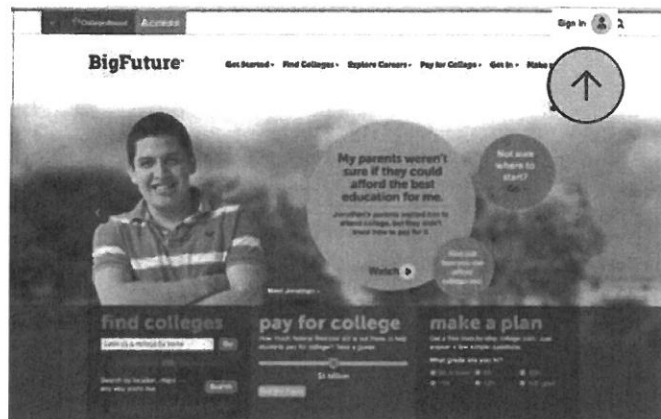


# How to Build a College List

The next step in your academic career is deciding where to apply to and attend college. By applying to a range of colleges, you can expand your opportunities and increase your likelihood of success. We can help.

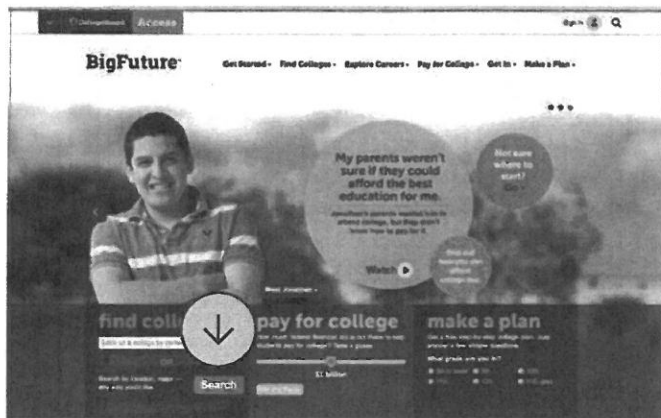
## 1 CREATE A FREE COLLEGE BOARD ACCOUNT

Visit [bigfuture.org](http://bigfuture.org) and sign up for an account. You can register for exams, get test scores, find colleges, and learn about financial aid and more with this account.



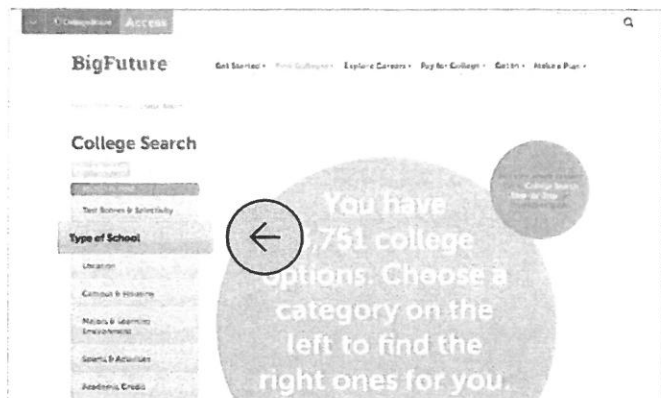
## 2 CLICK THE SEARCH BUTTON UNDER "FIND COLLEGES"

There's no magic formula for choosing a college. Use this tool to find the right colleges for you. Search by type, size, location, majors, cost, and more.



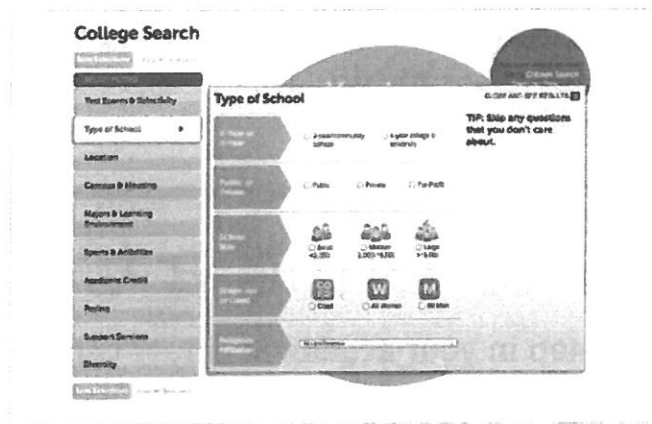
## 3 CHOOSE A FILTER TO GET STARTED

Start with one that's important to you—from type of school, test scores, location, majors, cost/financial aid, sports, or any other popular category.



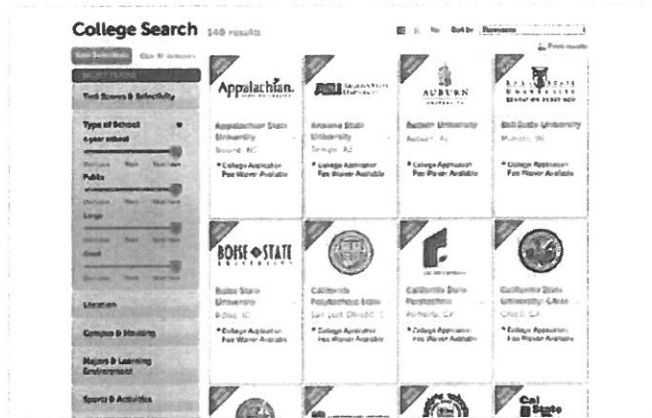
## 4 SELECT YOUR PREFERENCES AND GET GUIDANCE ON EVERY STEP

Review your options and answer the questions. You'll get tips and advice as well as videos from college planning experts and college students to help you understand your choices.



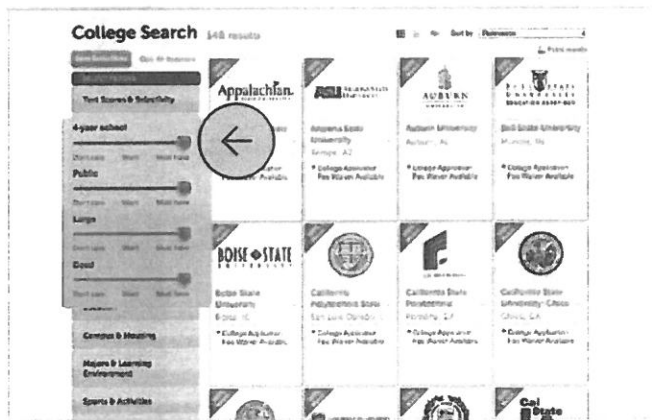
## 5 GET INSTANT COLLEGE MATCHES

As you make your selections, the number of matches is updated. The more options you select, the more refined your list of matches, which appears behind the question window, becomes. Your preferences are summarized to the left of your list, so you always know what you're searching.



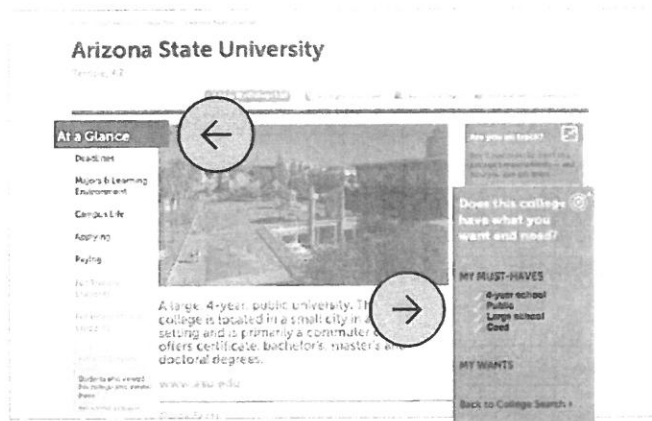
## 6 PRIORITIZE YOUR PREFERENCES

Start with the preferences that are important to you—from type of school, test scores, location, majors, cost/financial aid, sports, or any other popular category.



## 7 CHOOSE A COLLEGE TO EXPLORE

Click on a college to learn more about the school. On the "At a Glance" page, you'll get an overview of the school and a map showing its location. The box to the right shows you whether the college matches your college preferences. If there's a check mark, the college matches.



## 8 GET MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Browse the topics on the left menu—such as “Majors & Learning Environment,” “Paying,” or “Campus Life.” Tabs within each section offer even more specific information.

**Arizona State University**  
Tempe, AZ

At a Glance

- Large school
- Deadlines
- Majors & Learning Environment
- Campus Life
- Applying
- Paying

Statistics: 40,077 Undergraduate Enrollment, 42,200 Graduate Enrollment, 42,200 Total Enrollment, 6,300 Commuter Campus, Suburban Setting, Street City.

Unique Facilities: planetarium, art anthropology gallery, history and sports museum, museum, planetarium, games, athletics, botanical gardens, open-air theater, botanical gardens, botanical gardens.

Average Age: 21

Race/Ethnicity: 51% White, 32% Non-Hispanic Asian

## 9 SEE IF YOU'RE ACADEMICALLY ON TRACK FOR THE COLLEGE

Click on the “Applying” section and the “Academics” tab. It shows the high school coursework required by this college. Enter the years of each subject you’ve taken, and the chart will instantly update to show if you’re academically on track or need to adjust your plan. Also in the “Applying” section, you can see how your grades, class rank, and test scores stack up against those of students accepted at this school.

**Arizona State University**  
Tempe, AZ

Regular Applicants: 24,700 Total Applicants, 25,000 Accepted, 2,200 Enrolled

Wait List Statistics: Information on applicant wait lists

Application Fee: \$50\*

What's Important? Application Requirement

ACADEMICS & GPA

Year of High School Classes: A table with columns for Year (1-4) and rows for Math, Science, English, and Social Studies.

## 10 ADD THE COLLEGE TO YOUR FAVORITES LIST

Click the “Add to My College List” button located near the college name.

**Arizona State University**  
Tempe, AZ

Add to My College List

Are you on track? A large, 4-year public university. This cold college is located in a small city in a suburban setting and is primarily a commuter campus. It offers certificate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Be sure to apply to at least four colleges.

## Why Apply to 4 or More<sup>TM</sup>?

### 1 It can save you money.

Every college offers different scholarships and financial aid packages that can help you pay for college. Apply to at least four colleges so that you can compare and determine which is the best option for you.

### 2 It increases your odds of getting in.

If you apply to only one or two colleges, you risk not getting into either school. If you apply to at least four, you have a much better chance of being admitted.

### A good fit makes a difference.

Students who apply to at least four colleges increase their chances of finding a good academic, social, and financial fit. And a good fit matters because it will influence your overall college experience.

Don't forget that the **FAFSA opens Oct. 1.**

You'll need to complete this form to apply for financial aid.

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