

College Access Resources and Activities for Youth in Rural Areas

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Comparing the Size and Environment of Colleges

Using [College Raptor](#), a student can conduct a College Match search. The filter criteria include "Preferred College Size" and "Preferred College City Size". Use this tool to show students schools of varied sizes so they can see that not all universities have large student populations and an urban setting.

Virtual tours

For rural students, touring colleges can at times become cost prohibitive. You can find low cost, creative ways to bring college to the students instead.

For a general tour of a fictitious example university, see [KnowHow2Go's homepage](#), in the bottom left-hand corner. The student can "walk through" campus buildings and learn more about university departments and resources.

To view specific colleges, check out ecampustours.com. They have recorded free virtual tours of over 1,300 colleges. This website also has financial aid and scholarship resources.

Page 71 of the [CPV Toolkit](#) has an Online Scavenger Hunt related to Colleges in Michigan that your students may find enjoyable.

Michigan State University Extension

Michigan State University Extension has a variety of programming in every county throughout the state. Learn about [the programming that takes place in your county](#), and see if attending any of these programs or meeting their staff members could help your student gain a better sense of college culture.