

Early College Awareness

By the Boosting Futures Team



Who are we?



Boosting Futures

- > Our main goal is to:
 - Help students to understand the benefits of higher education
 - **Preparing** them to apply to English-speaking colleges



Founders



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Why go for a college education?

Advantages of a College Education

- Higher median salary for college graduates than people without a college degree
- Twice as likely to end up unemployed without a college education than college graduates

- Less than a high school diploma
- High school graduates, no college
- Some college or associate degree
- Bachelor's degree and higher

Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainments





Advantages of a College Education

- Employment opportunities
 - Two-thirds of all jobs required a postsecondary education
- > Happier in life due to greater job satisfaction
 - 86% of college graduates consider their job a successful career
 - Only 57% of high school graduates say the same.



Why study abroad?



Advantages of an Overseas Education

Makes you ready for life:

- > Socially
- Economically

College graduates with a Bachelor's degree have an average salary of \$59,600 in the USA



Where do we recommend?



Study in the US

The US is considered the world's most popular study abroad destination.

- Prestigious institutions
- Over 5,500 universities and colleges
- > Diversity
- > Most American colleges offer financial aid.



Study in Europe

≻ UK

- Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, King's College
- Switzerland
 - ETH, University of Zurich
- Netherlands
 - University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University
- ➤ France
 - Sorbonne Université, Université de Paris
- ≻ Germany
 - University of Munich





Possibilities:

- > Bocconi
- > Politecnico
- > Normale di Pisa



Research your dream university

Look at:

- University website
- University youtube videos

Think about:

- Courses offered
- Ratio of teachers per student
- ➤ Facilities
- Extracurricular opportunities
- > Location

Rank	Country	International student population
1	USA	1,095,299
2	UK	496,570
3	China	492,185
4	Canada	435,415
5	Australia	420,501
6	France	343,400
7	Russia	334,497
8	Germany	282,002
9	Japan	208,901
10	Spain	120,991



What about college expenses?



Tuition



Source: US News, 2022





- Average cost of room and board (9 months)
 - \$8,887 per school year at public colleges and universities
 - \$10,089 per school year at private colleges and universities
- Average apartment expenses:
 - \$1,178/month for a two-bedroom apartment
 - \$112/month for the electric bill
 - \$50/month for internet



Other costs

- Technological and electronics (app. \$1,000)
- Clothing (e.g. moving to colder places)
- Transportation (traveling to college, travelling home, commuting)
- Books and Supplies (app. \$1, 300)
- Health insurance and medical costs
- ➤ Dining out
- Wi-Fi and other online learning expenses
- > Emergencies



Financial Aid

Economic barriers can be overcome

2000-'01

- 83.8% students receive some sort of financial aid
- 58% of students receive scholarships

Source: Education Data Initiative, 2021





Some Examples of Financial Aid

Harvard University

- "Families with annual incomes of up to **\$75,000** (up from \$65,000) will be expected to contribute nothing to the cost of their child's education"
- <u>https://college.harvard.edu/financial-aid</u>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

- "MIT admits the most talented students in the world through **need-blind admissions**. Once admitted, MIT meets your full financial need for all four years of your undergraduate career."
- <u>https://sfs.mit.edu/undergraduate-students/</u>

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How to apply to financial aid

- Expected Family Contribution
- > Fill in the CSS Profile via College Board
- Check the college deadlines

CSS Profile

Each year CSS Profile unlocks access to more than \$10 billion in nonfederal aid to thousands of students.

https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/

For application costs:

- EducationUSA
- ➤ Cover the up-front costs



How can I get admitted to a prestigious college?



Our advice

- \succ Do things in high school that will help you stand out:
 - Volunteering in your community
 - Playing for a sports team
 - Taking part in school co-curricular activities
 - Participating summer courses

- Another Recommendation
 - Building a good relationship with your teachers



In depth: Further Education & the Employment Market



What to study in your degree

- > 70% of all employers don't care about your degree.
- > Follow your passion
- Some career paths require more specific degrees

> Work experience



How can we help?



Boosting Futures

- Free source of support to students
 - We deliver talks (recorded and live) about early college awareness.
 - We offer one-on-one supporting classes in English, Math and Science.



Free Peer to Peer lessons in:

English, Maths & Science

Lessons supervised by teachers from English schools

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