About the College Search Tool

What is the College Search Tool?

The College Search Tool on CaliforniaColleges.edu helps students find the best colleges for their needs in California and across the country, based on the factors that matter most to them.

The College Search Tool has been updated to improve the student experience.
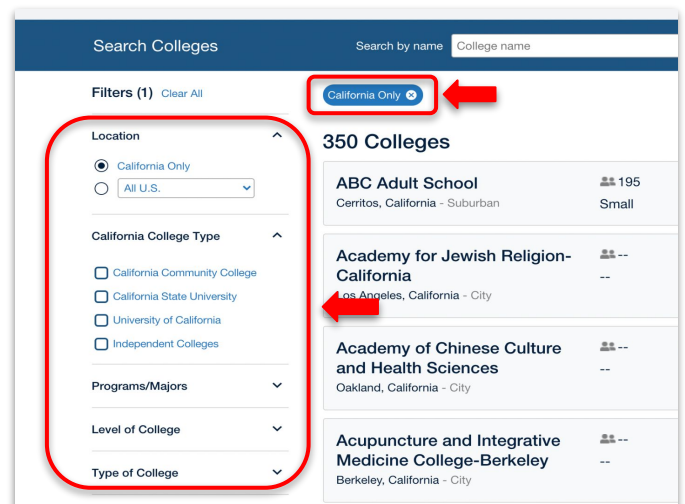
As part of our continual efforts to improve CaliforniaColleges.edu, we updated the College Search Tool in 2022 to make it easier for students to search for the college or university that's right for them. In order to support students in finding the right college or university, we made the following updates to the College Search Tool:

Improved Navigation

The College Search Tool's interface is cleaner and has been streamlined to make filters more accessible.

These changes are aligned with user experience best practices.

► Left-hand filter navigation makes it easier to find and use filters.

► Selected filters display across the top.

► Results are automatically updated.

More Robust Search Results

Students will be able to view more information in the results, such as:

► School name, city, state, environment

► Undergraduate enrollment total

► College type and level

► Average net price

► Acceptance rate
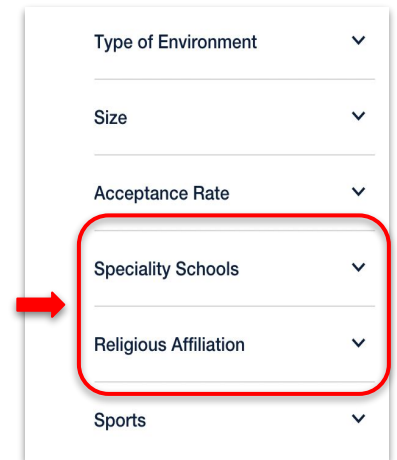
Students can also add a program or major as a filter.

New Filters Added

Students can now filter for **Specialty Schools**, such as:
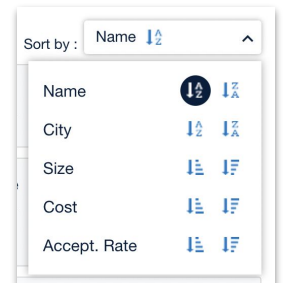
▶ Women's Only and Men's Only

▶ Asian American & Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution

▶ Hispanic-Serving Institution

▶ Historically Black College or University

▶ Tribal College

They can also filter for schools with **Religious Affiliation** from a list of **70 affiliations**.
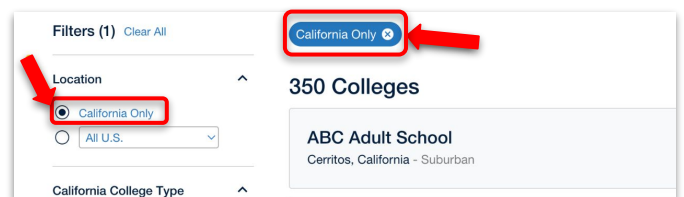
New Icons for Sorting

Students can now sort their search data using icons. Students will be able to search alphabetically based on college name and city or search numerically based on size, cost, or acceptance rate.

Searches Automatically Highlight California Schools

California Only is selected as the default location filter for schools, because we know that the majority of California students who decide to pursue higher education enroll in a California public college or university after graduation.
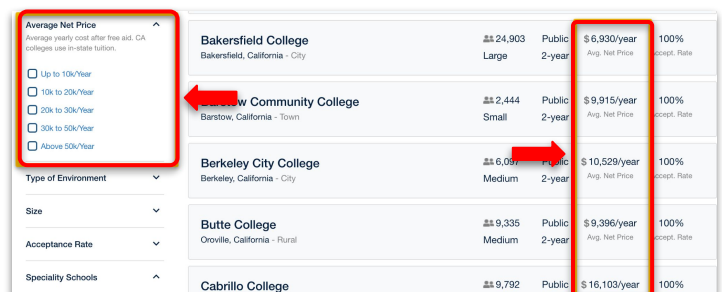
Students can easily **deselect the California Only** filter should they want to include out-of-state colleges and universities in their search results.

"Average Net Price" Added to Search Results

Average Net Price per Year provides students with the data they need to make the most informed decision.

Average net price is the total cost of attendance minus the average amount of grant and scholarship aid (from federal, state, local or institutional sources) a student would receive in their first year.

Questions?

Have more questions about the College Search Tool? Please **Contact Us**.