

DISCLAIMER

CollegeBound Journey®

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1. Purpose of This Disclaimer

This Disclaimer explains important limitations concerning the information, resources, tools, courses, databases, and educational services offered by Four Directions Educational Consulting Services, LLC through CollegeBound Journey.

Please read this Disclaimer together with the CollegeBound Journey Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this Disclaimer:

“Company,” “we,” “us,” or “our” means Four Directions Educational Consulting Services, LLC.

“CollegeBound Journey” means the Company’s educational platform and related services.

“Services” means the public website, password-protected platform, online courses, educational databases, counselor and educator resources, toolkits, assessments, individualized educational services, and other content or resources provided through CollegeBound Journey.

“Website” means the CollegeBound Journey website located at <https://collegeboundjourney.com>.

“User,” “you,” or “your” means any individual or organization that accesses or uses the Services, including students, parents or guardians, educators, counselors, schools, school districts, Tribal Nations, and other participating organizations.

3. Educational and Informational Purposes

CollegeBound Journey provides educational information, resources, and planning support intended to assist students, families, educators, counselors, schools, and organizations with college readiness, career exploration, scholarship research, student development, and postsecondary planning.

The Services are provided for educational and informational purposes only. Although some Services may include individualized college or career planning support, they do not constitute:

- clinical counseling, psychotherapy, or mental-health treatment;
- psychological testing, evaluation, or diagnosis;
- medical advice or treatment;
- legal advice;
- tax or accounting advice;
- financial, investment, or debt-management advice; or
- a guarantee of any educational, financial, career, or personal outcome.

Use of the Services does not establish a therapist-client, attorney-client, accountant-client, financial-adviser, or similar professional relationship.

Users should consult an appropriately qualified professional when they need advice or services outside the educational scope of CollegeBound Journey.

4. No Guarantee of Outcomes

CollegeBound Journey provides resources and guidance intended to support informed exploration, planning, and decision-making. Individual outcomes depend on many factors outside the Company's control.

The Company does not guarantee:

- admission to any college, university, training program, or other educational institution;
- eligibility for or receipt of a scholarship, grant, loan, financial-aid award, or other funding;
- the amount or continuation of any financial assistance;
- acceptance into a pre-college, cultural-enrichment, internship, employment, or career-development program;
- academic credit, elective credit, course placement, graduation, or fulfillment of school requirements;
- employment, career advancement, income, or suitability for a particular occupation;
- acceptance, transferability, or recognition of coursework or credentials;
- successful completion of a course or program; or
- any particular educational, professional, financial, career, or personal result.

Students and participating organizations remain responsible for completing applications, satisfying eligibility requirements, meeting deadlines, submitting accurate information, and making their own educational and career decisions.

5. College, Scholarship, and Program Information

CollegeBound Journey may provide searchable information about colleges, scholarships, financial aid, pre-college programs, cultural-enrichment opportunities, and other educational resources.

We make reasonable efforts to provide useful and accurate information. However, information may change without notice, including:

- application requirements and deadlines;
- eligibility requirements;
- scholarship amounts and availability;
- tuition, fees, and other costs;
- financial-aid policies;
- college programs and services;
- admission standards;
- campus resources;
- program dates and locations;
- contact information; and
- availability of educational or cultural opportunities.

The inclusion of a college, scholarship, program, organization, or other opportunity in the Services does not guarantee that it remains available, that a user qualifies, or that the information is complete or current.

Users must independently verify all material information directly with the college, scholarship provider, government agency, program sponsor, or other organization responsible for the opportunity before applying, enrolling, making a payment, or relying on the information.

6. Native-Supportive College Information

CollegeBound Journey may identify or describe certain colleges or institutions as “Native-supportive” based on the Company’s professional research, experience, and evaluation of available information.

This designation is intended to assist with college exploration and planning. It is not:

- an accreditation, certification, ranking, or official institutional classification;
- an endorsement by a Tribal Nation, government agency, accrediting organization, college, or university;
- a guarantee that every Native student will have a positive or culturally responsive experience;
- a guarantee that identified programs, services, staff, funding, or resources will remain available; or
- a substitute for a student’s own investigation of an institution.

Student experiences may differ based on identity, Tribal affiliation, academic program, campus location, individual needs, institutional changes, and other circumstances. Students and families should research each institution, communicate directly with its Native or Indigenous student-support programs, and consider whether the institution meets the student’s individual academic, cultural, financial, and personal needs.

7. Career Assessments and Recommendations

Career assessments, interest inventories, reflection activities, career matches, and related recommendations provided through CollegeBound Journey are intended only for educational exploration and planning.

They are not psychological evaluations, clinical assessments, diagnostic instruments, employment-placement services, or guarantees that a particular career will be appropriate, available, satisfying, or financially successful.

Assessment results may be influenced by a user’s responses, experiences, interests, circumstances, and stage of development. Interests and goals may also change over time.

Users should consider assessment results as one source of information among many and should conduct additional research before making educational, training, or employment decisions.

8. Academic and Elective Credit

Schools or other participating educational organizations may choose to award academic or elective credit for certain CollegeBound Journey courses or learning experiences.

The decision to award credit belongs entirely to the participating school or organization. The Company does not independently grant school credit, determine graduation requirements, guarantee that credit will be awarded, or guarantee that another institution will accept or transfer the credit.

Schools and organizations are responsible for determining whether the Services satisfy their academic standards, instructional requirements, grading policies, attendance requirements, and applicable laws or regulations.

9. School and Organization Responsibilities

When access to the Services is provided through a school, school district, Tribal Nation, or other organization, that organization remains responsible for its educational and administrative decisions, including:

- selecting students and authorized users;

- determining how the Services will be implemented;
- supervising student participation when appropriate;
- determining whether and how student work will be graded;
- awarding or denying academic credit;
- providing accommodations and other student supports;
- ensuring compliance with applicable school policies and legal requirements; and
- making final academic, disciplinary, counseling, placement, and graduation decisions.

CollegeBound Journey supplements, but does not replace, the responsibilities of a student's school, educators, counselors, parents or guardians, or other qualified professionals.

10. Student and Family Decision-Making

Students, parents, and guardians remain responsible for reviewing educational options and making decisions based on the student's individual circumstances.

Parents and guardians should remain appropriately involved in decisions involving minors, including decisions about college applications, financial aid, borrowing, travel, enrollment, participation in outside programs, and the disclosure of personal information to third parties.

Nothing within the Services should be interpreted as directing a student to enroll in a particular institution, borrow money, accept a financial-aid package, or pursue a particular educational or career pathway.

11. Accuracy, Completeness, and Timeliness

The Company makes reasonable efforts to provide accurate and helpful content. However, educational opportunities, institutional policies, laws, technology, financial-aid requirements, and other information may change.

The Company does not warrant or represent that all information provided through the Services is complete, current, error-free, or suitable for every user or circumstance.

The Company may correct, update, add, remove, or modify content at any time without prior notice. The presence of outdated or incomplete information does not create an obligation to continue offering, restoring, or updating any particular resource.

Users are responsible for independently confirming information that may affect an application, deadline, financial commitment, eligibility determination, or other important decision.

12. Third-Party Websites, Resources, and Services

The Services may contain links to or incorporate information, videos, applications, forms, websites, and resources provided by third parties.

Third-party resources are provided for convenience and educational reference. The Company does not own or control those third parties and does not guarantee or assume responsibility for their:

- content, accuracy, or availability;
- privacy or security practices;
- accessibility;
- terms or policies;
- products or services;
- application or eligibility decisions; or
- changes, interruptions, or removal of content.

A link, reference, or embedded resource does not necessarily constitute the Company's endorsement of the third party or everything the third party offers or publishes.

Users should review the terms, privacy policies, accessibility information, and other applicable policies of third-party services before using them or providing personal information.

13. No Paid Recommendations

The Company does not currently receive affiliate commissions, referral payments, sponsorship payments, or other compensation for recommending or including particular colleges, scholarships, programs, services, or products within CollegeBound Journey.

If this practice changes, the Company will provide an appropriate disclosure where required.

14. Technology and Service Availability

The Company works to maintain reasonable access to the Services but does not guarantee continuous, uninterrupted, secure, or error-free operation.

Access may be affected by maintenance, updates, internet availability, hosting providers, third-party services, equipment failures, cybersecurity events, or circumstances outside the Company's reasonable control.

The Company does not guarantee that the Website or Services will always be free from viruses, malicious code, unauthorized activity, or other harmful components. Users are responsible for maintaining appropriate device security, software updates, passwords, backups, and internet protections.

15. Intellectual Property and Permitted Use

Content provided through CollegeBound Journey is made available for authorized educational use subject to the Company's Terms and Conditions and any applicable license or subscription agreement.

Users may not sell, republish, redistribute, scrape, copy, reproduce, publicly post, commercially exploit, or create unauthorized databases from CollegeBound Journey content, including college, scholarship, and pre-college or cultural-enrichment information.

The inclusion of information about a third-party opportunity does not transfer ownership of any third party's trademarks, copyrighted material, or other intellectual property to the Company or the user.

16. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company will not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, punitive, or consequential damages arising from or related to:

- access to or use of the Services;
- inability to access or use the Services;
- reliance on information provided through the Services;
- errors, omissions, delays, or outdated information;
- decisions made by colleges, scholarship providers, schools, employers, government agencies, or other third parties;
- missed deadlines or incomplete applications;
- a user's educational, financial, or career decisions;
- third-party websites, content, products, or services; or

- unauthorized access, service interruptions, or technology failures outside the Company's reasonable control.

Nothing in this Disclaimer excludes or limits liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

Any additional limitations of liability governing a subscription, purchase, course, database, toolkit, or individualized service are stated in the Company's Terms and Conditions or applicable written agreement.

17. Use of the Services

Users are responsible for exercising reasonable judgment when using information obtained through CollegeBound Journey.

The Services are provided on an "as available" basis, subject to applicable law and the express terms of any applicable written agreement. Users should not rely exclusively on the Services when making significant educational, financial, employment, legal, medical, or personal decisions.

If a user does not agree with this Disclaimer, the user should discontinue use of the Services.

18. Changes to This Disclaimer

The Company may update this Disclaimer to reflect changes to the Services, business practices, technology, or applicable requirements.

The revised Disclaimer will be posted on the Website with an updated "Last updated" date. Continued use of the Services after an update constitutes acknowledgment of the revised Disclaimer to the extent permitted by applicable law.

19. Contact

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