

USEFUL RESOURCE WEBSITES!

SMyLife College/Career Search Program

Research documents for an individual to be successful and happy within a career the job needs to match with an individual's interest, aptitude, and values. The state of South Dakota offers a computer-based program to assist students in finding out their interests, aptitudes and values. This program is called *SMyLife* and may be accessed from any computer that connects to the Internet. To access SMyLife to go www.careercruising.com/sd. If you do not know your log-in information, see Mrs. Knuppe in Guidance.

TEST PREP SITES:

- www.actstudent.org - ACT registration and practice tests
- www.collegeboard.com - SAT registration and information
- www.Number2.com - Excellent source for ACT/SAT test prep.
- www.4Tests.com - FREE practice tests for ACT/SAT
- www.proprofs.com - FREE test prep
- www.march2success.com - FREE Full Practice ACT exams
- www.testprepreview.com - FREE ACT/SAT/ASVAB practice tests and tutorials
- <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab> - FREE ASVAB practice tests
- www.compass-test-practice.com/ - FREE Compass Placement practice tests

GENERAL COLLEGE/CAREER INFO:

- www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/south-dakota/ - Unique list of accredited not-for-profit institutions offering online programs, sorted by affordability
- www.collegeprep101.com - Great resource to help plan for college during your high school years
- www.collegeanswersguy.com - Great resource to help answer your college prep questions
- www.acenet.edu - Guides students/parents to the books, websites, and resourced that admission and financial aid professionals consider most helpful. American Council on Education
- www.ctcl.org - Colleges That Change Lives, based on Loren Pope's book
- www.princetonreview.com - Excellent college search engine and test prep help
- www.commonapp.org - Complete downloads and info on the Common Application
- www.eligibilitycenter.org - Info on becoming an NCAA athlete, and the registration process
- www.playNAIA.org - Info on becoming an NAIA athlete, and the registration process
- www.collegeview.com - Allows students to search for specific college information and helps to identify colleges that fit the students needs.
- www.keloland.com/college101 - Great resource for students and parents to help in researching colleges, post-secondary options, financial aid, etc.
- <http://collegeapps.about.com> - Provides various information on colleges, preparing applications, and applying for financial aid and scholarships.
- www.rightchoice.net - Great website to help with college and financial planning

- www.sdpirc.org - Excellent resource for parents; provides an abundance of information to help parents assist their children at school, at home, and at any age
- www.acinet.org - Uncover occupational information that will help you in your employment search and give you information on current job markets
- www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org - Find information on how to apply and pay for college, search for colleges and scholarships and explore career interests, all in one place
- www.campustours.com - See what a campus looks like without driving across the country by taking virtual tours of colleges throughout the nation
- www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator - Search for and compare potential colleges on this website
- www.collegeproowler.com - Find information on schools, scholarships and choosing a degree
- www.fes.org/resume/login.asp?whichPage=firstPage - Track your high school accomplishments so they're easy to provide on scholarship and college admission applications
- www.knowhow2go.org - Discover where to begin on the path to college with the basic steps on how to get there from this website
- www.mapingyourfuture.org - Find help planning your career, selecting a school and paying for your education
- www.mymajors.com - Determine what sort of majors are the best fit for you
- www.bls.gov/ooh - Track your skills and interests to qualifications, educational requirements, and salary estimates on this interactive website
- www.supercollege.com - Search for colleges, scholarships, admission tips and more on this comprehensive website

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:

- www.fafsa.gov - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically and submit it for processing online
- www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov - Use this simplified version of the FAFSA to receive an estimate of your financial aid eligibility before your senior year
- www.studentaid.ed.gov/types - Follow the step-by-step guide to college funding on this website
- www.finaid.org - Use the financial aid calculator, college cost projector, educational savings plan designer, and find scholarship and other helpful information on this financial aid website.
- www.pin.ed.gov - Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the US Department of education - you'll need it every year you apply for financial aid

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES:

- www.raise.me/ - This is a new site where students are awarded scholarship money from colleges each time they demonstrate success in high school. Goals such as receiving an A or a B in a class, participating in a school club, or spending a few hours volunteering in your community could earn a young person money for college. Raise.me is entirely free. The cost of the program is paid by colleges and charitable foundations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Facebook's charitable giving.
- www.fastweb.com - Fastweb, which has helped 50 million students find money since the site was founded 15 years ago, was the first online scholarship matching service and the first free national scholarship matching service. Fastweb's site indicates they

currently have roughly 1.5 million scholarships worth \$3.4 billion in their database.

- www.CollegeNet.com - CollegeNET is a technology company that builds web-based tools for event and academic scheduling, prospect and admissions management, tuition processing, and alumni development for colleges and universities. CollegeNET also operates a scholarship search engine and social network where students create topics, participate in discussions, and vote on scholarship winners.
- www.Scholarships.com - Scholarships.com now claims to be the largest free and independent scholarship search and financial aid information resource on the Internet, with more than 2.7 million scholarships worth a total of \$19 billion in their database.
- www.christianconnector.com - Online Christian College Scholarship Resource Program
- www.scholarshipmonkey.com - ScholarshipMonkey.com claims their database provides students access to more than 1 million undergraduate, graduate, and professional scholarship awards worth in excess of \$3 billion from greater than 4,000 sources. Like the other search engines, they are committed to providing their service free of charge.
- www.studentscholarships.org - Great scholarship search engine
- www.fastaid.com - Great scholarship search engine
- www.finaid.org/scholarships/unusual.phtml - Find some of the most interesting scholarships available on this website
- www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams - Watch out for phony scholarship search offers by checking out this site first
- www.scholarshipamerica.org - Great scholarship and college resource

- www.scholarships4students.com - Great resource for scholarships available to high school students and college students
- www.findtuition.com - Great scholarship search engine
- www.scholarshipexperts.com - Great website for scholarships and college info
- www.zinch.com - Great website for scholarships and college info
- www.cappex.com - Great website for college and financial aid planning, and scholarship connector.
- www.bigfuture.org - Great website for college and financial aid planning, and scholarship connector.
- www.sdscholarships.org - Get info regarding the scholarships that are available only to South Dakota high school graduates.
- www.iHELPLoan.com - Billions of dollars in scholarship awards
- www.tuitionfundingsources.com - Great resource for college scholarship and career info.

MILITARY SITES:

- www.finaid.org/military - Learn about the financial aid resources available through the military on this financial aid website
- www.myfuture.com/military - Search military opportunities and tuition assistance information
- www.sss.gov - Register for the Selective Service online