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www.collegeboard.org  
**Created by the College Board, a nonprofit association dedicated to preparing students for college. Includes a financial aid estimator; a college search; tips on planning, preparing and applying for college; information on SAT and AP testing; and more.**

[www.ed.gov](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.ed.gov)  
**Maintained by the U.S. Department of Education. Includes college search, financial aid assistance, college planner/time line and other useful tips for college-bound students.**

[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.mapping-your-future.org)  
**One-stop site for advice on career planning, financial strategies and choosing a college. Sponsored by participants in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).**

[www.nacac.com](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.nacac.com)  
**Site of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Offers information on college fairs and financial aid seminars. Archived newsletters offer parents and students tips on preparing for college,ways to maximize resources for scholarships, career development, college searches and more.**

[www.macac.org](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.macac.org)  
**Site of the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling. Includes local college fairs' calendars and online registration forms, plus a link to nacac.com.**

[www.michigancc.net](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.michigancc.net)  
**Site of the Michigan Community College Network. Provides contacts for and links to community colleges throughout Michigan.**

[www.nces.ed.gov](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.nces.ed.gov)  
**The National Center for Education Statistics provides a college search by state or region, as well as pertinent information for each school, including campus crime stats, tuition costs, and student diversity and enrollment.**

**FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Tip #1: Don't eliminate any college because of costs.**

**Develop a plan on paper to finance your education. Investigate all possible resources, including parents, savings, summer earnings, financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, work-study) and any other sources you can think of.**

**Tip #2: Consider less expensive options.**

**Because public universities receive money from state and local governments, these schools offer lower tuition (especially for in-state students). Attending somewhere close to home also will save on expenses, such as dorm living.**

**Tip #3: Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

**You'll need this financial aid application form to apply for federal and state student grants, work-study and loans. Complete income tax returns before filling out the FAFSA - much of the information requested is the same. But you don't have to file your income tax return with the IRS before you fill out the FAFSA. Submitting your FAFSA online reduces processing time and costly errors. To get your PIN (which you'll need as an electronic signature and to access information about your application), fill out the brief application at** [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.pin.ed.gov).**You can complete the form a year early if you want to see for what you will qualify.**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**Site of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).Walks you through getting organized for the FAFSA application (documents you need, etc.), filling the form out and following up on your application status online.**

[www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigancollegeguide.com/www.michigan.com)  
**Operated by the State of Michigan; offers information on Michigan-based scholarships, as well as choosing a college, planning a career and more.**