

College Search Websites

Big Futures- College Board – *comprehensive search tool*

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

College Score Card- US Department of Education Data

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

US News and World Report – *good initial data. Be leery of rankings.*

<http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges>

VALLEY CHRISTIAN



Career Exploration

California Career Zone – *resource for assessing and exploring possible career interests*

<http://www.cacareerzone.org/>

ONET – *government sponsored comprehensive information about professions*

<http://www.onetonline.org/>

Financial

FAFSA – *Free Application for Student Aid*

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Cal Grant – *California-based financial aid*

<http://www.csac.ca.gov>

Western Undergraduate Tuitions Exchange - WUE

<http://www.wiche.edu/wue>

Net Price Calculators – *all colleges are required to have this tool so families can estimate the cost of attendance based on their student's profile. To find them, google the name of the school + Net Price Calculators*

Application Information

Common Application

used by private and out of state public universities (400+)

Link: <https://www.commonapp.org/>

University of California Application

UC Application window: November 1 – 30

Admission Link: <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu>

UC Doorways (a-g list): <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/>

California State University Application

CSU Application window: October 1 – November 30

Link: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

California Community Colleges

Apply late winter/early spring

Pay attention to deadlines to get priority registration

<http://www.cccco.edu/>

College Planning Resources