FAQs for Students

1. **How is ** [collegefeed] **different from job boards?**

Job boards don’t work anymore, we know that. We’re not a job board, period. The best way to get in the door is via employee referrals. We bring the power of employee referrals using our network to you by connecting you directly to company insiders -- hiring managers, founders, executives -- and significantly increasing your chances of getting a job, faster.

2. **How can using ** [collegefeed] **significantly increase my chances of getting a job?**

We put you in front of the right people. With a typical job board, your chances of getting noticed by a hiring manager, let alone a recruiter, are very low. With [collegefeed], your chances are a lot higher because we curate EVERY single profile and route it to real people that are most likely to hire you. We know their needs, their bar, and they trust us, period.

3. **How do I get started?**

Just complete your profile and showcase all your work, projects, awards and classes. You can easily import your resume or LinkedIn profile and get started. Once you do that, we’ll start presenting you to hiring managers, founders, and functional recruiters in our network of 500+ companies.

4. **What do I get?**

Direct introduction emails with company insiders (hiring managers, founders, top-level recruiters) who are interested in talking to you.

5. **How many companies do you have in your network?**

We have 500+ companies and are growing every day. Our network is looking for full-time, entry-level candidates as well as interns across all functions.

6. **How many companies will you present me to?**

We scan your profile to determine which companies might be best interested in you, and then start presenting you to insiders in those companies. It could range anywhere from 50 to 500 companies.

7. **What kinds of companies are in your network?**

Our network is comprised of a variety of companies from stealth mode startups to Fortune 100 companies across all functions - engineering, support, marketing, sales, etc. In addition, we have consumer-based companies as well as business to business companies. Lastly, our network spans a variety of industries. Companies in our network include Google, Morgan Stanley, AdRoll, Hearsay Social, and many more. We’re growing our network fast and we’ll keep you updated.

8. **Who will you connect me to?**

We connect you to company insiders and people who are focused on hiring college talent.

9. **How soon will you start making connections?**
We start presenting you to our insider network within 48 hours after you complete your profile. Once our company recipient asks for a connection to you, we provide them direct access to your profile.

10. Do you guarantee any connections?

Not at the moment. We try hard to connect everyone we accept, but we cannot guarantee it. At this time, 96% of students accepted have received at least one introduction within our network.

11. Is there a job guarantee?

No. We help you get in the door. It is critical that you research the company, the product, function, and role prior to conversations with the companies. You also can read interview notes on the site to gain clarity on the types of questions the companies ask candidates. You can always reach out to us for help.

12. What are your acceptance criteria?

At this time we’re accepting students from the U.S. and Canada (even if they are international students) that meet the “bar” of our network. We review and approve every applicant. To increase your chances of getting accepted, make sure you showcase your potential well. At the minimum, we’d like to see your school, major, graduation date, any work experience, all your projects, accomplishments, and references, if any.

13. What if I am not accepted?

You can still use to apply for jobs and read interview notes. We review all profiles periodically as our network grows and will be in touch as soon as we can find matches for you.

14. Is this free?

Yes, it’s free for all students!

15. Is this only for college students?

No. If you’re in college looking for a job or internship, or if you graduated five years ago, you’re welcome to apply. We serve college students and early grads/alums.

16. I’m a junior (sophomore or freshman) and not ready for a job yet. Can I still apply?

Sure. We won’t start presenting you to our network until you’re ready, but you’re welcome to use the rest of the site to explore your options and prepare for a career. Discover companies you may like, read interview notes, etc. When you’re ready for a job, simply update your profile and we’ll start presenting you to our network. And remember, you can use our site if you are seeking an internship, too.

17. What else can I do with ?

You can discover companies, discover and search jobs tailored for you, and apply for them.
What Should I Put In My Profile?

Here are some good examples from profiles to help you develop your own:

**About Me**
This section is the “headline” for your story. Succinctly describe your career interests, key skills, accomplishments, and passions. An employer should be able to quickly grasp who you are: your goals, strengths, and experiences. Then support your statement with skill tags.

**Text Examples:**
- Ko-Yun Fan: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/koyunfan](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/koyunfan)
- Anand Sampat: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/asampat3090](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/asampat3090)

**Top 3 Companies**
Highlight companies of interest to you; companies you aspire to work for or companies where you would be a good functional or cultural fit.

**Text Examples:**
- Cameron Joe: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/cameronjroe](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/cameronjroe)
- Sisun Lee: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/Sisun](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/Sisun)
- Crystal Chen: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/chschen](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/chschen)

**Work Samples**
Describe and link your sample work: portfolios, code, projects, papers, etc. Use this section to link your interest to your abilities. This is your opportunity to showcase the quality, creativity, and breadth of your work. Sample work provides evidence that you are on your way to a career in your desired area.

**Text Examples:**
- Tanner Wingo: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/tannerwingo](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/tannerwingo)

**My Top Classes**
Highlight three to five classes that align with your desired career, role, or the job function you want to pursue. Choose the courses that best support your short-term and long-term aspirations. For example, if you want to pursue a career in “clean energy,” list relevant physics, engineering, or other classes that support your interest.

**Text Examples:**
- Tanner Wingo: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/tannerwingo](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/tannerwingo)
- Brian Jung: [www.collegefeed.com/profile/brian](http://www.collegefeed.com/profile/brian)
Work Experience
Showcase three to four relevant experiences that align with the job you desire. List school projects, summer jobs, internships, or full-time experiences. Don’t list everything; stick to the experiences that align with your career goals and support your story.

Text Examples:
Mari Batalindo: www.collegefeed.com/profile/mbatilando
Sky Hu: www.collegefeed.com/profile/lakeskysea
Natalie Ornell: www.collegefeed.com/profile/nornell

Personal Statement
Provide a personal touch to your profile. List what excites you and inspires you. What interests do you have that have made you who you are? Ideas include describing a situation that you handled extremely well or a complex problem that you solved. If your personal statement is in writing, keep it to 300 words or less. If you are using a video, say it in less than 60 seconds.

Text Examples:
Rahul Shankar: www.collegefeed.com/profile/rahulshankar
Sky Hu: www.collegefeed.com/profile/lakeskysea
Sisun Lee: www.collegefeed.com/profile/Sisun

Video Examples:
Josh Mitchell: www.collegefeed.com/profile/jmitch029
Garrett Jensen: www.collegefeed.com/profile/gjjensen

Education
List all relevant colleges and universities you have attended. Be sure to list your degree, graduation year, and major for each.

Text Examples:
Anand Sampat: www.collegefeed.com/profile/asampat3090

Accomplishments
Highlight your top three to five relevant accomplishments that showcase academic excellence, leadership in sports, volunteer work, or other distinctive attributes you want employers to see. Keep in mind, employers are impressed by your extracurricular activities – they see your interest, level of commitment, and your ability to execute.

Text Examples:
Anand Sampat: www.collegefeed.com/profile/asampat3090,
Sisun Lee: www.collegefeed.com/profile/Sisun
Crystal Chen: www.collegefeed.com/profile/chschen

References
Publish statements/recommendations from peers, professors, co-workers, or supervisors. The more crisp and specific they are about their interactions with you, the stronger the impact.

Text Examples: