
BigFuture

Powered by College Board, BigFuture® is a free online planning guide that helps all students take the right first step after high school. Informed by students, insights from professionals and over 100 years of College Board expertise, BigFuture simplifies a complex process into key actions that all students can take to explore careers, plan for college, and pay for college. Visit bigfuture.org.

PLAN FOR COLLEGE

STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE

Student Search Service™ is the way thousands of colleges and scholarship programs connect with more than 5 million students. By joining, students can hear directly from over 1,500 four-year colleges. Every year, \$300 million in scholarships is available from colleges that use Search to find students—and it's still growing. Search makes a positive difference in college enrollment and graduation rates. Research shows that students who connect with colleges through Student Search Service receive, on average, 29% more offers of college admission and are more likely to graduate college in four years than similar students who weren't identified through Student Search. The program is free for students and students can join and opt out anytime. Visit studentsearch.collegeboard.org.

COLLEGE SEARCH

Students can search and filter over 3,600 college profiles with rich content about campus life and admissions provided by the colleges themselves. Students can filter by location, size, school type and major, and explore college profiles to learn about admissions requirements. To get started, students answer a series of questions about college preferences (e.g., GPA range, intended major, institution type, and college setting) and get a personalized list of recommended colleges.

PAY FOR COLLEGE

BIGFUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

When students complete specific steps on the BigFuture dashboard, beginning in 10th grade, they automatically earn entries into BigFuture's scholarship drawings. Each month BigFuture will award hundreds of \$500 scholarships and two \$40,000 scholarships. At least half of the scholarships will be awarded to students whose families earn less than \$60,000 a year. These scholarships are available for all sophomores, juniors, and seniors who attend high school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories, and U.S. citizens and residents who attend U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools. There are no essay, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements.

FAQs about BigFuture Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Scholarship Search is a free tool that matches students to a personalized list of scholarships based on their background, achievements, and future interest. Students can explore over 23,000 scholarships and match with over \$4 billion in scholarships that they may qualify for.

EXPLORE CAREERS

CAREER QUIZ

After taking the quiz, which takes less than 15 minutes, students see their top interest areas and a list of 30 potential careers to explore on BigFuture.

CAREER SEARCH

Career Search is a personalized tool where students can explore 1,000 career profiles with descriptions and information on most common education level, median income, and projected job growth at the national and state level.

CAREER EXPLORATION

BigFuture allows all students to identify jobs that may be a good fit based on how their SAT Suite assessment performance aligns to the quantitative and literacy specifications needed for a career. Students can explore career options they may not have considered and identify educational opportunities in high school and beyond that may help them prepare for their desired careers.

COMMUNITIES AND EVENTS

Students can become BigFuture Ambassadors to motivate their peers to plan their next step while building leadership skills. At BigFuture Live, which are our free virtual community events, students and caring adults get their college and career questions answered by experts. Student and families can also attend Real Talk, a virtual college and career planning series that connects Black students and families with Black staff from colleges, employers, and nonprofit organizations.

CONTACT US

We're listening and want to hear from you. If you have questions or feedback, email us at bigfuture@collegeboard.org.

College Board National Recognition Programs

College Board's four recognition programs—National African American Recognition Program, National Hispanic Recognition Program, National Indigenous Recognition Program and National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program—award academic honors to underrepresented students.

Students who take eligible administrations of the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams will be considered for awards. Students must also identify as African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino or Indigenous, or attend high school in a rural area or small town. This is not a scholarship program; however, students can include this academic honor in their college and scholarship applications.

This winter, 10th and 11th graders can apply for recognition on BigFuture. Visit bigfuture.org/recognition.