

Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)

Chandler Early College

Welcome! This packet will provide you with an opportunity to explore how your education is directly related to your future successes. It will also give you insight to who you are as a learner and an employee.

What is an ECAP?

On February 25, 2008 the Arizona State Board of Education approved Education and Career Action Plans for all Arizona students grades 9-12. An ECAP (Education and Career Action Plan) reflects a student's current plan of coursework, career aspirations, and extended learning opportunities in order to develop the student's individual academic and career goals.

How does the ECAP benefit the student?

Personalized planning helps students reach their academic and career goals and can positively impact their achievement. Students learn how to set and achieve goals. It helps them to understand how their education is relevant in achieving their career goals. It helps them to create a vision for their future and ultimately helps them assume responsibility for their own learning.

Education and Career Action Plan

Today you will receive instruction on how to complete a college sort and comparison for your ECAP. During second semester when you meet with your counselor for registration, they will work with you to complete your 4-year academic plan. You will continue to add to your ECAP throughout your high school years.

Developing Your Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP)

- Click to visit: the Arizona Career Information System website.
- Enter the following:
Username: S + student ID + @CUSD (example S123456@CUSD)
Password: Chandler80
- Click ***Sign In*** to login

The screenshot shows the AzCIS login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'AZCIS VERSIONS', 'WHAT'S NEW', 'ORDER INFORMATION', and 'CONTACT US'. Below this is a banner image of a canyon. The main content area has a blue box with the text 'EXPLORE PLAN DECIDE' and the Arizona Department of Education logo. To the right of this is a login form with the following elements:

- A red arrow points to the 'Username:' input field.
- A 'Password:' input field.
- A 'Sign In' button.
- Text: 'Log in below with ANY of your AzCIS account usernames or passwords.'
- Text: 'Forgot your username or password?'

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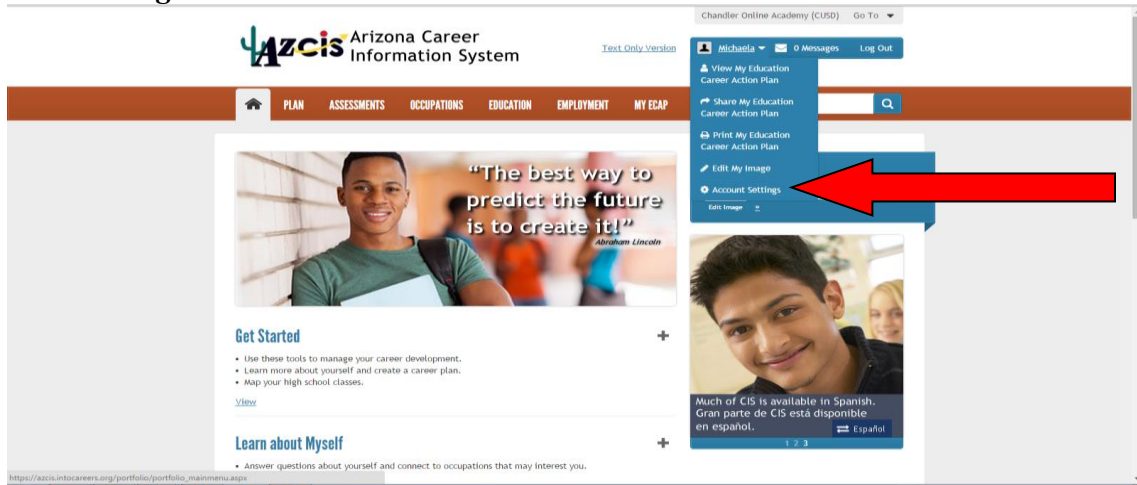
- The system will prompt you to enter two security questions. Please be sure to WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU ENTER!

The screenshot shows the 'SET SECURITY QUESTIONS' page. The page has a white background with a blue header. The main content area contains the following elements:

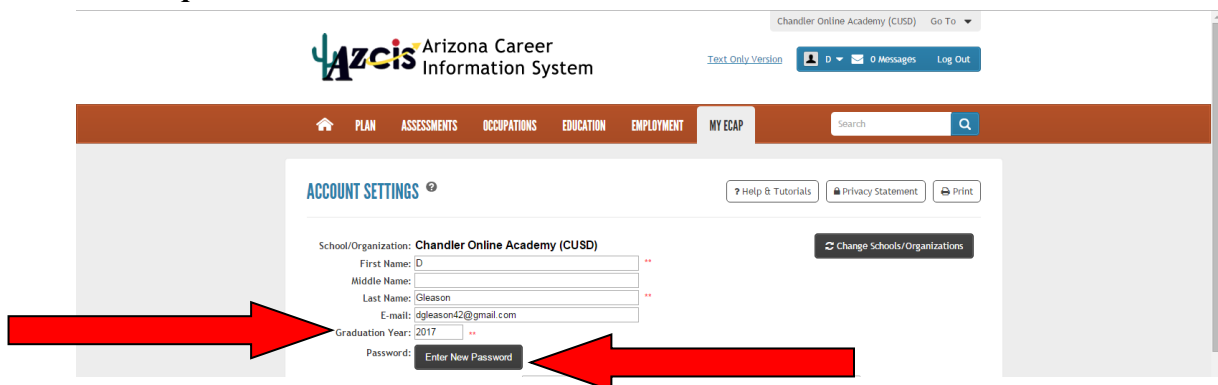
- A heading: 'SET SECURITY QUESTIONS'.
- A hint: 'Please choose and answer two security questions. Hint: select security questions that others don't know the answer to.'
- Two sets of questions, each with a dropdown menu for the question and an input field for the answer:
 - 'Security Question 1: - Choose Question -' with an 'Answer 1:' input field.
 - 'Security Question 2: - Choose Question -' with an 'Answer 2:' input field.
- Two buttons: 'Set Questions' and 'Skip For Now'.
- A footer note: 'If you need help, please check with your school counselor or advisor. Site Coordinators can contact Arizona Department of Education AzCIS Support Inbox.'

A red arrow points to the 'Security Question 1' dropdown menu.

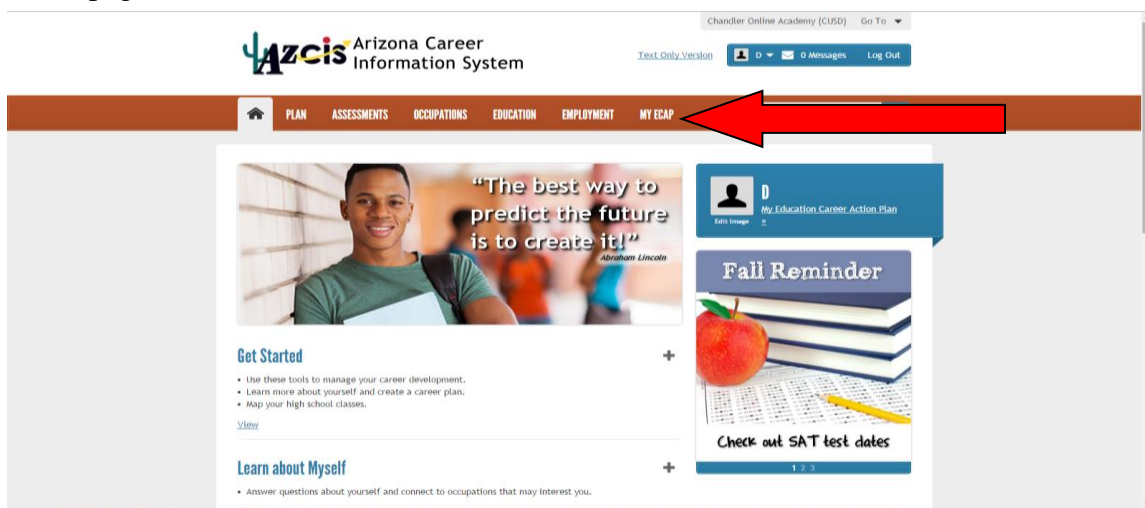
- You will now need to change your password and update your Graduation Year. At the top of the screen click the arrow next to your name. Then click **“Account Settings”**



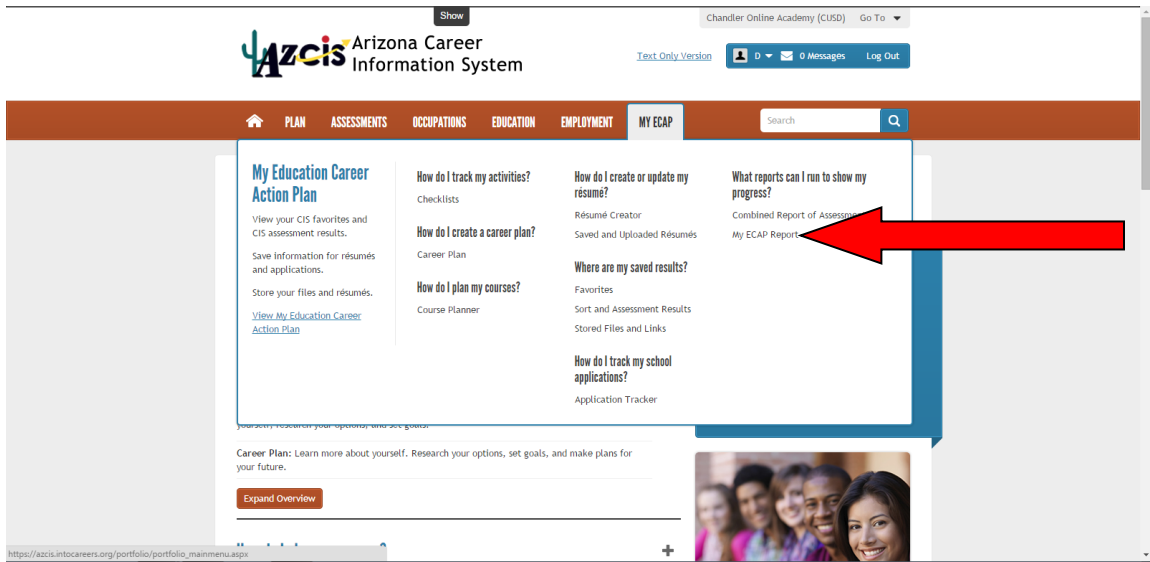
- Be sure that the information is correct. Please be sure your **Graduation Year** is correct and then **Enter New Password**. Please change the password to **Chandler + the year you will graduate**. After changing it WRITE IT DOWN and then click **“Update”**



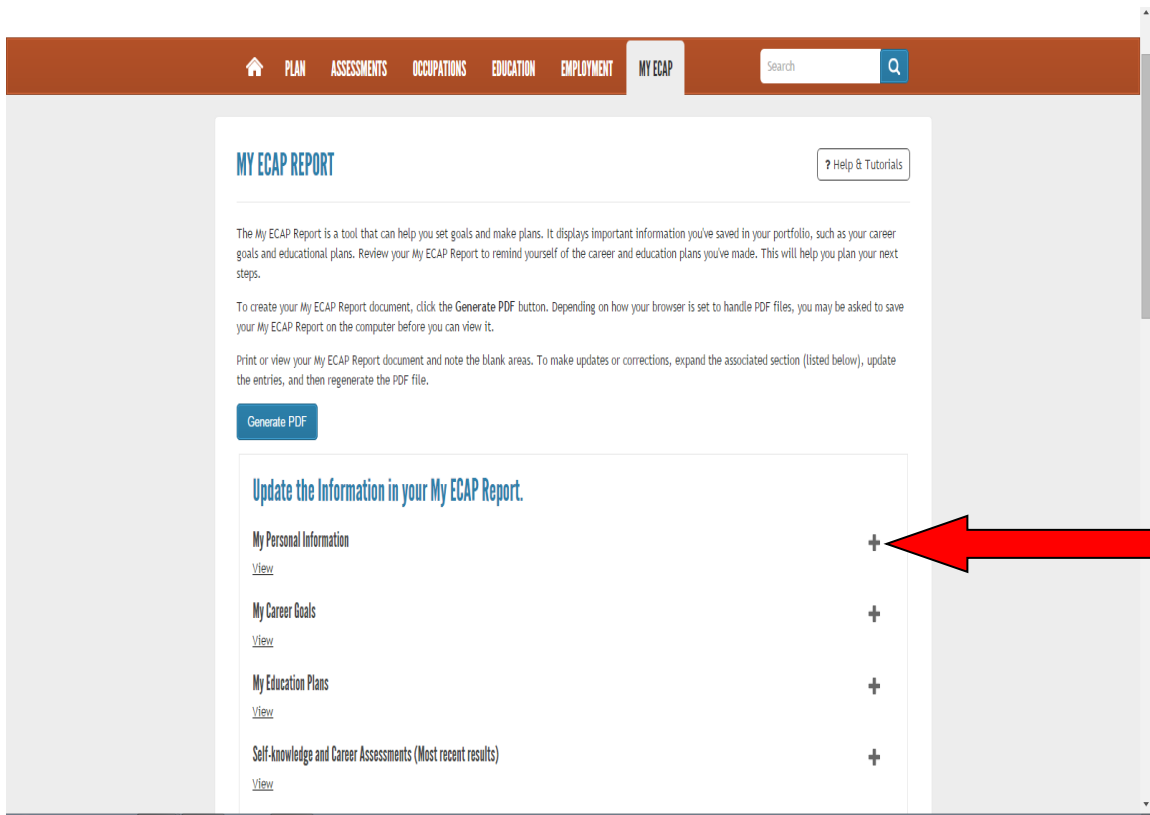
- With your mouse, hover over the words **“My ECAP”** on the bar at the top of the page



When hovering over the words “**My ECAP**” on the bar at the top of the page with your mouse, you will click the words “**My ECAP Report**” on the right.



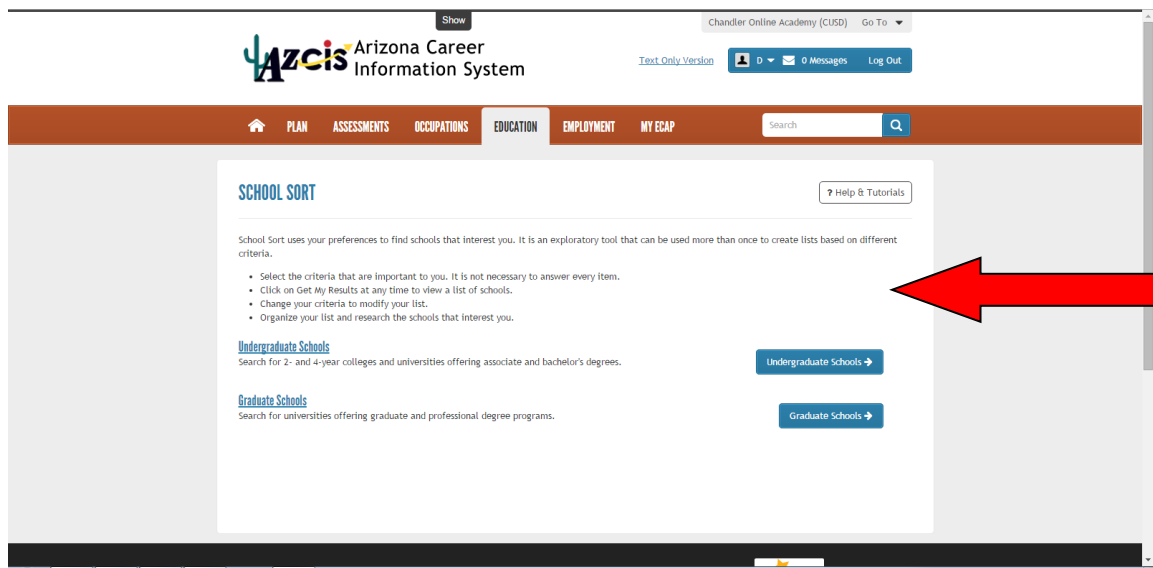
- Now it is time to update your plan, or in some cases, develop a plan for the first time. Please click the **+** next to the following areas and enter the information they request.



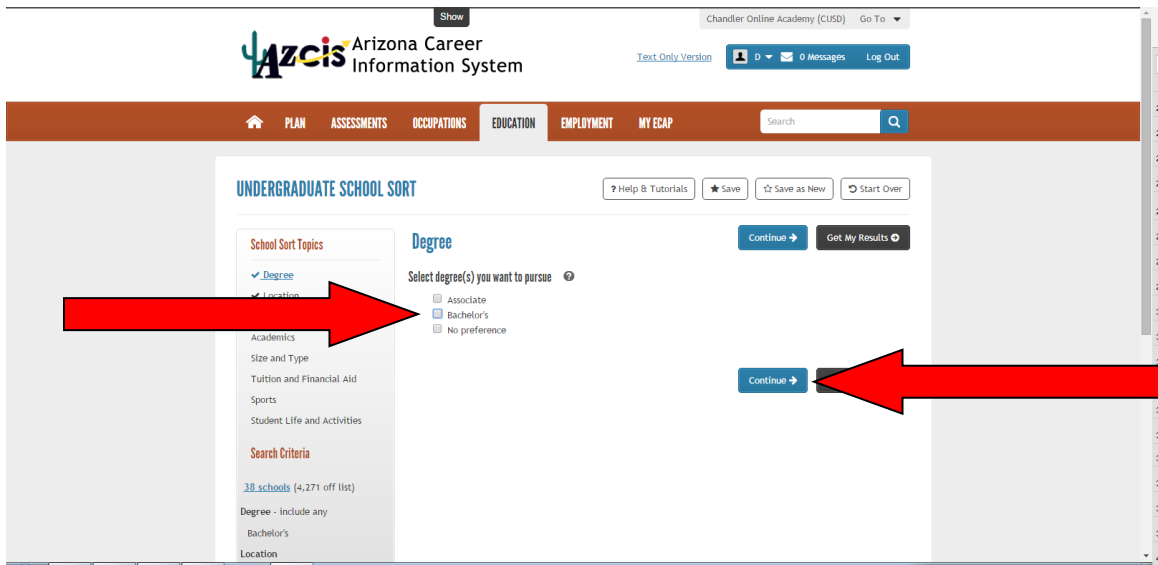
- With your mouse hover over the word **“Education”** and click **“School Sort”**



- On the next screen click **“Undergraduate Schools”**



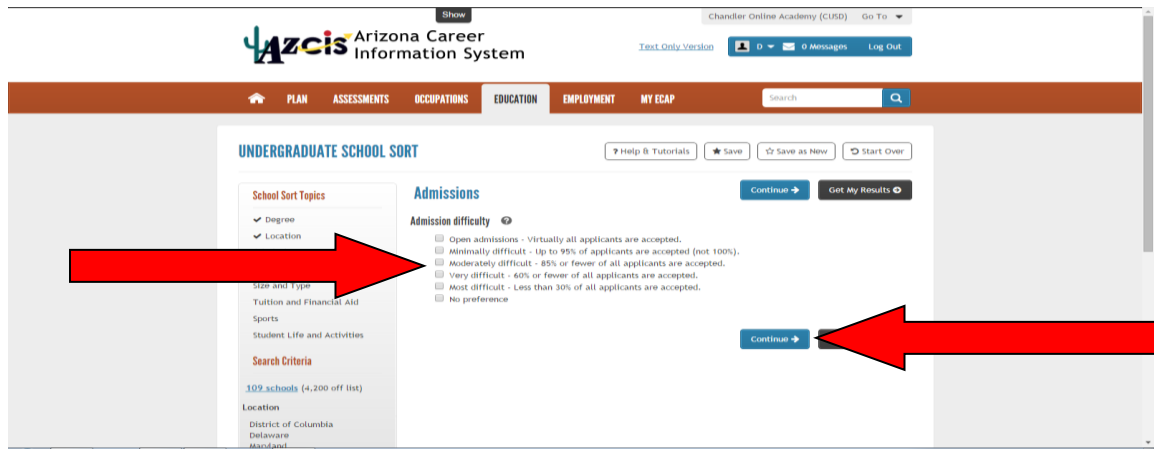
- On the next screen, choose what degree you want to pursue (Bachelors is a 4-year degree and Associates is a 2-year degree) and then click **“Continue”**



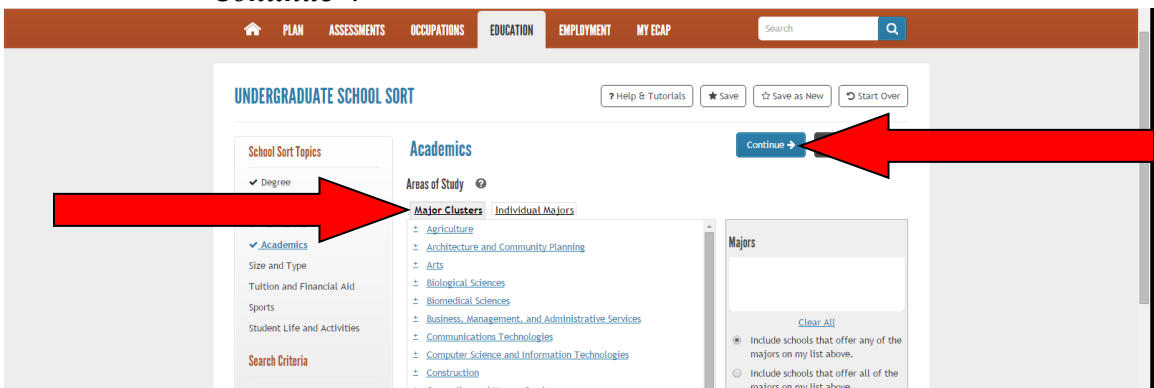
- Choose the area of the country you would like to attend school in. You can pick individual states by clicking on the state. If you want to choose an area of the United States then you would click those areas below the map. Choose the school setting as well and then click **“Continue”**



- On this screen you will choose the level of Admissions difficulty. Please choose and then click “*Continue*”.



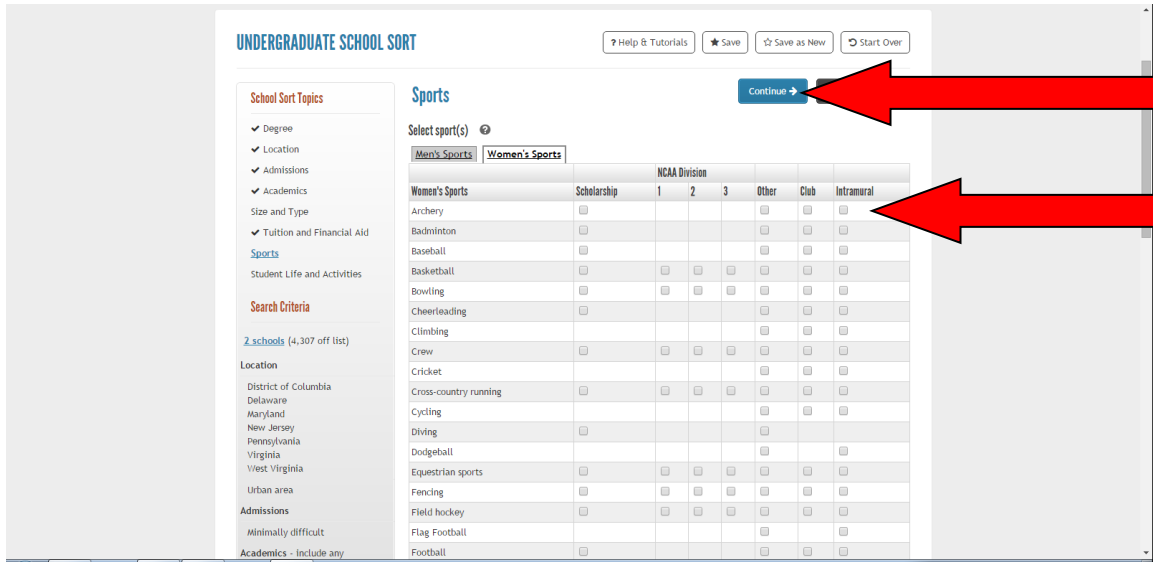
- On this screen you will choose the **Career Cluster** or an **Individual Major** you are interested in. Please choose one or more and then click “*Continue*”.



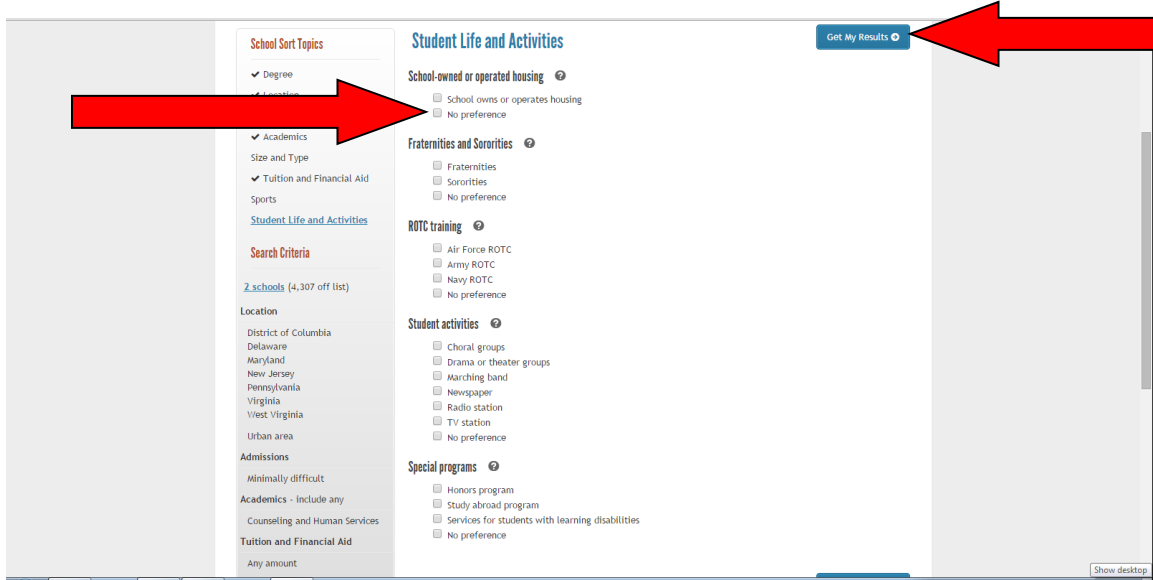
- On this screen you will choose **School Size**, **Type of School**, **Religious Affiliation** and **School Classification**. Please choose one in each category and then click **“Continue”**.

- On this screen you will choose the **School Tuition**. Please choose one and then click **“Continue”**.

- On this screen you will select either Men’s Sports or Women’s Sports and choose which you are interested in. This does not have to be just NCAA Division Athletics. It can include any sports you are interested in playing in an intramural or club environment as well. If not interested in sports on any level, then click **“Continue”**.



- Now you will select your interests in **Student Life and Activities**. If you aren’t interested in an area be sure to click **“No Preference”**. After you have chosen please click **“Get My Results”**.



- Now you will select THREE schools that are your top choices by clicking on the box next to them. Then you will click **“Compare Checked”**.

Arizona Career Information System

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL SORT

2 checked schools: Save Checked Remove Checked Compare Checked

School Name	State	Type	Admissions	Enrollment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> University of Baltimore	Maryland	Public	Minimally difficult	3,526
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carlow University	Pennsylvania	Catholic	Minimally difficult	2,309

- You will now see the General Information of the schools that you checked side by side in columns. In order to fill out the chart below, you will need to click on the subcategories in the margin on the left side of the screen. (see arrow below) Please complete the activity below.

Arizona Career Information System

COMPARE

General Information

General information	Arizona State University at the Tempe campus	Northern Arizona University	The University of Arizona
Educational system	Arizona Public University System, Arizona Board of Regents	Arizona University System, under the Arizona Board of Regents	Arizona Board of Regents
Public or private	Public	Public	Public
Type of school	University	University	University
Date founded	1885	1899	1885
Degrees offered	Certificate or diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, First professional, Doctorate, Other advanced degrees	Certificate or diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, First professional, Doctorate, Other advanced degrees	Bachelor's, Master's, First professional, Doctorate, Other advanced degrees
School accreditation	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
Specialized accreditation	The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA),	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); American Council for Construction	



School Sort/Comparison Activity

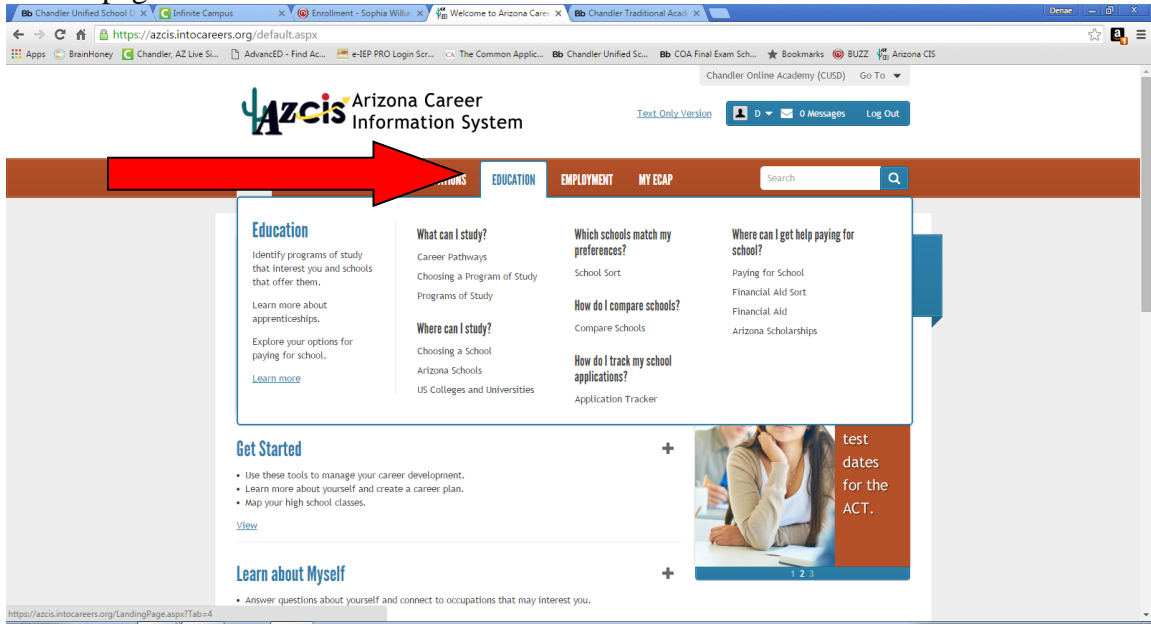
	School 1	School 2	School 3
Name of School			
Location of school			
Total Enrollment			
Tuition (both in-state and out-of-state)			
Room and Board (on-campus)			
Total Cost IF living on campus (add tuition and room and board)			
Briefly describe, in at least 2-3 sentences why you would or would not want to attend this college/university.			

Financial Aid Information and Activity

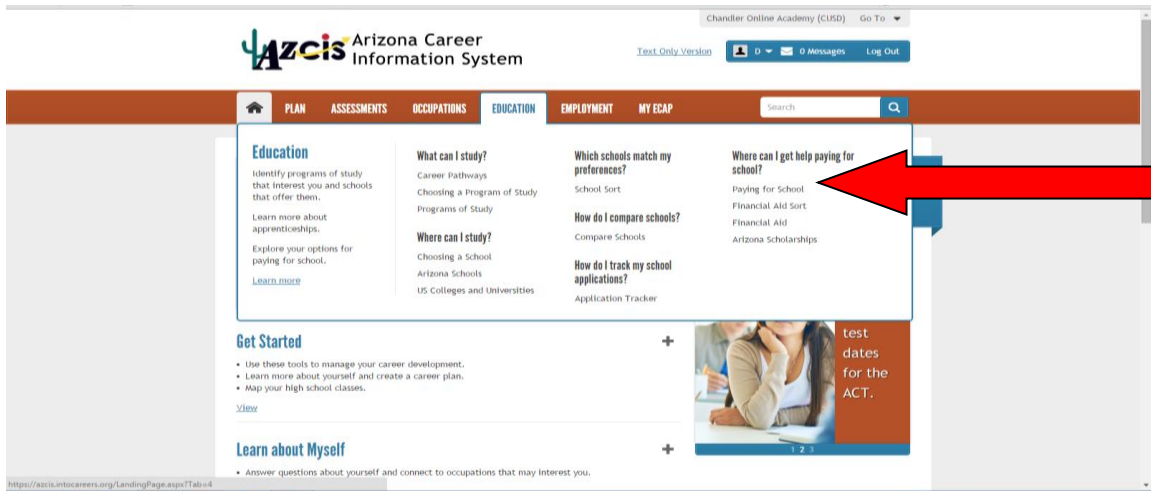
It takes money to go to college, but it is completely worth the investment. Most college graduates earn twice as much in their lifetime as high school graduates. There is a lot of financial aid available to students, including scholarships, grants, and loans. There are also many other ways to pay for education, including community or military service.

Learn all you can about how to apply for financial aid. Understanding the application process will help you get the most out of it – and get the most cash for your education!

- With your mouse, hover over the words **“Education”** on the bar at the top of the page



- When hovering over the words **“Education”** on the bar at the top of the page with your mouse, you will click the words **“Paying for School”** on the right.



- Click on “*Scholarships*”, “*Grants*”, and “*Loans*” to further define each and complete the activity below.

The screenshot shows the 'Financial Aid' page on the ECAP website. The navigation bar includes 'PLAN', 'ASSESSMENTS', 'OCCUPATIONS', 'EDUCATION', 'EMPLOYMENT', and 'MY ECAP'. The 'Financial Aid' section is active, with sub-tabs for 'Paying for School', 'Clusters index', 'Titles index', and 'Search'. A sidebar on the left lists 'Overview', 'Cost of School', 'Applying for Financial Aid', 'Scholarships', 'Grants', 'Loans', 'Other Ways to Pay', and 'Section Map'. The main content area has an 'Overview' section with a paragraph about the investment in college. Below this are four sub-sections: 'Cost of School', 'Applying for Financial Aid', 'Scholarships', and 'Grants'. A large red arrow points from the left sidebar to the 'Scholarships' section. Another large red arrow points from the 'Grants' section to the 'Loans' section. A third large red arrow points from the 'Grants' section to the 'What is the Value of a College Education?' link. At the bottom, a note states: 'Note: If you are looking for information on specific scholarships, use the Clusters Index, Titles Index, or Search tabs in the top toolbar.'



Financial Aid Activity

Type of Aid	Definition
Scholarships	<u>Merit:</u> <u>Athletic:</u>
Grants	<u>Federal:</u> <u>State/School:</u> <u>Work-Study</u>
Loans	<u>Federal:</u> <u>Parent:</u>

Please respond to the question below in at least 5 sentences. Use the back of the paper if needed.

How do you plan on paying for your college education or post-graduate training?
