

# SELECTED COLLEGE INTERNET RESOURCES

## College Search

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| Think College                        | <a href="http://www.ed.gov/thinkcollege">www.ed.gov/thinkcollege</a>       | College exploration, including virtual campus tours, criteria searches, and a student-campus-matching assistant. Financial aid and admissions planners for first-year and transfer students |
| College Net                          | <a href="http://www.collegenet.com">www.collegenet.com</a>                 | Financial aid resources, a search engines and Internet guide to colleges and universities. User can browse by specifying criteria – geography, tuition and enrollment size                  |
| College View                         | <a href="http://www.collegeview.com">www.collegeview.com</a>               | College, career and financial aid information. Searchable database of over 3,000 two- and four-year schools.  |
| Embark                               | <a href="http://www.embark.com">www.embark.com</a>                         | School, scholarship and career information. Tips on choosing a major.   |
| Kaplan Online                        | <a href="http://www.kaplan.com">www.kaplan.com</a>                         | College, career and financial aid information and search.   |
| Peterson's                           | <a href="http://www.petersons.com">www.petersons.com</a>                   | College, career and financial aid information and search.   |
| College Opportunities On-Line (COOL) | <a href="http://www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool">www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool</a> | A site linking to over 9,000 colleges and universities, allows the student to search for a school by name, location, program, degree offerings, or a combination of criteria.               |

## Testing

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| College Board               | <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> | SAT, PSAT information and registration. Practice tools. Financial aid, college/career information and search. AP information. |
| ACT                         | <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>                   | Register for ACT. College search, financial need estimator.   |
| Educational Testing Service | <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>                   | Test prep, sample questions for SAT, AP and TOEFL tests.  |
| SAT Preparation             | <a href="http://www.testprep.org">www.testprep.org</a>         | Test prep and sample questions for SAT, AP and TOEFL tests.   |
| TOEFL                       | <a href="http://www.toefl.org">www.toefl.org</a>               | Registration information and sample questions.  |
| Vocabulary.com              | <a href="http://www.vocabulary.com">www.vocabulary.com</a>     | Vocabulary prep and puzzles. May be helpful in verbal portions of PSAT, SAT or ACT  |

## Colleges

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| A2Z colleges (web site listings)         | <a href="http://www.a2zcolleges.com">www.a2zcolleges.com</a> |
| Embark (free online application service) | <a href="http://www.fastweb.org">www.fastweb.org</a>         |
| Alabama A & M University                 | <a href="http://www.aamu.edu">www.aamu.edu</a>               |
| Auburn University at Montgomery          | <a href="http://www.aum.edu">www.aum.edu</a>                 |
| Auburn University                        | <a href="http://www.auburn.edu">www.auburn.edu</a>           |
| Alabama State University                 | <a href="http://www.alasu.edu">www.alasu.edu</a>             |
| Faulkner University                      | <a href="http://www.faulkner.edu">www.faulkner.edu</a>       |
| Samford University                       | <a href="http://www.samford.edu">www.samford.edu</a>         |
| Troy State University                    | <a href="http://www.troyst.edu">www.troyst.edu</a>           |
| Troy in Dothan                           | <a href="http://www.tsud.edu">www.tsud.edu</a>               |
| Troy in Montgomery                       | <a href="http://www.tsum.edu">www.tsum.edu</a>               |
| Tuskegee University                      | <a href="http://www.tusk.edu">www.tusk.edu</a>               |
| University of Alabama                    | <a href="http://www.ua.edu">www.ua.edu</a>                   |
| University of Mobile                     | <a href="http://www.umobile.edu">www.umobile.edu</a>         |
| University of Montevallo                 | <a href="http://www.montevallo.edu">www.montevallo.edu</a>   |
| University of South Alabama              | <a href="http://www.usouthal.edu">www.usouthal.edu</a>       |

## Financial Aid

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| Fast Web                                     | <a href="http://www.fastweb.org">www.fastweb.org</a>                                 | Premier site for free online searchable databases for scholarships, grants, loans and fellowships.         |
| Financial Aid                                | <a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>                                   | Numerous articles and information on all aspects of financial aid, great financial aid estimator programs. |
| Free Application For Student Aid             | <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>                               | FAFSA form online. General information on the FAFSA.   |
| College Financial Aid on the Sallie Mae Home | <a href="http://www.salliemae.com">www.salliemae.com</a>                             | Interactive calculators allowing users to calculate the cost of college, estimate loan payments, etc.      |
| Federal student financial aid information    | <a href="http://www.ed.gov/studentaid">www.ed.gov/studentaid</a>                     | Includes texts of some publications. From the U.S. Department of Education                                 |
| Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits       | <a href="http://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>   | Information on tax cuts for education  |
| Looking for Student Aid                      | <a href="http://www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool">www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool</a>           |  |
| Calculate loan repayments                    | <a href="http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/calc.html">www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/calc.html</a> |  |

### PSAT/NMSQT - Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test

The PSAT is a practice SAT test that evaluates a student's ability to do college level work. Scores are not put on student's high school transcript and are not sent to colleges for entrance. The NMSQT portion is not a separate test, but uses the scores from the math, verbal reasoning, and writing to find the top 1% of the nation's juniors for eligibility in participating in Merit and Achievement programs. The PSAT is administered on campus once a year in October and is taken by college-bound juniors and accelerated sophomores for practice.

### SAT I - Scholastic Assessment Test

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The SAT I is a college admissions test comprised of a verbal and math section. Students select a test date and register by one of two methods: either online at the College Board website or by mail. Registration forms are available in the counselor's office. The test is administered at various sites off campus several times during the year. Most college-bound juniors take this test in the spring of the junior year or the fall of their senior year.

### ACT - American College Test

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

The ACT is a college admissions test that tests English, mathematics, natural sciences, and social studies. Most colleges will accept either the ACT or SAT and will accept the test with the highest score. If you find that you did not score well on the SAT, you might like to take the ACT, which is administered on different dates from the SAT. Most college-bound juniors take this test in the spring of the junior year or the fall of their senior year.

### AP - Advanced Placement

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

AP tests are placement tests taken after completing a college level course. Universities grant either advanced placement and/or credit with qualifying score. Tests are administered in May to students completing appropriate courses.

Test scores are only one piece of information a college looks at when considering your application. Your grade point average, number and content of college preparatory courses completed, school and community activities, and job (if applicable) will also be considered.

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## **TRANSFER PROGRAM**

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Junior and Community colleges offer academic courses that enable students to prepare for a transfer to a four-year college or university. If you are a "transfer" student and plan carefully, you may enter the four-year university as a junior after two years of community college work. **Your community college counselor will help you organize a program that will be acceptable by the four-year college, so that you will not lose any credits when you transfer.**

**If you are attending a public two-year or four-year institution in Alabama and you plan to transfer to another public two-year or four-year institution in Alabama.** The web site <http://stars.troyst.edu/scripts/cgiip.exe/request.r> will allow two-year students to obtain an AGSC approved transfer guide in your chosen major. Four-year transfer students will be directed to the most current transfer information for their chosen major. *You will be asked to provide the following information: e-mail address, first/last name, address, phone, institution that you are currently attending, and your major.*

Also, [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) will help you select the proper courses at the community college that will meet the requirements for your major at the university to which you plan to transfer.

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## **VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL**

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Career programs, also referred to as vocational, occupational or technical programs, prepare students with entry level and upgraded job skills and training necessary for employment. Programs range in length from one semester to two years. Units earned may be applied toward the Associate Degree. Students who successfully complete these programs will be awarded a certificate of achievement. The community colleges in the area offer different career programs, so consult the brochures in the College/Career Center or the Guidance offices for the different programs.