

Launch Into Your Future

College Search Tools

Student Learning Deck



Three ideas to use now

- **Know this**

- Start with the student's program, location, affordability, support, and campus-experience priorities.
- Use federal comparison tools for consistent institutional data and treat rankings or reviews as secondary context.
- Data definitions and reporting years differ, so record the source and date for important comparisons.

What to know. What to verify.

Start here

- College search tools can help build a list, but students should verify programs, admission, cost, deadlines, and support on each institution's official website.
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Verify before acting

- Do not rely on rankings as the primary rule.
- Do not treat third-party estimates as institution commitments.

Build your action plan

● Next moves

- Name the student's five most important search criteria.
- Use College Scorecard or College Navigator to identify possible institutions.
- Open each institution's website to verify the exact program and application route.
- Compare net price, support access, location, outcomes, and deadlines using consistent categories.

Use it now

Exit ticket

Write the next action you will take about College Search Tools. Name the official person or office that can verify your information, and choose a follow-up date.

