

# Financially Safer Colleges: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)

## What is a "financially safer" college?

A college that supports its students better than other similar colleges in terms of **cost, graduation rate, debt burden, and mobility**, based on our analysis of College Scorecard data. [Click here for a detailed explanation of the data we use and how we analyze it.](#)



Families with low to moderate income pay less out of pocket



Low-income and part-time students graduate at similar rates as their counterparts



Low-income students leave with less debt and are better able to repay their loans



Low-income students recoup the costs of their degree faster

## Should I only apply to financially safer colleges?

uAspire strongly recommends that every student apply to at least *one* financially safer college. We also encourage you to include a variety of different types of colleges on your list.

## What's the difference between public and private colleges & universities?

Public and private colleges differ in many ways, but most notably in cost of attendance. Among private colleges, those that meet full financial need are likely to be more affordable, but more difficult to get into.

## Public financially safer colleges & universities

College	State	College	State
Arizona State University Campus Immersion	AZ	CSU Bakersfield	CA
Baruch College	NY	CSU Channel Islands	CA
Cal Poly Pomona	CA	CSU Dominguez Hills	CA
Cal State Fullerton	CA	CSU East Bay	CA
Cal State LA	CA	CSU Long Beach	CA
Chico State	CA	CSU Monterey Bay	CA
College of Staten Island	NY	CSU Northridge	CA



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College	State
CSU San Bernardino	CA
CSU San Marcos	CA
CUNY City College	NY
Farmingdale State College	NY
Florida Atlantic University	FL
Florida International University	FL
Fresno State	CA
Hunter College	NY
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	NY
Lehman College	NY
Montclair State University	NJ
New Jersey Institute of Technology	NJ
New York City College of Technology	NY
Queens College	NY
Rhode Island College	RI
Rutgers University-Newark	NJ
Sacramento State University	CA
San Diego State University	CA
San Francisco State University	CA
San Jose State University	CA
Sonoma State University	CA

College	State
Stanislaus State	CA
SUNY College at Old Westbury	NY
Texas A & M International University	TX
The University of Texas at Arlington	TX
The University of Texas at Austin	TX
The University of Texas Permian Basin	TX
The University of Texas at San Antonio	TX
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	TX
University of California, Irvine*	CA
University of California, Merced	CA
University of California, Riverside	CA
University of California, Santa Barbara	CA
University of California, Santa Cruz	CA
University of Central Florida	FL
University of Houston	TX
University of Illinois Chicago	IL
University of North Texas at Dallas	TX
University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	PR

**One asterisk (\*) indicates a college with an acceptance rate less than 25%**

**Recommendations are current only for 2025-2026 academic year**

**See next page for private colleges & universities**



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## Private financially safer colleges & universities

College	State	College	State
Albizu University - San Juan	PR	North Park University	IL
Aurora University	IL	Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico - Ponce	PR
Dewey University - Hato Rey	PR	Saint Edward's University	TX
Dominican University	IL	Saint Peter's University	NJ
Elmhurst University	IL	Saint Xavier University	IL
Fresno Pacific University	CA	Universidad Adventista de las Antillas	PR
Goshen College	IN	Universidad Ana G. Mendez-Gurabo Campus	PR
Hardin-Simmons University	TX	Universidad del Sagrado Corazon	PR
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Bayamon	PR	Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico	PR
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Guayama	PR	University of Dallas	TX
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Metro	PR	University of the Pacific	CA
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Ponce	PR	University of St Francis	IL
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - San German	PR	University of St Thomas	TX
Mount Saint Mary College	NY	Vanguard University of Southern California	CA
		Warner Pacific University	OR

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Source: Based on uAspire's analysis of the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard data from Spring 2025 and Third Way's economic mobility index.