

There are many ways to research college possibilities and opportunities without leaving your home. College guides, resources, and books provide some of the best ways to research and learn more about your prospective colleges. These materials will give you a solid look at all parts of a college. Good sources will tell you about classes, the campus, the social life and atmosphere. Sometimes sources will include interviews with students who will give you honest and candid responses.

Don't forget that visiting college campuses and meeting with current students, admission teams, and faculty provides the *best* insight about which college would be the best fit for you. However, using these resources will help you determine which schools to visit and further investigate.

Getting Stated: Introduction and Planning Books

- ***Barron's Head Start to College Planning*** by Susan Chiarolanzio
- ***The Happiest Kid on Campus: A Parent's Guide to the Very Best College Experience (for you and your child)*** by Harlan Cohen
- ***College Comes Sooner Than You Think!*** By Bonnie Featherstone & Jill Reilly
- ***Fiske Countdown to College—41 To-Do Lists and a Plan for Every Year of High School*** by Edward B. Fiske
- ***What to Do When for College*** by Edward B. Fiske & Bruce G. Hammond
- ***College Admission: From Application to Acceptance, Step by Step*** by Robin Mamlet & Christine Van De Velde
- ***The College Admissions Mystique*** by Bill Mayher
- ***Harvard Schmarvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College that is Best for You*** by Jay Mathews
- ***The Portable Guidance Counselor*** by the Princeton Review
- ***Visiting College Campuses*** by Princeton Review
- ***Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College*** by Sally P. Springer, Jon Reider, & Marion Franck
- ***College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy*** by Lloyd Thacker

Exploration and Investigation: The College Research Books

- ***Cool Colleges for the Hyper-Intelligent, Self-Directed, Late Blooming, and Just Plain Different*** by Donald Asher
- ***Barron's Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges***
- ***Barron's Best Buys in College Education***
- ***The College Handbook*** by College Board
- ***The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2013, 29th Edition*** by Edward Fiske
- ***Student's Guide to Colleges: The Definitive Guide to America's Top 100 Schools*** by Jordan Goldman & Colleen Buyers
- ***What It Really Takes To Get Into the Ivy League and Other Highly Selected Colleges*** by Chuck Hughes
- ***All American Colleges*** by Intercollegiate Studies Institute
- ***Choosing the Right College: The Whole Truth about America's Top 100 Schools*** by Intercollegiate Studies Institute
- ***Making the Most of College*** by Richard J. Light
- ***College is Yours 2.0*** by Patrick O'Connor
- ***America's Best Colleges for B Students*** by Tamra B. Orr
- ***Finding the College That's Right for You!*** by John Palladino
- ***Colleges in the Middle Atlantic States, Midwest, New England, South, West*** by Peterson's Guides
- ***Four Year Colleges*** by Peterson's Guides
- ***440 Great Colleges for Top Students*** by Peterson's Guides
- ***Competitive Colleges: Top Colleges for Top Students*** by Peterson's Guides
- ***Colleges that Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*** by Loren Pope
- ***The Best 376 Schools*** by Princeton Review
- ***The Best Value Colleges*** by Princeton Review
- ***283 Great Colleges*** by Spark Publishing
- ***Treasure Schools: America's College Gems*** by Spark Publishing
- ***Making a Difference: College and Graduate Guide*** by Miriam Weinstein
- ***College Admissions Data Sourcebook***, Wintergreen Orchard House
- ***The Insider's Guide to Colleges*** by Yale Daily News

Books about Specialty Programs

- ***Guide to Performing Arts Programs*** by Carole J. Everett and Muriel Topaz
- ***The Winning Edge: The Student-Athlete Guide to College Sports*** by Gary Ripple
- ***Honors Programs*** by Dr. Joan Digby

What Do I Study? Books on Majors

- ***Book of Majors*** by College Board
- ***The College Majors Handbook*** by Neeta P. Fogg
- ***Guide to College Majors*** by Princeton Review
- ***College Admissions Data Index of Majors and Sports*** by Wintergreen Orchard House

Books on Charting Your Course and Finding the Best Fit

- ***The College Finder: Choose the School that's Right for You*** by Steven Antonoff
- ***College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You*** by Steven R. Antonoff
- ***The Fiske Guide to Getting Into the Right College*** by Edward B. Fiske & Bruce G. Hammond
- ***101 Ways to Become the Perfect College Applicant*** by Kaplan
- ***Get Into College*** by Rachel Korn & Jennifer Yetwin Kabat

College Applications, Essays, and Financial Aid Books

- ***Scholarship Handbook*** by College Board
- ***Winning the College Admissions Game*** by Peter Can Buskirk
- ***Don't Miss Out: The Ambitious Student's Guide to Financial Aid*** by Anna & Robert Leider
- ***Paying for College without Going Broke*** by Princeton Review
- ***Do-It Write: How to Prepare a Great College Application*** by Gary Ripple
- ***Behind the Scenes: An Inside Look at the Selective College Admissions Process*** by Edward B. Wall