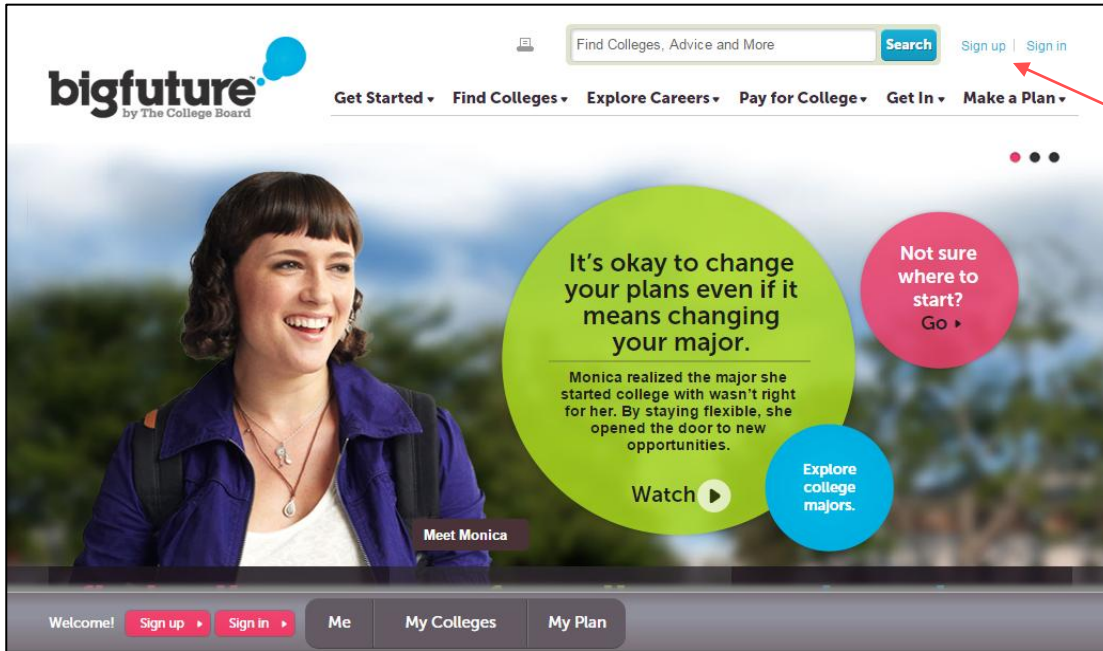




An interactive website for college planning, scholarships, application assistance, and more.

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

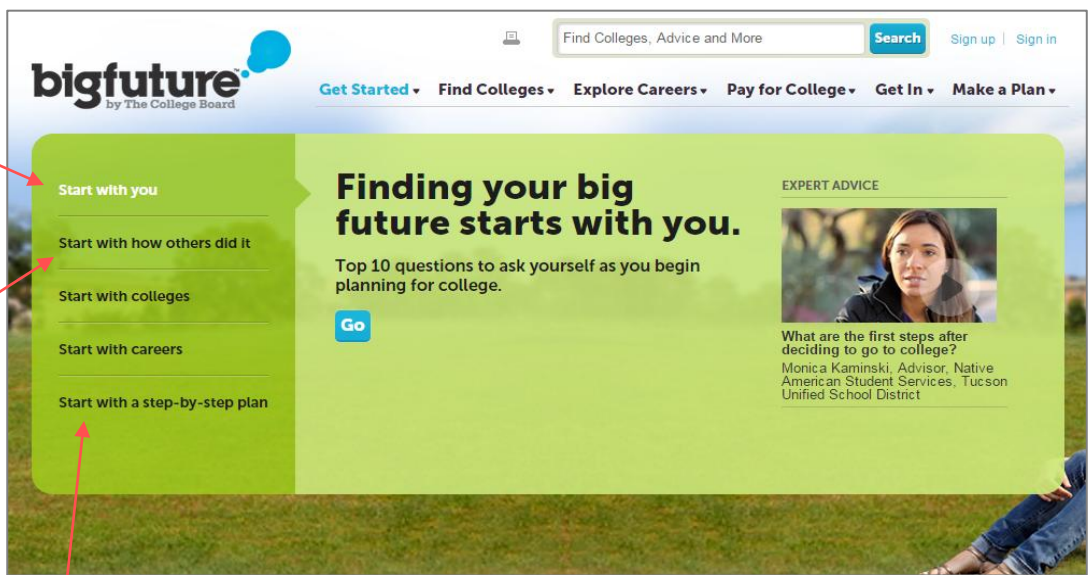


Start by creating an account. Having an account allows you to save information so you can quickly resume work at a later date.

## Getting Started

You need to know yourself in order to know what you want for your future. Take a self-interest inventory to get yourself started on the right path.

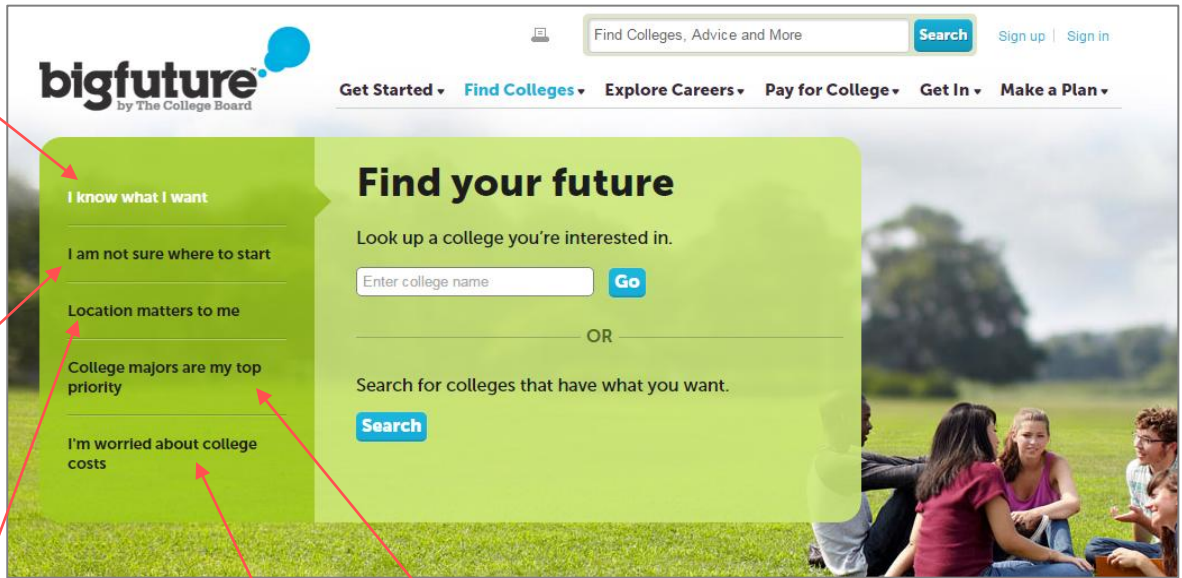
See what other students wished they knew before they applied, what they love about college, and how they navigated the college admission process.



Create a step-by-step plan. This will let the website know how much help you want with choosing colleges and searching for scholarships.

# Find Colleges

You can look up specific colleges to get more information or search for colleges based on your current interests and career plans.



Not sure where to begin? See what current college students and professors say is important to consider when choosing a college.

Search for colleges that are close to home or in a specific area.

Do you know what you want to study, but aren't sure what colleges offer it as a major? Search for schools based on specific college majors.

Get information on financial aid and scholarships to help you pay for college.

Use the "Find Colleges" drop down menu to access articles, videos, and resources on the different types of colleges and degrees, what to know before college visits, information on campus and academic life, and links to college searches.

Go to the "Find Colleges" drop-down menu and click on "College Search"

Use this tool to select criteria that is important to you. You can designate the type of college, locations, available majors, tuition, extracurricular activities, and more.

Searches can be saved so you can return to results at any time. You can also save multiple searches to compare/contrast colleges.

# Explore Careers

Choose broad areas of interest to get a list of specific careers that fit into that category.

Do you like art and business? Education and Health Sciences? View a slideshow to see what careers fit into your multiple areas of interests.

Get tips and advice from current college students on how to make a career decision, why it's ok to change your plans, and how to start creating your own career path.

Go to "Explore Careers" drop-down menu and click "Major and Career Search" to access an easy-to-use search tool for majors and careers. Click on any career to learn more about it and find out what colleges offer it.

Home / Explore Careers / Major and Career Search

## Major and Career Search

Browse major and career profiles using the categories below, or use the tools on the right to search by keyword or interest.

MAJOR CATEGORIES	CAREER CATEGORIES
+ Arts and Humanities	+ Arts, Entertainment, and Sports
+ Business	+ Business
+ Health and Medicine	+ Health and Medicine
+ Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies	+ Media and Social Sciences
+ Public and Social Services	+ Public and Social Services
+ Science, Math, and Technology	+ Science, Math, and Technology
+ Social Sciences	+ Trades and Personal Services
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**Want to explore career options?**  
Enter keywords



# Pay for College

Become familiar with the major steps to getting financial aid.

Learn more about the FAFSA. This is required to get financial aid from college.

Get advice from students and financial aid experts on how to get money for college.

Learn more about the net price - the price you really have to pay - for colleges

Search for both public and private scholarships available to students across the country.

Learn about the different types of loans that are available for students who need some extra help.

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## Financial aid can help you afford college.

There's money out there to help you pay for college. Follow these steps to find it.

**See the 3 steps**

**3 steps to financial aid**

- How to apply for aid
- Hear how others pay
- Understand college costs
- Search for scholarships
- Learn about loans

**EXPERT Q&A**

Where should you look for financial aid?

Alicia Engelstad, M.Ed., JTED/Career/Post-Secondary Counselor, Palo Verde High Magnet School

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## Scholarship Search

**Welcome**

**Welcome to the College Board's Scholarship Search!**

Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion.

Enter as much information as possible to find the most matches.

Scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs.

**Start**

**Search for scholarships:**

Search by name or keyword **Go**

**Browse by sponsor name:**

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Go to the "Pay for College" menu, click on "Grants and Scholarships", then on "Scholarship Search".

Complete as much of the requested information as possible to see what scholarships you may qualify for, as well as application information.

You can complete the search multiple times to see as many scholarships as possible.

# Getting In

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the bigfuture website. The 'Get In' menu item is highlighted in blue. Below the navigation bar, there is a featured article titled 'Top 5 things you need to know' with a 'View slide show' button. To the right, a woman is featured with a quote: 'I shouldn't have been so nervous about applying.' and a 'Watch' button with a play icon. A 'Meet Arianis' button is also visible.

Use the "Get In" drop-down menu to access advice on filling out applications, get more information on testing and high school preparation, get assistance on admissions essays, and steps to follow to help you ultimately decide which college to attend.

# Getting In

The screenshot shows a 'Get a plan.' form on the bigfuture website. The form asks '1. What grade are you in?' and provides several radio button options: '8th grade or lower', '9th grade', '10th grade', '11th grade', '12th grade', and 'High school graduate'. There is a 'Sign Up/In' button at the bottom. To the right of the form, there is a text input field with a placeholder text: 'I am (1) . When it comes to searching for colleges, (2) . As far as paying for college, I'm looking for (3) . I'm (4) after high school. When I imagine college, I'm most excited about (5) .'.

Enter in a few areas of information and get a personalized plan to help you reach your college goals.

## Other Resources

**Bureau of Labor Statistics** - [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

Get in-depth information on specific careers and the education needed to be hired in today's job market.

**Career Cruising** - [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

It's more than a place to complete your EDP. You can search for colleges and save them to your profile to stay organized. You can also get information on specific careers and research which colleges offer the majors you would need to pursue your career goals.

You can do basic research by using the following username and password:

Username: Decatur

Password: cedar

See Miss Gelder for your specific login information if you want to save any information to your person profile.

**Chegg** - <https://www.chegg.com/schools>

Search for colleges, create a list of colleges to help keep you organized, and search for scholarships.

**Federal Student Aid** - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Get more information on the types of financial aid available through federal government programs. This includes loans, grants, and work study.

**Today's Military** - <http://todaysmilitary.com>

Get information on all the branches of military in one place. You will learn about entrance requirements, military careers, ways to get money for college, and how to contact recruiters for more information.