

Too Many Students, Too Little Time ... Helpful Links

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

For Counselors	For Students & Parents
<p>Counselor Zone :</p> <p><u>E-Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual and Handbooks • Ready-to-Use Presentations • Applications and Forms <p><u>FAFSA Completion Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Your Own Reference Manual <p><u>Guidance for Conducting Financial Aid Nights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and Suggestions • Financial Aid for a College Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PowerPoint and Talking Points – English ○ PowerPoint and Talking Points -- Spanish 	<p>Student and Parent Zones:</p> <p>Student Financing section</p> <p>Parent Financing section</p> <p>Map of Illinois Colleges</p> <p>College Costs Calculator</p> <p>College Aid Calculator</p> <p>FAFSA guidance</p>
<p>Counselor Zone Helpful Links:</p> <p><u>NASFAA's Counseling Tools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide to Planning and Conducting a Financial Aid Night • Financing Education Beyond High School PowerPoint and Talking Points • Handouts for students and parents <p><u>ED's FSA for Counselors Web site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid Night Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to Apply for Federal Student Aid – English ○ How to Apply for Federal Student Aid -- Spanish ○ Planning a Financial Aid Awareness Program – English ○ Planning a Financial Aid Awareness Program -- Spanish • FSA High School Counselor's Handbook • FAFSA Information and Updates • Webcasts and Training • FSA Ambassador Toolkit 	<p>Student and Parent Zones Helpful Links:</p> <p><u>FSA's Student Aid on the Web site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Student Guide – text • The Student Guide -- audio <p><u>FAFSA on the Web</u></p> <p><u>FAAM 2005</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Goal Sunday <p><u>Scholarship Searches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Scam Web site <p><u>MYF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Chats • Student Loan Counseling and Resources • PLUS Loan Guide (for parents) <p><u>NASFAA's Parents and Students Web page</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash for College Handbook

ACADEMIC PREPARATION RESOURCES

For Counselors	For Students & Parents
<p>Counselor Zone:</p> <p>College Bound Checklist</p> <p>Quick Links</p> <p>Resources: Helpful Links Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Outlook Handbook • Peterson's • ACT • The College Board • Kaplan • NCAA 	<p>Student and Parent Zones:</p> <p>Student Planning section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Bound Checklist <p>Parent Planning section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Bound Checklist <p>Career interests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)
<p>Counselor Zone Helpful Links:</p> <p>Department of Education at ed.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher section of ed.gov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tools for improving student performance ○ Resources for preparing students for college ○ Online professional development and continuing education <p>MYF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Steps to Help You Achieve Your Goals <p>NACAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and reports <p>IACAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State University Foreign Language Requirements for Admission and Graduation 	<p>Student and Parent Zones Helpful Links:</p> <p>Department of Education at ed.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Aids for Students • Prepare Your Child for College <p>MYF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Steps to Planning Your Future • Ten Steps to Planning Your Child's Education • Webcasts

COLLEGE SELECTION RESOURCES

For Counselors	For Students & Parents
<p>Counselor Zone:</p> <p><u>E-Library</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2004-05 Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions • Map of Illinois Colleges 	<p>Student and Parent Zones:</p> <p>Student Finding and Applying section</p> <p>Parent Finding and Applying section</p> <p>2004-05 Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions</p> <p>Map of Illinois Colleges</p>
<p>Counselor Zone Helpful Links:</p> <p><u>NACAC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National college fair information <p><u>IACAC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois College Expositions (ICE) • Publications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twelve Reasons to Stay in Illinois 2004-05 ○ State Universities in Illinois – At a Glance 2004-05 <p><u>Illinois Board of Higher Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois State Articulation Initiative 	<p>Student and Parent Zones Helpful Links:</p> <p>Department of Education’s Find & Pay for College resources</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Locators and Lists</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Explore Financial Aid</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Apply for Scholarships & Loans</p> <p>MYF Live Chats</p> <p><u>NACAC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Decision/Early Action College Directory • National college fair information • Steps to College online newsletter <p>IACAC Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve Reasons to Stay in Illinois 2004-05 • State Universities in Illinois – At a Glance 2004-05

ADMISSION RESOURCES

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<p>Counselor Zone:</p> <p>2004-05 Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions</p> <p>Map of Illinois Colleges</p>	<p>Student and Parent Zones:</p> <p>Student Finding and Applying section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tips and Guidance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Test Taking○ Writing Essays○ Getting Organized <p>Parent Finding and Applying section</p> <p>2004-05 Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions</p> <p>Map of Illinois Colleges</p>
<p>Counselor Zone Helpful Links:</p> <p>NACAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research section• State of College Admission Report• Surveys and Trends	<p>Student and Parent Zones Helpful Links:</p> <p>FAAM</p> <p>MYF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate schools with online and electronic applications<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mentor○ Embark○ CollegeLink (FastWeb) <p>NACAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research section• State of College Admission Report• Surveys and Trends

EARLY AWARENESS RESOURCES

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<p>Counselor Zone:</p> <p><u>Dream to Reality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>PowerPoint</u> • <u>Talking Points</u> • <u>Activity Kit</u> <p><u>College Planning Guide</u></p> <p><u>Calculators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>College Cost</u> • <u>Future Savings</u> • <u>Monthly Savings</u> 	<p>Student and Parent Zones:</p> <p><u>Student 6th – 8th Grade Section</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Benefits of College</u> • <u>High School Entrance Exams</u> • <u>Planning for College</u> <p><u>Parent 6th – 8th Grade Section</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Benefits of College</u> • <u>College Planning Guide</u> • <u>Saving for College</u> • <u>Calculators</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>College Cost</u> ○ <u>Future Savings</u> ○ <u>Monthly Savings</u>
<p>Counselor Zone Helpful Links:</p> <p><u>Department of Education at ed.gov</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)</u> • <u>Publications and brochures</u> <p><u>MYF's Make High School Count</u></p> <p><u>NASFAA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The ABCs of Early Awareness: A Resource Guide and Toolkit for Helping Students Achieve a Higher Education</u> <p><u>Illinois colleges and universities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Outreach programs – NASFAA database</u> • <u>Summer camps/programs – Peterson's</u> • <u>Summer university programs – StudentsReview</u> 	<p>Student and Parent Zones Helpful Links:</p> <p><u>Department of Education at ed.gov</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Think College Early</u> • <u>Getting Ready for College Early: A Handbook for Parents of Students in the Middle and Junior High School Years</u> • <u>Career Voyages</u> <p><u>FAAM</u></p> <p><u>MYF</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Careership</u> <p><u>Illinois colleges and universities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Outreach programs – NASFAA database</u> • <u>Summer camps/programs – Peterson's</u> • <u>Summer university programs – StudentsReview</u>