

# RECOMMENDED REFERENCE RESOURCES

## XI. EDUCATION

### A. GUIDES TO COLLEGES

*Profiles of American Colleges*. Barron's Educational Series, annual. \$28.99.

*College Blue Book*. 36th ed. MacMillan, 2008. 6 vols. \$440.00.

*Fiske Guide to Colleges*. Sourcebooks Trade, 2008. \$22.95.

*Handbook of Illinois Postsecondary Institutions*. Illinois Student Assistance Commission.  
[http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/415\\_4978.htm](http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/415_4978.htm)

*Illinois Community College Board*. Illinois Community College Board. <http://www.iccb.state.il.us/>  
Lists community colleges in Illinois.

*Insiders' Guide to the Colleges*. Yale Daily News Staff. St. Martin's Press, \$19.99.

*Four Year Colleges*. Peterson's Guides, 2009, every 2 years. \$32.00.  
*Graduate & Professional Programs: An Overview*. Petersons, annual. \$54.00.

*Peterson's Two Year Colleges*. Petersons, 2009, annual. \$27.00.

*Two-Year College Databook*. Chronicle Guidance Publications, Inc., 2007-2008. \$25.47.  
<http://www.chronicleguidance.com/> or (800) 899-0454.

### B. RATINGS OF COLLEGES

*Educational Rankings Annual*. Gale, annual. \$280.00.

*Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges*, 25<sup>th</sup> ed, 2007. Rugg's Recommendations, annual. \$25.95.

*U.S. News & World Report Ultimate College Guide*. U.S. News & World Report, 2008, annual. \$28.95.

### C. GUIDES TO FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS

*Ferguson Career Resource Guide to Grants, Scholarships, And Other Financial Resources*. Ferguson, 2007.  
\$125.00.

*FastWeb.com*. <http://www.fastweb.com/>

*FinAid.org*. <http://www.finaid.org/>

*Kaplan Scholarships*. 2008. Kaplan, annual. \$27.00.  
*Scholarship Board Scholarship Handbook*. College Board, 2008, annual. \$27.95.

*Scholarship Book: The Complete Guide to Private-Sector Scholarships, Grants and Loans for the Undergraduate*. Prentice-Hall, 2006, irregular. \$30.00.

*Scholarships, Grants & Prizes*. Petersons, 2008, annual. \$32.00.

#### **D. GUIDES TO ILLINOIS SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*Directory of Illinois Public Schools, School Districts, and Other Education Units*. Illinois State Board of Education, annual. <http://webprod.isbe.net/ereportcard/publicsite/default.htm> or 217-782-3950.

*Dirpro Directory of Illinois Schools*. DIRPRO Specialized Computer Services, annual. \$24.00.  
Nonpublic School Directory (Illinois). Illinois State Board Of Education, annual.  
<http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/directories.htm> or 217-782-3950.

*Patterson's American Education*. Educational Directories, 2008, annual. \$94.00.

*Patterson's Elementary Education*. <http://www.ediusa.com/PattersonsElementaryEducation.htm> or 800.357-6183. Educational Directories, annual. \$92.00.

*QED's School Guide, Illinois*. Quality Education Data, Inc., annual. \$95.00/\$270.00 (print/online)  
<http://www.qeddata.com/MarketKno/SchoolGuides/OrderOnline.aspx> or 800-525-5811.

#### **E. REPORT CARDS OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

School ratings are published annually at the end of October/beginning of November.

*Chicago Sun Times*. <http://www.suntimes.com/schools>

*Illinois State Board of Education*. <http://www.isbe.state.il.us>

#### **F. GUIDES TO OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS**

*Career College & Technology School Databook*. Chronicle Guidance Publications, Inc., 2007-2008. \$25.46

*College Blue Book*. Occupational Education. 36<sup>th</sup> ed. MacMillan, 2008. \$440.00.

*Vocational and Technical Schools*. Petersons, 2007. \$42.00.

#### **G. REFERENCE**

*Encyclopedia of American Education*. Facts on File, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2007. \$250.00.