

Research & Resource Websites for Students & Parents

Tech, Trade & Vocational Schools & Colleges

The official site for CA two-year Community College system	www.entre-ed.org cccco.edu
AmeriCorp ("NCCC"). Learn valuable work experience, work skills and receive a stipend, room & board and money for college. Must be between 18 – 24 yrs old, work in teams.	www.americorps.org
Find out more about local ROP classes and opportunities; 16 – 24 yrs old.	www.rop.santacruz.k12.ca.us
Find out more about apprenticeships.	www.calapprenticeship.org
Site especially for women.	www.tradeswomen.org
Oldest Federal job training program. Low cost.	www.Jobcorps.doleta.gov
RWM provides a database of Private Postsecondary Vocational Schools in all 50 states.	www.rwm.org
Vocational School Data Base	my-career-education.com
Reference source for learning about opportunities available in the military.	todaysmilitary.com

Career Industry Information

Experienced workers share their experiences in industries ranging from agriculture, arts, and government, to retail and transportation.	www.jobprofiles.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook, latest edition	www.bls.gov/oco
Career development resource site	www.californiacareers.info
Explore jobs and occupations	www.cacareerzone.org
Career technical information by the CA dept. of Education	www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct
California Employee Development Department	www.edd.ca.gov
My career education	www.my-career-education.com
Student gateway to the U.S. government	www.students.gov
Your future is our business- Support for young people in Santa Cruz County with making informed educational and career decisions	www.yfiob.org
Your guide to community college career & technical education	bacareerguide.org
Teach California- a website for those interested in teaching	www.teachcalifornia.org
Careers in science	science.education.nih.gov/lifeworks.nsf
Career Clues	www.careerclues.org
Economic and Workforce Development through the California Community Colleges	www.ccewd.net

Financial Aid

The most comprehensive source of financial aid on the Internet	www.finaid.org
Information about paying for college	www.pbs.org/tenstepstocollege
Directory of merit scholarships	www.meritaid.com
Scholarship information	www.cappex.com/scholarships
Federal student aid	www.fafsa.ed.gov
CollegeBoard scholarship search	apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch
Fastweb scholarship search	www.fastweb.com
Mach 25 scholarship search	www.collegenet.com/mach25
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators	www.nasfaa.org

College Information

Official Site of University of California	www.universityofcalifornia.edu
University of California Online Application	www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions
Official site of The California State University	www.calstate.edu
California State Online Application	www.csumentor.edu
College is possible	www.collegeispossible.org
Official site for public and private colleges in California	www.californiacolleges.edu
Colleges.com offers free college search	www.colleges.com
Anycollege.com search colleges and universities. Offers information and allows you to compare.	www.anycollege.com
Petersons offers data on colleges and universities and offers information on financial aid and test prep	www.petersons.com
Student reviews of college and universities	www.studentsreview.com
Mapping your future resource for career, college and financial aid	mappingyourfuture.org
College planning network	www.collegeplan.org
Bay area Community College Consortium	www.baccc.org
Information on ACT	www.actstudent.org
UC test prep site	www.uccp.org
College and Career planning	myroad.collegeboard.com
College Summit delivers admission counseling to low income students	www.collegesummit.org
College preview provides college tours	www.college-preview.com
Campus program offers university, college and employment resources	campusprogram.com
Campus tours offers virtual campus tours	www.campustours.com
Cappex college search	www.cappex.com
College Navigator	nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
Association of Independent California College and Universities	www.aiccu.edu
Mapping Your Future- online student loan counseling	mappingyourfuture.org
A general application form used by over 150 independent colleges	www.commonapp.org
Official site for California Community Colleges	www.cccco.edu
College.gov	www.college.gov
My College Quickstart	www.collegeboard.com/quickstart
National Commission for Cooperative Education	www.co-op.edu
Study abroad	Oe-studyabroad.org
Going to College	going2college.org

Gap Years

Gap year abroad	www.gapyearabroad.ca
Council on International Educational Exchange	www.ciee.org
World learning	www.worldlearning.org
Volunteer.gov	www.volunteer.gov/gov
Dynamy Find Your Focus	www.dynamy.org
The Center for Interim Programs	www.interimprograms.com

Study Abroad

World Heritage Student Exchange Program	www.world-heritage.org
Study Abroad	Oe-studyabroad.org
Andeo International Homestays	www.andeo.org
Global Quest	www.gquest.org
AFS Steinbeck Coast Area	www.afssteinbeckcoast.org
YFU USA	Yfu.org

Emotional Health, Learning & Social Issues

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	www.ptsdalliance.org
Teen resource for health information	www.teengrowth.com
Teen resource for many teen related issues	teenshealth.org/teen
Casey Life Skills assessment	www.caseylifeskills.org
Study Abroad	www.oe-studyabroad.org
The Anger project	www.angerproject.com
Anger management	www.ultimateangerbook.com
Depressed Teens	www.bpkids.org/site/PageServer?pagename=index
Teen Talk Line, Confidential: 24/7	1-800-273-8255 (all issues O.K.)
Teen Suicide prevention	www.save.org
Teen Suicide prevention	www.yellowribbon.org
Teen Suicide prevention	458-5300 suicide prevention talk line
Rape Crisis- for victims of rape and incest	1-800-656-HOPE(4673)
Information on Learning differences	www.ldpride.net
Teen Volunteers	www.dosomething.org
Information on Learning Disabilities	www.ldonline.org
Dyslexia Test	www.dyslexia-test.com
Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation	www.schwabfoundation.org

Other

Have your College Essay professionally edited	www.essayedge.com
Information for college-bound athletes	www.ncaa.org
International Baccalaureate Program official site	www.ibo.org
Volunteer centers at Santa Cruz County	www.scvolunteercenter.com
Study Guide Zone	www.studyguidezone.com
Youth hood.org	www.youthhood.org