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# College Life

## Transition/Re-Entry Seminars & Camps

These seminars are usually for those finishing secondary school and returning from overseas to attend university for the first time. Some exceptions can be made to include TCKs who are younger or older than that. You can find a list of re-entry seminars and camps at this [link](#) for countries around the world.

## Gap Year Resources

(for those planning to take a year off before or after college)

## On-campus Christian Organizations

1. **MuKappa** (available specifically for TCKs on Christian college campuses): <http://www.mukappa.org>; E-mail: online form
2. **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**: <http://www.intervarsity.org>
3. **Cru** (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ): <https://www.cru.org/us/en/communities/campus.html>
4. **The Navigators**: <https://collegiatenavigators.org/>
5. **Others** (Fellowship of Christian Athletes, denominational groups)

## Helpful Websites

- Every Student: <http://www.everystudent.com>  
A safe place to explore questions about life and God
- **Student Information**: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college>

# Secondary School/College Comparisons

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Usually required education/GED • Public schools are free
- Time is more structured/managed
- Others remind you of deadlines/due dates
- Teachers are more available
- Teachers usually follow the textbook
- Teachers may provide handouts, write notes on the board or overheads, etc.
- Tests cover smaller amounts of material • Tests/assignments may accommodate school activities/special schedule
- Tests and assignments are to mirror information given by teacher in class
- Grades may encompass class participation, assignments, and exams
- Make-up tests or assignments may be more readily available and encouraged

## COLLEGE

- Your choice of further education/training
- You pay for your classes/training or find applicable scholarships/loans
- You manage your time
- You are responsible for getting things in on time
- You schedule appointments to see professors
- Professors follow a syllabus
- Professors lecture and expect you to pick up on the important information
- Fewer exams generally cover more material
- Professors schedule exams and due dates without consulting other professors or college activities/events
- Professors may expect different insights or research than what they give in class
- Grades are mostly based on exams and/or papers
- Make-up assignments or exams may not be available or may need to be specifically requested.

# TCK Transition Helps

## TCK Web sites

- **Barnabas Int'l (ministry to ATCKs):** <https://barnabas.org/care-for-global-workers/atck/>
- **Cultural Transplants:** <http://tckness.blogspot.com/>
- **Global Nomads:** <http://www.gng.org>
- **Interaction** (resources for TCKs): <http://www.interactionintl.org>
- **TCKid:** <http://tckidnow.com/>
- **Transition Dynamics:** <http://www.transitiondynamics.wordpress.com>

## Publications

- ***Among Worlds*** (magazine for TCKs), online/app access - <http://www.interactionintl.org>
- ***Global TCK Care & Education, Transitions Packet***, e-mail: [tckcare-ed@sil.org](mailto:tckcare-ed@sil.org) or download at <https://www.tckcare-ed.org/tcks/transitions/transition-resources>

## TCK Host Homes/ Retreat Locations

(Places for TCKs to live while attending college)

**Compass Ministries** (local and regional retreats and young MK women's residential program - Ruth House): E-mail: [roni@compass-ministries.org](mailto:roni@compass-ministries.org) or call 727-458-8104, <http://compass-ministries.org/> / **Ruth House:** <https://www.compass-ministries.net/program>

**Gatehouse Ministries:** 2211 College View Drive, Redding, CA 96003, 1-530-229-0900 (home), \$500 a semester (\$100 refundable) and five to seven hours of work per week (two hours outside the house). Scott & Marianna Studebaker are the host parents. E-mail: [GatehouseSimpson@gmail.com](mailto:GatehouseSimpson@gmail.com), <http://gatehouseministries.org/>

**Mercifully Known Ministries** (M'ry Family Host Home): 2801 Cowpath Road, Hatfield, PA 19440, 1-215-368-0485. Contact Margaret Rineer— [margaret@mercifullyknown.com](mailto:margaret@mercifullyknown.com), <https://mercifullyknown.wixsite.com/website-1>

**Paradise Mountain Ministries** (2 host homes): PO Box 635, Toccoa Falls, GA 30577, 1-706-297-7499. No charge for room & board/7 hrs. work/week. Carolyn Eckman (president emeritus), John and Susanna Gailer (host parents), Jim & Vicki Gardner, Jeannie Burkhart. E-mail: [paradisemtnministries@gmail.com](mailto:paradisemtnministries@gmail.com), <http://www.paradisemtn.org>