

College Planning Web Resources

College Board: www.collegeboard.com

This is the most comprehensive site for college-bound students and their parents. You'll find tips on taking the SATs, conducting a college search, comparing financial aid packages and much more. Register for the SATs and CSS Profile (a financial aid application) on this site.

California State University (CSU) Mentor: www.csumentor.edu

Research the California State University campuses and even take virtual tours. Use this site to apply online to any CSU campus (some campuses, like Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, only accept online applications).

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

This contains everything you need to know about the campuses of the University of California, as well as admissions information, the online application, and even the list of approved courses for Lick-Wilmerding (and most other California high schools!).

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

This immensely convenient method of applying to any of almost 400 colleges can really simplify your work. We recommend that you submit this - and all other applications - online.

FinAid: The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid: www.finaid.org

This is the most complete financial aid site on the internet. This highly respected site, created and maintained by Mark Kantrowitz, allows students to search for scholarships, and families to estimate their financial aid eligibility. There is a wealth of information (no pun intended) about student loans, scholarship scams to be avoided, and virtually every aspect of college cost and available aid.

FAFSA on the Web: www.fafsa.ed.gov

If you're applying for financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1. We *highly* encourage you to apply online!

Fastweb: www.fastweb.com

This is the internet's largest free scholarship search. The important thing about "free" is that you should never have to pay a fee in order to find out about scholarships. The information in these databases is for everyone. Junior year is a good time to explore this, since deadlines can vary considerably.