



Democracy 2.0 Resources

Finances – Aid, Scholarships, and Budgets

FAFSA Information

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

The official FAFSA website, including an online application and information to answer FAQs.

What you need to begin and how to complete the FAFSA

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before001.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/ScholarshipsAid>

College Foundation of North Carolina

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

College and career planning site that includes links to practice applications for colleges and financial aid, as well as links to other resources such as scholarship and grant programs.

College Scholarship

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

Free site that allows browsing of scholarships and grant programs, along with links to program information.

CFNC Budget Calculator

<http://tinyurl.com/CFNCCalculator>

A free budget calculator for college students.

The Benefit Bank of North Carolina

<http://tinyurl.com/BenefitBank>

A web-based program that matches people in need with aid and benefits they can take advantage of.



Jobs and Career Resources

PipelineNC

<http://pipelinenc.com/>

A North Carolina jobs and education site for students, job seekers, employers, and educators.

Idealist.org

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

This site has a career section devoted to helping people find their “dream job in the nonprofit sector.”

USAJobs.gov

<http://www.USAJobs.gov/>

The US government's official job site.

Quintessential Careers

Access to any information a job-seeker might want. Two examples:

Directory of Job Listings

<http://www.quintcareers.com/indres.html>

Interview Resources

<http://www.quintcareers.com/intvres.html>

Organizing and Meeting

The resources here can be used to help organize like-minded individuals into a cohesive force for action.

Mobilizer's Guidebook

<http://www.mobilize.org/Guidebook>

The Mobilizer's Guidebook has been one of Mobilize.org's most successful resources, outlining tools to help Millennials improve their communities and their campuses, as well as become more engaged in the political process.

Introduction to Organizing

<http://tinyurl.com/OrganizeIntro>

A web introduction to community organizing that emphasizes planning and



organizing strategies.



Particip8.org Tips

<http://www.particip8.org/organize/>

A few pointers on how to organize within an existing group and links to information about creating your own organization.

Tips on Group Organizing

<http://tinyurl.com/OrganizeTips>

An outline for creating and organizing a group of people for collective action.

The Organizing Game – the Community Organizing Toolkit

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

A great tool to help you learn how to become an effective organizer, developing skills ranging from organization building and getting commitments to act to following up on initial contacts.

Center for Community Change – CCC Library of Resources

<http://www.communitychange.org/library/>

A library of organizing resources and articles published by the CCC.

Research Resources

Links to research that has been done on community college success rates.

The Role of Academic and Non-Academic Factors in Improving College Retention

<http://tinyurl.com/CollegeRetention>

This study builds on extensive ACT research over the past 20 years into the critical issues affecting persistence in college.

Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements through 2018

<http://cew.georgetown.edu/JOBS2018/>

America is projected to need 22 million new workers with college educations by 2018; this is a numerical analysis.



Impact of Financial Aid on Postsecondary Persistence

<http://tinyurl.com/NASFAAImpact>

This article identifies the conundrum that exists between removing financial access barriers to college and the student recipients' inability to sustain re-enrollment.

ACT Research – Retention and Graduation

<http://tinyurl.com/ACTRetain>

Information, studies, and reports on college retention rates and the influential factors.

<http://tinyurl.com/ACTGrad>

Graduation and retention trends, year by year, from 2000 to 2010 and a trends chart from 1983 to 2010.

Dual-Admissions in Virginia

<http://tinyurl.com/VADualAdm>

A report on the dual-admissions program between two- and four-year institutions in Virginia, in which students can apply simultaneously to each institution and automatically be enrolled in the four-year program upon completion of an associate degree.

Other Organizations and Projects

Achieving the Dream

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

Achieving the Dream is dedicated to making the student success agenda a priority at community colleges and with state and national policymakers and stakeholders.

Achieving the Dream will have representatives at the Target 2020 Summit.

Complete College America

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

Complete College America is a national nonprofit working to significantly increase the number of Americans with a college degree or credential of value and to close attainment gaps for traditionally underrepresented populations.



Project Win-Win

<http://www.ihep.org/projectwin-win.cfm>

Project Win-Win searches out former students of colleges and universities in six states and seeks to retroactively award those that qualify with associate's degrees or re-engage those that are only a few credits short of graduation.

Youth Service America

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

Youth Service America improves communities by increasing the number and diversity of young people, ages 5-25, serving in substantive roles. YSA does this through grant and service programs.

Summit Partner Information

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

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

The Knight Foundation is a national foundation primarily dedicated to promoting excellence in journalism, but the Foundation also focuses on projects that promote informed, engaged communities and lead to transformational change.

The Rappaport Family Foundation

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

The Rappaport Family Foundation makes grants to non-profit 501c(3) organizations that promote civic engagement. The Foundation is currently focused on funding unique solutions to ignite and maintain civic participation and community engagement among community college students.