

Links & Resources

Hickman High School: <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/hhs/HHS%20Web/Main/index.htm>

COLLEGE INFORMATION

- **The College Board**- <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- **The National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC)** - A good resource to an array of links: <http://www.nacacnet.org/memberportal/>
- **ACT** - Includes test registration and test-prep information: <http://www.act.org>
- **Peterson's** -Links to the companies many resources: <http://www.petersons.com>
- **US News and World Report** -Be wary of the rankings, but there is much to learn at this site. The "school comparison" feature is great: www.usnews.com/sections/rankings
- **Colleges That Change Lives** - Site based on best-selling, highly regarded college advisor, Loren Pope. Insights about some wonderful and sometimes overlooked places: <http://www.ctclonline.com>
- **College View** - A good source for information on all colleges: <http://www.collegeview.com>
- **College Quest - College Search:** www.collegequest.com
- **College Newspapers** - A great way to find out what's really going on at a campus: www.studyworld.com/college_newspapers_online.htm
- **Wisemantech** - An amazing array of useful web links from the counseling staff at Carl Sandburg H.S. in Illinois. If you can't find it here, you probably don't need it: www.wisemantech.com/guidance
- **Student Gateway to the Government** - a multi-purpose site with info. College, careers and the government: <http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/index.jsp>
- **CollegeNET** - On all-purpose site with a host of useful links and programs: <http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/index.jsp>
- **Fiske Guide Books** -From the author of the reliable and popular guidebook comes a full array of college admission-related resources: <http://www.fiskeguide.com/index.html>
- **Princeton Review** - Test prep, college search and other college-related info: <http://princetonreview.com>
- **Mapping Your Future** - General info site with 20 variety of information includes a sign-up for monthly e-mail reminders and a newsletter: <http://www.mappingyourfuture.org>

APPLICATION SERVICES.

- **The Common Application** - 200+ schools accept it and you should use it. We have the paper copy as well. <http://www.commonapp.org>
- **Princeton Review** - Direct link to on-line applications for 700+ schools: www.princetonreview.com
- **Historically Black Colleges Common Application** - Find applications for 29 different institutions: <http://www.eduinonline.com>

FINANCIAL AID

- **The Financial Aide Information Page** - www.finaid.org
- **Missouri MO\$T Program** - www.missourimost.org
- **Missouri Department of Higher Ed** - www.dhe.mo.gov
- **US Department of Education** - www.ed.gov
- **Hope Scholarship & Lifetime Learning Tax Credits** - www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/HOPE/index.html
- **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** - A must for anyone applying for need-based aid. You can apply on line: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

- **Completing the FAFSA** - Detailed, step-by-step guidance on completing the form: studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing_fafsa/index.html
- **Get your PINs for the web-FAFSA** - www.pin.ed.gov
- **Sallie Mae** - Information about loans and payment options: www.salliemae.com
- **Nellie Mae** - Information about loans and payment options: <http://www.nelliemae.com>
- **How Stuff Works** - Interesting and comprehensive site with loads of details and helpful tools: <http://money.howstuffworks.com/college-financial-aid.htm>
- **Comparing Financial Aid Awards** - A US News and World Report product that provides helpful charts enabling you to line up and compare awards: http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

Scholarships

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.OfftoCollege.com
- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.embark.com

Scholarship Scams - A Federal Trade Commission-run site. It is always good to check on what you learn about on the web: www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship

SPECIAL INTEREST

- **The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)** - <http://www.ncaa.org>
- **The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)** - <http://www.naia.org>
- **Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life** - <http://www.hillel.org>
- **Black Excel: The College Help Network** - Designed to help African-American students navigate the college admission process: www.blackexcel.org
- **Historically Black Colleges** - <http://www.blackhighereducation.com>
- **Jesuit Colleges** - <http://www.ajcunet.edu>
- **Macleans** - For those looking into Canadian schools, this is an invaluable resource: www.macleans.ca/universities
- **Canadian Colleges** - A general and very helpful site: <http://uwaterloo.ca/canu> AND www.canadianembassy.org/studyincanada
- **American Indian College Fund** - www.collegefund.org
- **Learning Disabilities Association** - www.ldanatl.org
- **Students with Learning Disabilities** - www.ncl.org
- **Association on Higher Education and Disability** - Host of information posted by international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities: <http://www.ahead.org>
- **Children and Adults with ADD** - <http://www.chadd.org>
- **Mindplay** - Special education resources "learning from the RIGHT side of the brain." <http://www.mindplay.com/resource.html>
- **American Association of University Women**- www.aauw.org
- **LD Online** - Interactive learning guide on disabilities for parents, children and educators: <http://www.ldonline.org>
- **Attention Deficit Disorder Association** - Resources on huge array of ADD/ADHD-related issues: www.add.org

CAREER INFORMATION

- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** - Developed by Department of Defense; free, comprehensive career site: <http://www.asvabprogram.com>
- **US Department of Labor** - All the numbers one could possibly hope for in career planning in the Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm>
- **Department of Commerce** - Gov. Site with host of info on government jobs and other data: <http://www.fedworld.gov>
- **Mapping Your Future** - Multi-lingual tool kit on career planning: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/>
- **College Job Planning** - www.monster.com
- **Military Career Guide Online** - www.militarycareers.com
- **Career Centers Around the Globe** - Provides links to career development offices at colleges across the country. What services do your colleges offer?: www.careerresource.net/carserv
- **Career & College Information** - www.skill-ed.com
- **Career Key** - An interest inventory program based on Dr. John Holland's work at NC State University: www.careerkey.org/english
- **Internship Programs** - Listings of +7800 programs and 200,000 positions: <http://www.internshipprograms.com/>
- **Missouri Connections** - www.missouriconnections.org

ALTERNATIVE AND YEAR-OFF PROGRAMS

- **Time Out** - Are you looking for options for taking some time off before heading off to school? <http://www.timeoutassociates.com>
- **Study Abroad** - <http://www.studyabroad.com>
- **AmeriCorps** - National Service Program: <http://www.americorps.org>
- **City Year** - National Youth Service Organization - <http://www.cityyear.org>
- **Dynamy** - An urban experiential education program in Worcester, MA: <http://www.dynamy.org>
- **Gap Year** - A host of travel and work ideas for students prior to heading off to college: <http://www.gapyear.com>
- **Global Routes** - Cultural Exchange and service trips: www.globalroutes.org/college.main.html
- **Earthwatch Institute** - Info on this research, conservation and education organization: <http://earthwatch.org>
- **Eurolingua Institute** - Info on language immersion study abroad programs: <http://www.eurolingua.com>
- **Global Quest Programs** - Innovative study abroad program in Thailand: <http://www.gquest.org>
- **Outward Bound** - Link for adventure-based environmental program: <http://www.outwardbound.org>
- **Taking Off** - Resources for gap year programs all over world: <http://www.takingoff.net>
- **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms** - Dedicated to helping those who would like to volunteer on organic farms internationally: <http://www.woof.org>

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Personality Tests** - Have fun with this quirky site. Interesting way to find out more about YOU: www.2h.com/Tests/personality.phtml
- **Campus Online Tours** - <http://www.ecampustours.com/careerexploration/default.htm>
- **Greek Life** - Site dedicated to fraternity and sororities: <http://greekpages.com>
- **Selective Services** - www.sss.gov
- **Test Prep Resources** - www.testprep.com