

# CCC Resources

## COLLEGE Resources

### [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

- Create an account
- Go to "Search Schools"
- Enter your search criteria: *Try not to be too specific. Unless it's a deal-breaker, keep your options open so that you avoid eliminating schools that may be a good fit.*
- Do a number of different searches
- Save schools that interest you so that you can go back to compare schools later

### [www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)

- Helpful site to research an abundance of college data
- Predict your chances of admission

### [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

- Use this site to obtain a list of schools that *de-emphasize* the use of standardized tests in the admissions process

### [www.Nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/](http://www.Nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/)

- Be an informed consumer!
- National Center for Education Statistics – search statistical information on colleges and careers

### <http://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major>

- A major is not a career!
- Click on "Connect majors to careers" to find out what you can do with your college major

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## CAREER Resources

### <https://ilcis.intocareers.org>

Username: PsouthUser  
Password: Careers  
*Username and password are case sensitive*

- Answer questions about yourself and connect to occupations that match your interests, skills, work values, and lifestyle preferences.
- 1. Create a portfolio
- 2. Choose "Assessments": Reality check/SKILLS inventory/Interest profile/Career cluster inventory/etc.
- 3. Choose "Occupations": Learn about occupations that match your interest results

### [www.whatsnextillinois.org](http://www.whatsnextillinois.org)

1. Create an account
2. Career Planning

#### **STEP ONE**

##### **Learn about yourself**

- Interest profiler
- Career cluster survey
- Basic skills survey
- Transferable skills checklist
- Work values sorter
- The career key
- Check out: "Digging Deeper"
- \*Use these inventories and surveys to help you narrow down a career path that fits your skills and interests.*

#### **STEP TWO**

##### **Explore Careers**

- \*Based on your survey results from step one, explore potential careers.*
- Be THOROUGH (spend time on this)
- Be PATIENT (major life decisions take time!)

#### **STEP THREE**

##### **Get a job**

- \*Whether you are looking for a part-time job or long-term employment, begin sharpening your job seeking skills now!*

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## MILITARY Resources

Use [www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com) to:

- Research the specifics of all military branches
- Learn about military options
- Learn about military benefits
- Contact a recruiter
- Learn about ROTC programs: *In the search field, type ROTC, to learn about Reserve Officer Training Corps programs:*
  - Participating schools/Scholarships/Application processes/Deadlines/etc.

### Area Recruitment Offices

US Army:	815-730-9003	} 1701 N. Larkin Avenue Crest Hill, IL
US Air Force:	815-730-9130	
US Naval:	815-741-2744	
US Marine Corps:	815-741-3181	

US Army National Guard: 815-725-3175  
2900 W Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL

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## FINANCIAL AID Resources

[www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)

-As soon as possible after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you intend to enroll in college, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

<http://pshs.psd202.org/pages/PlainfieldSouthHS>

- Click on "Student Services"
- Click on "Scholarship Opportunities" for current scholarship applications posted through Plainfield South High School
- Click on "Scholarship Search Engines" for a listing of scholarship websites. Create accounts on these websites to be "matched" to potential scholarships that fit your skills, interests and criteria.

<http://www.isac.org/>

Contact Plainfield South's ISAC representative

- Learn about financial aid
- Before/during/after college-planning
- Find FAFSA completion workshops

[www.whatsnextillinois.org](http://www.whatsnextillinois.org)

- Financial Aid Planning
  - Financial Aid 101
  - Financial Aid Calculators
  - Scholarship search
  - Build your financial Plan
  - Financial Fitness
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## PSHS College Career Center, Room 300

All students are welcome to utilize the resources of the College Career Center during their lunch/study hall for any post-secondary planning-related activity. Use the CCC to:

- Complete interest / personality inventories
- Research college options
- Complete college applications
- Write/receive editing/feedback on application essays
- Research and complete scholarship applications
- Research career options
- Attend college visits
- Meet with the College Career Counselor
- Meet with an ISAC representative