fulbright experience has had on their personal and professional growth. Episodes feature advocates and professionals working towards greater inclusion in higher education.

Your Career On Target.

Explore why vocational schools are becoming a popular choice among graduates and others looking to pave a new career path, especially with the cost of college climbing.

EDUCATION RESOURCES



FERGUSON LIBRARY

FERGUSONLIBRARY.ORG



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BOOKS

ACCESSIBILITY IN EDUCATION

Booth, Katie.
The Invention of Miracles: Alexander Graham Bell's Quest to End Deafness.
362.4283 B725j

Lauer, Vaughn.
When the School Says No, How to Get the Yes: Securing Special Education Services for Your Child.
371.9 L372w

Nadeau, Kathleen G.
Survival Guide for College Students with ADHD or LD.
371.9 N134s

Shaywitz, Sally and Jonathan Shaywitz.
Overcoming Dyslexia.
371.9144 S538o 2020

Siegel, Lawrence M.
The Complete IEP Guide: How to Advocate for Your Special Ed Child.
371.90973 S571c 2020

Tiedemann, Chris Wise.
College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities.
371.91 T559c

ADMISSIONS/COLLEGE INFORMATION

Barnes, Christie.
What Every Parent Needs to Know About College Admissions: How to Prepare Your Child to Succeed in College and Life – With A Step-By-Step Planner.
378.161 B261w

Cohen, Cafi.
Homeschoolers' College Admissions Handbook: Preparing 12- to 18-Year-Olds for Success in the College of Their Choice.
378.161 C678h

Franke, Robert.
College Admissions During COVID: how to Navigate the New Challenges in Admission, Testing,

Financial Aid, and More.
378.161 F826c

Franklin, Cory M.
A Guide to Writing College Admissions Essays: Practical Advice for Students and Parents.
378.1616 F831g

Harberson, Sara.
Soundbite: The Admissions Secret That Gets You into College and Beyond.
378.1610973 H255s

Muchnick, Cynthis Clumeck.
The Everything College Checklist Book: The Ultimate, All-In-One Handbook for Getting In –and Setting In—to College!
378.198 M942e

Paterno, Susan F.
Game On: Why College Admission is Rigged and How to Beat the System.
378.1610973 P295g

Sawyer, Ethan.
College Admission Essentials: A Step-By-Step Guide to Showing Colleges Who You Are and What Matters to You.
378.161 S271c
Schneider, Zola Dincin.

Campus Visits & College Interviews: A Complete Guide for College-Bound Students and Their Families.
378.198 S359c 2012

COLLEGE/CAMPUS LIFE

Baty, Kathleen.
College Safety 101: Miss Independent's Guide to Empowerment, Confidence, and Staying Safe.
378.19782 B336c

DeVillers, Julia.
The College Dorm Survival Guide: How to Survive and Thrive in Your New Home Away From Home.
378.198 D494c

Nist-Olejnik, Sherrie.
College Rules!: How to Study, Survive, and Succeed in College.
378.198 N727c

DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION

deBoer, Fredrik.
The Cult of Smart: How Our Broken Education System Perpetuates Social Injustice.
370.110973 D287c

Egginton, William.
The Splintering of the American Mind: Identity Politics, Inequality, and Community on Today's College Campuses.
305.800973 E29s

Jana, Tiffany.
Erasing Institutional Bias: How to Create Systemic Change for Organizational Inclusion.
658.3008 J33e

Mac Donald, Heather.
The Diversity Delusion: How Race and Gender Pandering Corrupt the University and Undermine our Culture.
370.117 M135d

Urofsky, Melvin I.
The Affirmative Action Puzzle: A Living History from Reconstruction to Today.
331.1330973 U78a

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Belasco, Andrew.
Colleges Worth Your Money: A Guide to What America's Top Schools Can Do for You.
378.73 B426c 2021

Chany, Kalman A.
Paying for College.
378.30973 C459pa

College Board.
Getting Financial Aid.
378.3 G394

Lieber, Ron.
The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Road Map for the Biggest Financial Decision Your Family Will Ever Make.
378.380973 L716p

Smith, Dave.
College Without Student Loans: Attend Your Ideal College & Make It Affordable Regardless of Your Income.
378.30973 S645c

Stephens, Kate.
College, Quicker: 24 Practical Ways to Save Money and Get Your Degree Faster.
378.1618 S833c

Tanabe, Gen S. and Kelly Tanabe.
The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2022: Billions of Dollars in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes.
378.34 T161u

POST-GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Calarco, Jessica McCrory.
A Field Guide to Grad School: Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum.
378.155 C142f

Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs, an Overview.
R 378.1553 P485

WEBSITES

ACCESSIBILITY IN EDUCATION

Center for Parent Information and Resources.
parentcenterhub.org
Connects parents with resources in their state, and offers a large assortment of free and inexpensive publications (many in Spanish) on issues of interest to parents of children with special needs.

Connecticut Department of Education – Bureau of Special Needs.
portal.ct.gov/sde/special-education/bureau-of-special-education
Full text special education publications, available in Spanish and English, and information on IEPs and due process.

Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.
www.disrightsct.org
Offers a range of services and publications (mostly free) aimed at protecting the rights of people with disabilities.

SERC
ctserc.org
A centralized resource for Connecticut residents on special education and early intervention.

United States Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division.
ada.org
Provides guides to disability rights laws like the American Disability Act Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

ADMISSIONS/COLLEGE INFORMATION

Cappex.
cappex.com
Compare schools, calculate admissions chances, calculate financial aid, find scholarships and learn more to help determine if a school is a good match for you.

College Insight.
college-insight.org
You have the option to start your search with a specific college, a topic that interests you, or with building your own table of different variables to compare schools across any metric you choose.

College Navigator.
nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
This site is useful for finding reliable data about any college in the country. If you already know what school you want, you can search for it directly. You can also search by state or area code.

College Confidential.
collegeconfidential.com
You can fill out your preferences in more than 20 different categories including location, majors, Greek life, party scene and special services. Based on your answers and how

important these factors are to you, you'll get matched with schools (out of a database of over 4,500 schools that includes schools outside of the U.S.).

Niche.
niche.com
With the information you care about on every school in the country, Niche makes it easy for you to compare schools and colleges to make your decision.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

Connecticut Technical Education and Career System.
cttech.org
Offers a comprehensive high school and career technical education in 31 occupational careers.

Real Work Matters.
rwm.org
Provides career resources in CTE, vocational training and trade school options available to you.

DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION

Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE).
racialequityalliance.org
National network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

Race Forward.
raceforward.org
Organization encouraging communities, governments and other institutions to dismantle structural racial inequity and create equitable outcomes for all.

Racial Equity Tools.
racialequitytools.org
Tools, research, tips, curricula and ideas for people who want to increase their own understanding, and to help those working for racial justice at every level in systems, organizations, communities and the culture at large.