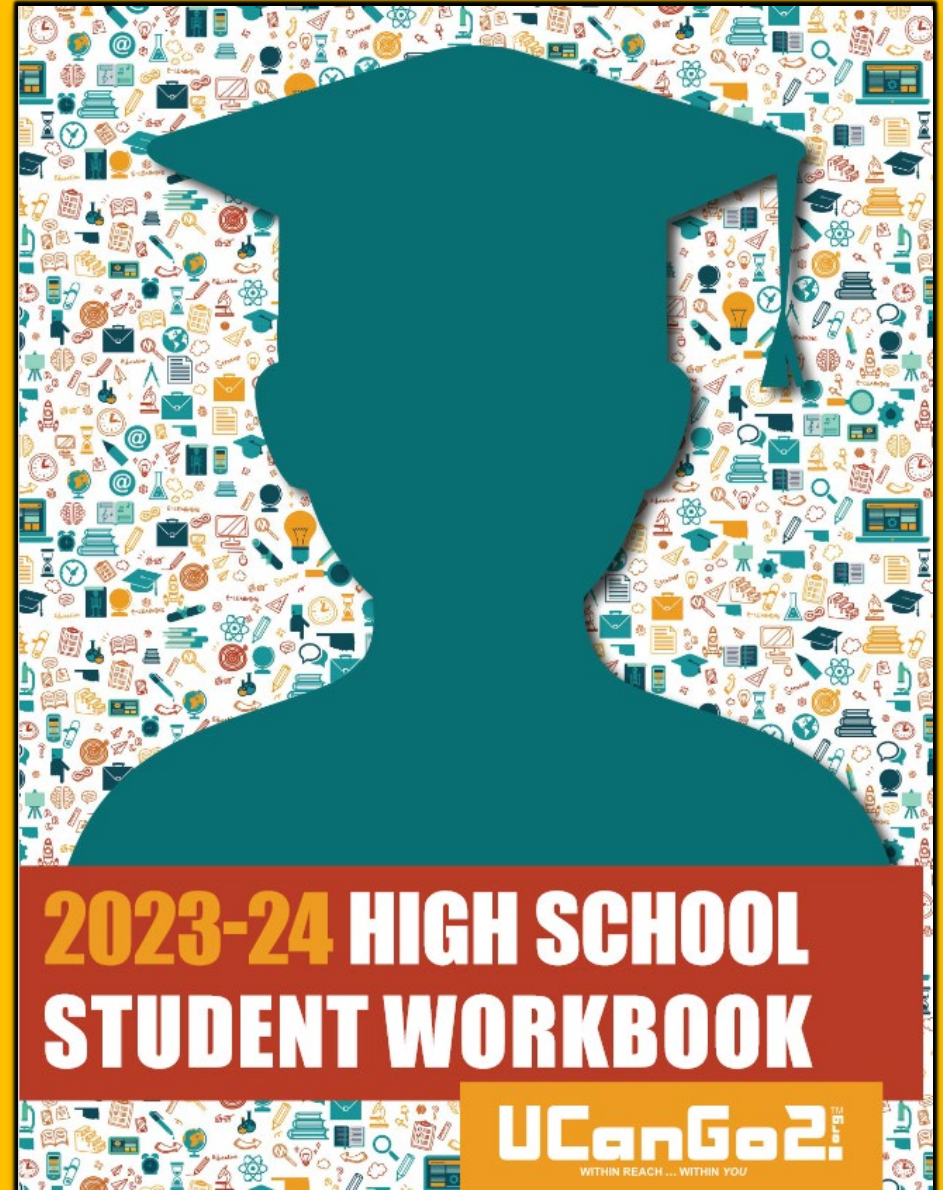




High School Student Workbook 2023-24



UCanGo2.org ...

- Offers a college access program for students from kindergarten through 12th grade
- Provides information on how to plan, prepare and pay for college
- Helps families create a college-going culture in the home



The High School Student Workbook provides helpful information to answer these questions:

- »» Why Go to College?
- »» What Do I Want to Be?
- »» How Do I Get There?
- »» Where Do I Go?
- »» How Do I Pay for It?



SECTION ONE

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?

I don't like high school. Why would I want to go to college?

More choices

More freedom

New prospects

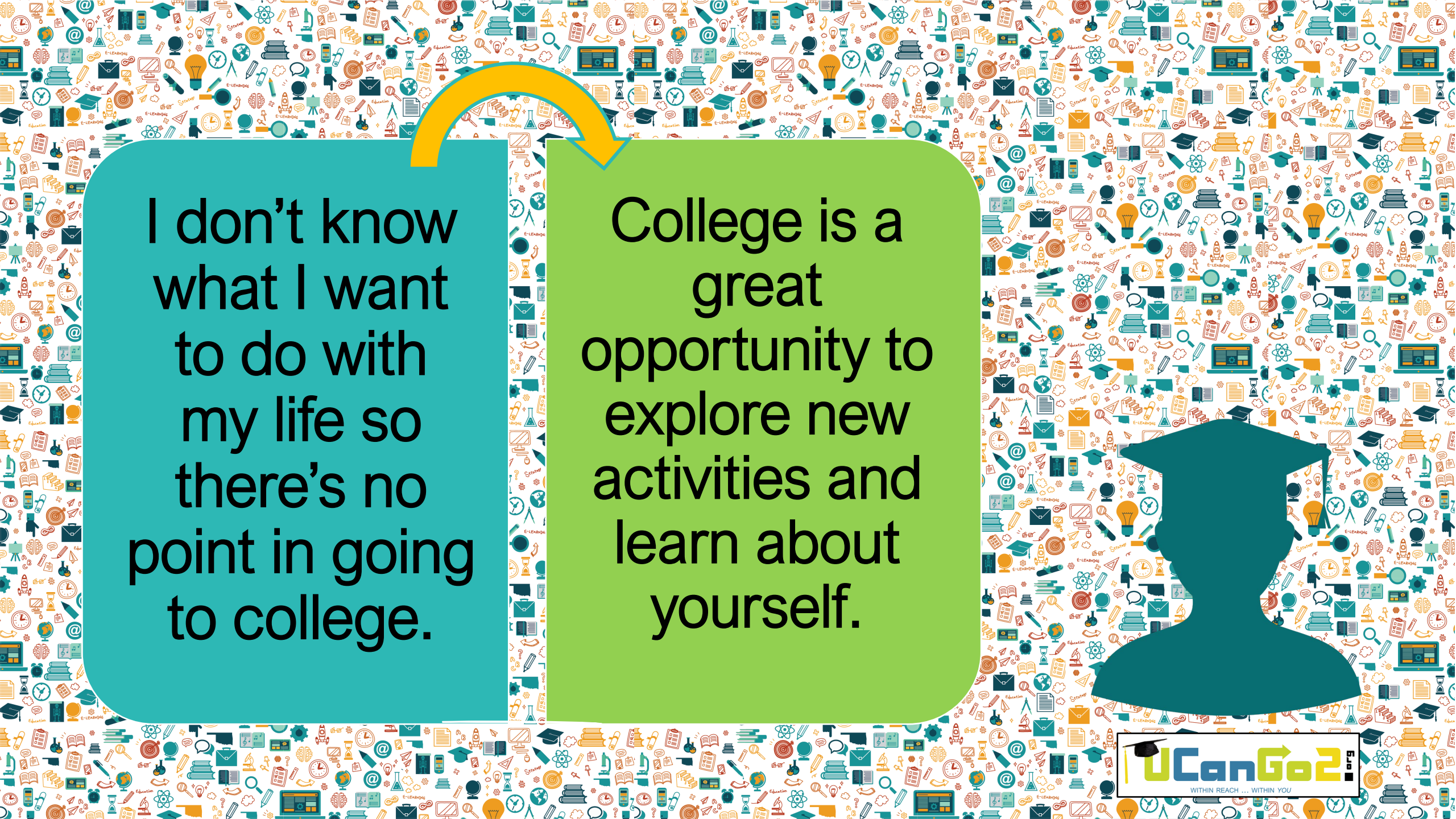


College is too expensive. There's no way I can afford it.

College can be costly in terms of tuition, books and time, but it's a smart investment in your future.

There's an abundance of grants, scholarships and student loans that are available to help with the cost.



The background is a dense, colorful collage of various educational icons, including books, graduation caps, lightbulbs, gears, and laptops. A yellow arrow points from the top center towards the two text boxes.

I don't know
what I want
to do with
my life so
there's no
point in going
to college.

College is a
great
opportunity to
explore new
activities and
learn about
yourself.

A dark teal silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a graduation cap (mortarboard). The silhouette is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, overlapping the green text box and the background collage.

What's In It for Me?



**Higher
Income**



**Better
Benefits**



**More Job
Security**



What's In It For Me?

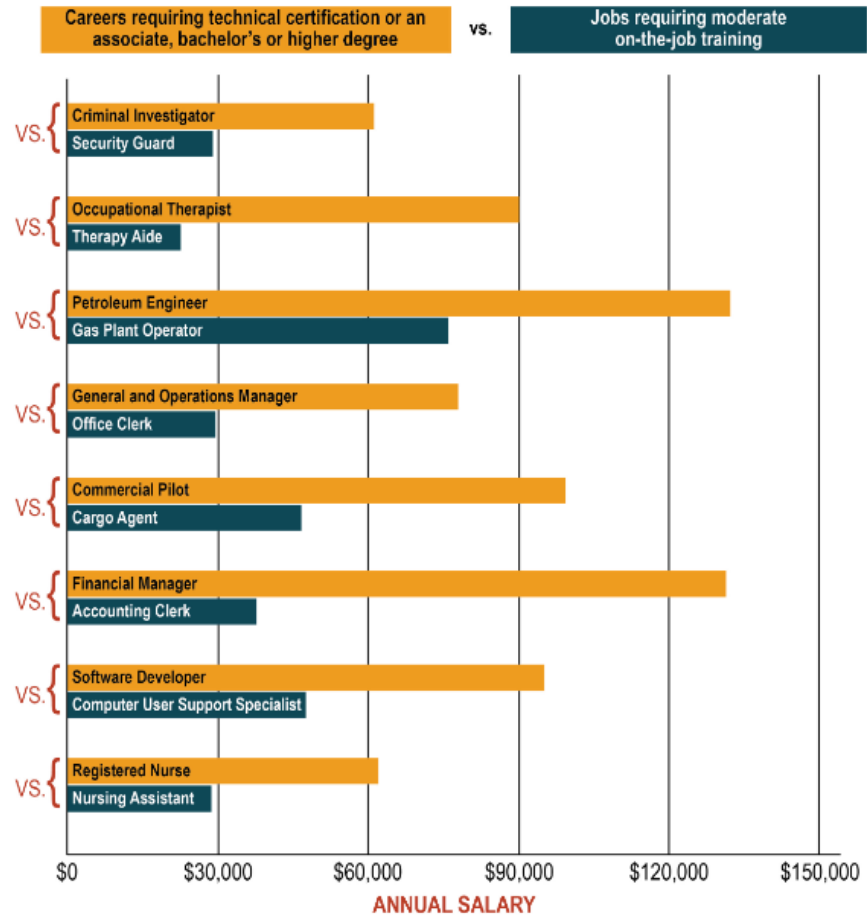
- Empowers you to shape your future
- Provides cultural diversity
- Increases your intellectual understanding
- Exposes you to different world views and philosophies





DEGREE VS. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING: HOW MUCH WILL YOU MAKE?

(A table follows on page two)



Source: www.careeronestop.org

See the difference a college education can have on your salary!



SECTION TWO

WHAT DO I WANT TO BE?

CAREER –

A long-term profession that typically requires specialized training.

JOB –

A regular activity performed in exchange for payment that may be a short-term position.



Investigate Your Interests

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**CAREER
PLANNING**

**HIGH SCHOOL
PLANNING**

**COLLEGE
PLANNING**

**FINANCIAL AID
PLANNING**

**YOUR
PORTFOLIO**

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

EXPLORE CAREERS

GET A JOB


Learn About Yourself

You can learn about yourself in many different ways. Explore how who you are matches with careers by using one or all of the career assessments listed below.



Interest Profiler

Figure out what interests you have and match them to careers.

 10-20 minutes



Career Cluster Survey

Find out which career cluster is right for you with this quick survey.

 15-25 minutes



Basic Skills Survey


Find out what careers require your basic skills.

 10-15 minutes



Transferable Skills Checklist


See how the skills you've learned can lead to new opportunities.

 30 minutes



Work Values Sorter


Find your work values and match them to career options.

 5-15 minutes



The Career Key

Discover your career interest areas in a few quick steps.

 10-15 minutes



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Career Clusters

Career Clusters

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources: Producing, processing, marketing, distributing, financing and developing agricultural commodities and resources, including food, fiber, wood products, natural resources, horticulture and other plant and animal products and resources.

Architecture and Construction: Designing, planning, managing, building, and maintaining the built environment.

Arts, AV Technology and Communications: Designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing and publishing multimedia content, including visual and performing arts and design, journalism and entertainment services.

Business Management and Administration: Planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions essential to efficient and productive business operations.

Education and Training: Planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.

Energy: Interest in the design, maintenance, and distribution of traditional and alternative energy.

Finance: Providing and organizing services for financial and investment planning, banking, insurance and business financial management.

Government and Public Administration: Executing governmental functions including national security, foreign service, planning, revenue and taxation, governance, regulation, and management and administration at the local, state and federal levels.

Health Science: Planning, managing and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

Hospitality and Tourism: Managing, marketing and operating restaurants and other food services, lodgings, attractions, recreation events and travel-related services.

Human Services: Preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care and consumer services.

Information Technology (IT): Designing, developing, supporting and managing hardware, software, multimedia and systems integration services.

Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security: Planning, managing and providing legal, public safety, protective and homeland security services, including professional and technical support services.

Manufacturing: Planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products, including related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering.

Marketing: Planning, managing and performing marketing activities to reach organizational objectives.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Planning, managing and providing scientific research and professional and technical services (such as physical science, social science, engineering), including laboratory and testing services, and research and development services.

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics: Planning, managing and moving people, materials and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water, including related professional and technical support services such as transportation infrastructure planning and management, logistics services, mobile equipment and facility maintenance.

Agriculture, Animals & Natural Resources

- Agricultural Engineer
- Agricultural Scientist
- Animal Trainer
- Chef
- Conservation Scientist
- Farm Equipment Mechanic
- Fish and Game Warden
- Forester
- Veterinarian
- Zoologist

Architecture & Construction

- Architect
- Cabinetmaker
- Carpenter
- Construction Manager
- Electrician
- Civil Engineer
- General Construction Worker
- Highway Maintenance Worker
- Interior Designer
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Surveying and Mapping Technician

Arts, AV Technology & Communications

- Art Director
- Broadcast Technician
- Camera Operator
- Composer and Music Arranger
- Film and Video Editor
- Cartographer
- News Reporter
- Photographers
- Producer and Director
- Set and Exhibit Designer
- Technical Writer
- Graphic Designer

Business Management & Administration

- Accountant
- Advertising Manager
- Computer Operator
- Court Reporter
- Management Analyst
- Meeting and Convention Planner
- Payroll Clerk
- Property and Real Estate Manager
- Shipping and Receiving Clerk
- Statistician

Education & Training

- Audio/Visual Specialist
- Coach and Sports Instructor
- College/University Administrator
- Teacher/Professor
- Librarian
- Public Health Educator
- Special Education Teacher
- Speech Pathologist

Energy

- Electrical Engineer
- Electrical Power-Line Installer
- Environmental Scientist
- Gas Plant Operator
- Geoscientist
- Industrial Machine Mechanic
- Petroleum Engineer
- Power Plant Operator

Finance

- Accounting Clerk
- Appraiser
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Checker
- Economist
- Financial Counselor
- Insurance Adjuster and Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Loan Officer
- Tax Preparer

Government & Public Administration

- City Planning Aide
- Construction/Building Inspector
- Interpreter and Translator
- License Clerk
- Occupational Health Specialist
- Tax Examiner

Health Science

- Anesthesiologist
- Athletic Trainer
- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Physical Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Physician
- Registered Nurse

Hospitality & Tourism

- Baggage Porter and Bellhop
- Chef and Dinner Cook
- Food Service Worker
- Hotel Manager
- Janitor/Housekeeper Supervisor
- Reservation and Ticket Agent
- Restaurant Manager
- Tour Guide
- Travel Agent
- Umpire and Referee

Human Services

- Child Care Worker
- Clergy
- Cosmetologist
- Counselor
- Funeral Director
- Manicurist
- Professional Makeup Artist
- Financial Adviser
- Psychologist
- Residential Counselor
- Social Worker

Information Technology (IT)

- Computer/Information Systems Manager
- Computer Engineer
- Computer Programmer
- Computer Security Specialist
- Computer Support Specialist
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Data Communications Analyst
- IT Mechanic

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

- Coroner
- Corrections Officer
- Court Clerk
- Detective and Investigator
- Firefighter
- Judge
- Lawyer
- Life Guard and Ski Patrolman
- Police Patrol Officer

Manufacturing (Mechanical/Industrial)

- Chemical Engineer
- Forklift Operator
- Gas and Oil Plant Operator
- Jeweler
- Locksmith
- Metal/Plastic Processing Worker
- Office Machine Repairer
- Shoe and Leather Worker
- Welder

Marketing, Sales & Services

- Advertising Salesperson
- Buyer and Purchasing Agent
- Customer Service Representative
- Floral Designer
- Market Research Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Real Estate Agent
- Sales Manager
- Telemarketer

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- Aerospace Engineer
- Biologist
- Chemist
- Electrical and Electronics Engineer
- Geographer
- Petroleum Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Meteorologist
- Physicist
- Safety Engineer

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Air Traffic Controller
- Airline Pilot
- Automobile Mechanic
- Flight Attendant
- Motorboat Mechanic
- School Bus Driver
- Traffic Technician
- Transportation Agent



Learn More

What They Do

Wind Turbine Service Technicians Career Video



OKcollegestart.org offers insightful career videos that allow students to learn about a day in the life of their chosen profession.

Occupations in Oklahoma

Ten Fastest Growing Occupations in Oklahoma Requiring a Bachelor's Degree

Occupation	Median Hourly Salary	Median Annual Salary
Information Security Analysts	\$38.39	\$79,860
Athletic Trainers	\$22.43	\$46,660
Medical & Health Services Managers	\$39.75	\$82,670
Geoscientists	\$61.19	\$127,280
Financial Examiners	\$36.57	\$76,060
Operations Research Analysts	\$41.31	\$85,920
Coaches and Scouts	\$15.84	\$32,950
Petroleum Engineers	\$63.75	\$132,610
Data & Mathematical Science	\$36.05	\$74,980
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$23.92	\$49,750

Ten Fastest Growing Occupations in Oklahoma Requiring an Associate Degree

Occupation	Median Hourly Salary	Median Annual Salary
Occupational Therapy Assistants	\$29.83	\$62,050
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$28.81	\$59,930
Electromechanical Technicians	\$29.02	\$60,360
Respiratory Therapists	\$28.91	\$60,120
Geological & Hydrologic Technicians	\$34.49	\$71,730
Aerospace Engineering & Operations Technologists	\$27.12	\$56,410
Mechanical Engineering Technologists	\$28.85	\$60,000
Radio, Cellular and Tower Equipment Installers & Repairers	\$22.85	\$47,520
Dental Hygienists	\$38.17	\$79,380
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$36.89	\$76,730

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

BROKER statistician graphic designer JUDGE nurse MAPPING TECHNICIAN
 TECHNICAL WRITER veterinarian coach geoscientist nurse TEACHER LAWYER
 librarian counselor zoologist coroner INTERPRETER
 LOAN OFFICER PILOT doctor PSYCHOLOGIST
 professor MAPPING TECHNICIAN
 electrical engineer DOCTOR TEACHER PILOT
 NURSE translator graphic designer NURSE coroner cartographer
 accountant zoologist architect forester
 PROFESSOR
 computer programmer PILOT electrical engineer
 LAWYER teacher anesthesiologist VETERINARIAN judge
 translator pharmacist architect geographer
 COMPUTER PROGRAMMER
 civil engineer COUNSELOR PHARMACIST
 GEOSCIENTIST
 chef



Develop a Career Plan

Sample Career Plan

CAREER GOAL

To earn a bachelor's degree and work as an interpreter in Ukrainian community service.

Requirements

A bachelor's degree in language or communications

Skills Needed

- ▶ Using scientific rules and strategies
- ▶ Reading comprehension
- ▶ Critical thinking
- ▶ Active learning
- ▶ Monitoring
- ▶ Judgment and decision making
- ▶ Complex problem solving



Current Skills and Interests

- ▶ Strong grades in English and Language Arts
- ▶ Grandparents speak Ukrainian
- ▶ Want to assist Ukrainians coming to the U.S.
- ▶ Volunteer every week for the food bank

Plan of Action

- ▶ Take as many English classes as I can
- ▶ Earn a bachelor's degree in foreign language or communications
- ▶ Speak to a degree counselor about the best pathway for me
- ▶ Attend lectures and study literature about Ukrainian culture
- ▶ Learn requirements for naturalization and citizenship in the U.S.



Developing My Career Plan

My career goals

My skills and interests

Necessary training to meet my goals

My plan of action



SECTION THREE

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Take the
right
classes

Earn
college
credit now

- Concurrent enrollment
- AP courses

ACT / SAT

- ACT.org
- SAT.org
- Free practice tests at

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EXPLORE SCHOOLS
GET TO COLLEGE

PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

EXPLORE PROGRAMS AND MAJORS

TEST PREP

Test Prep

Doing well on a test requires practice. If you put in the time, you'll improve.

SAT

The SAT is designed to assess your academic readiness for college...

ACT

The ACT is a standardized test that measures your educational development...

ACCUPLACER

The Accuplacer is a college placement test used by over 2,000 colleges as part of...

ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a series of multiple...

PSAT

The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are the same test and measure reading, writing...

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

The GED, HiSET test and the TASC are all what is known as high school equivalency...

VOCABULARY

Improve your vocabulary and your work will pay off...



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Strengthen Your Study Habits

Study in a quiet area and take breaks

Study your most challenging subject first

Write down assignments and due dates

Listen carefully in class and ask questions

Edit and proofread your homework

Organize your desk and papers



Oklahoma's Promise

- Apply in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade
- Be a resident of Oklahoma
- Complete a specific high school curriculum
- Achieve at least a 2.50 GPA in curriculum and overall
- Abide by certain conduct standards
- Federal adjusted gross income of the student's family may not exceed \$60,000 for parents with 1 or 2 dependent children, \$70,000 for parents with 3 or 4 dependent children or \$80,000 for parents with 5 or more dependent children at the time of application and \$100,000 each year the student is enrolled in postsecondary education
- Learn more at okpromise.org.

MAKE THE GRADES.
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
EARN COLLEGE TUITION.

OKLAHOMA'S
PROMISE
OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM



WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants must be:

- ▶ Oklahoma residents.
- ▶ 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade students (homeschool students must be age 13, 14, 15 or 16).
- ▶ Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program.
- ▶ Students whose parents' federal adjusted gross income does not exceed:
 - ▶ \$60,000 with 1 or 2 dependent children OR
 - ▶ \$70,000 with 3 or 4 dependent children OR
 - ▶ \$80,000 with 5 or more dependent children.

Special income provisions may apply to:

- ▶ Children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-appointed legal guardians.
- ▶ Social Security benefits based on the death or disability of the student's parent(s).

Contact the Oklahoma's Promise office for more information.

Additional documentation may be required.

HOW TO APPLY

Online at www.okpromise.org or get an application from your counselor.

THE PROMISE

Upon completion of the program's requirements, you will earn:

- ▶ Tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university.
 - OR-
- ▶ A portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university.
 - OR-
- ▶ A portion of tuition for programs that qualify for federal financial aid at Oklahoma public career technology centers.

(The Oklahoma's Promise scholarship amount does not cover fees, books, supplies, or room and board.)

GET MORE INFO



www.okpromise.org

okpromise@osrhe.edu

800.858.1840 | 405.225.9152

Ask your counselor

Find us on

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Go the Extra Mile



**Extracurricular
Activities**



**Community
Service**



**Volunteer
Work**



Track Your Accomplishments

Tracking My Classes & Achievements

Dot down your volunteer work and achievements and track the classes you need to take each year to meet college admission requirements. For example, will you take American history in the spring semester of your junior year? Write it down here. Refer back to the list of required courses on Page 22 to see which classes you need to take and use this worksheet as a map. You can also track your plan of study at OKcollegestart.org.

	FRESHMAN YEAR	SOPHOMORE YEAR
Fall Classes		
Spring Classes		
Honors and Awards		
Volunteer Work, Jobs and Extracurricular Activities		

	JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
Fall Classes		
Spring Classes		
Honors and Awards		
Volunteer Work, Jobs and Extracurricular Activities		



High School Checklists

UCanGo2! WITHIN REACH... WITHIN YOU FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

Use this checklist during your freshman year of high school to help you stay on track for college.

- Study hard.** Build good study habits to keep your grades in tip-top shape.
- Look for scholarships** at [UCanGo2.org](#) and [OKCollegestart.org](#). Freshmen should begin applying for college scholarships now.
- Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma's 529 College Savings Plan ([OKSavings.org](#)) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parents' or guardians' names.
- Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.** If you didn't apply for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship in 8th grade, visit [okpromise.org](#) for program requirements and the online application.
- Talk about it.** Complete the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) activities assigned by your school counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults. You can explore careers you're interested in, create a resume, and learn about college options.
- Take the right classes.** To be college-bound, you'll need to take and pass the following classes in high school:
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of math (at or above Algebra I)
 - 3 units of laboratory science
 - 3 units of history/civics/social studies
 - 2 units of non-English language OR computer technology
 - 1 additional unit selected from competencies listed as follows:
 - 1 unit of fine arts or other electives
 - At least 6 electives
 - Demonstrate knowledge of C/PRI/RED
 - Complete Individual C

View a [detailed checklist](#) and summary of Oklahoma's curriculum standards and testing requirements.

Track it and file it. Download the [Tracking My Classes & Achievements](#) worksheet at [UCanGo2.org](#) to track your accomplishments and volunteer work. This information will be helpful when you start scholarship applications, your high school courses and achievements through your ICAP program.

Check it out. Investigate course requirements and guidelines for college admission and Oklahoma's promise. Visit [okcollegestart.org](#) to utilize school exploration tools.

Think it through. Think about the university, college or technology center you'd like to attend. Down load the [College Search Worksheet](#) at [UCanGo2.org](#) to help you set up a successful college tour. Many of the Oklahoma tours on [OKCollegestart.org](#).

Take it to the next level. Investigate Advanced Placement and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.

- Keep it up.** Study hard to keep your grades up.
- Look for scholarships** at [UCanGo2.org](#) and [OKCollegestart.org](#). Sophomores should begin applying for college scholarships now.
- Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma's 529 College Savings Plan ([OKSavings.org](#)) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parents' or guardians' names.
- Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.** If you didn't apply during 8th or 9th grade, visit [okpromise.org](#) for program requirements and the online application.
- Talk about it.** Continue your conversations with guidance counselors, teachers, family members or other trusted adults about high school. Talk with family and friends about their educational choices.
- Know what you need.** Review the courses you'll need to take to satisfy the requirements of the college you're interested in. Download the [College Search Worksheet](#) at [UCanGo2.org](#) to download a list of courses you'll need to pass in order to meet Oklahoma's College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum standards.
- Take it to the next level.** Take the PreACT, investigate AP courses, concurrent enrollment and honors-level courses to learn what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.
- Track it and file it.** Use your [Tracking My Classes & Achievements](#) worksheet from [UCanGo2.org](#) to continue to plan ahead and keep a record of your accomplishments. Save records of report cards, awards and career assessment results.
- Be active.** Continue participating in extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Many admission officers and scholarship providers look for students who are actively involved in their school and community.
- Pass...remember the PSAT.** Register and take the PSAT. This score is required for several national scholarships, including the National Merit Scholarship.
- Practice.** Use your [OKCollegestart.org](#) account to access free practice tests, tutorials, career planning tools and other helpful resources. If you can't already have one, sign up for a free account today! You can also find sample questions at [ACT.org](#) to help you prepare for the ACT, which you can take during your junior year. Ask your school counselor for more information.
- Get it down.** Write a pros and cons list of colleges you're interested in attending. Be sure to evaluate degree program options, location, cost, and other factors. Learn more about Oklahoma colleges and universities at [OKCollegestart.org](#).

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UCanGo2! WITHIN REACH... WITHIN YOU JUNIOR CHECKLIST

Fall Checklist

- Keep talking.** Continue conversations with guidance counselors, teachers, family members and other trusted adults about your plans after high school. Ask family and friends about their educational choices.
- Take it to the next level.** Enroll in AP and other honors-level classes, if possible.
- Enroll now.** Discuss concurrent enrollment (college credit courses offered in high school) with your counselor.
- See for yourself!** Attend a college fair in your area. These events offer families a chance to talk with representatives from various colleges. Ask your guidance counselor for dates and times of fairs close to you, then visit [UCanGo2.org](#) for more information.
- Do a thorough review.** Visit with your guidance counselor to make sure you're on track to graduate in and complete your class schedule through your junior and senior years and include electives that might be applicable to your college options.
- Choose an exam, ACT or SAT?** Contact the school you plan to attend and ask which test they prefer. Once you decide, sign up and prepare for it by using the free Test Prep section found at [OKCollegestart.org](#). Ask your counselor for help to cover the cost of the exam. Once you choose an exam, visit [ACT.org](#) or [SAT.org](#) to find upcoming test dates and important college preparation steps.
- Get in.** Investigate admission requirements and costs for your chosen school(s) at [OKCollegestart.org](#).
- Pass...remember the PSAT.** Register and take the PSAT. This score is required for several national scholarships, including the National Merit Scholarship.
- Pick your top five.** Narrow your list of schools based on research you've already completed. Your list will probably include three to five colleges, however, you can add up to 20 institutions on your FAFSA.

Use [UCanGo2.org](#) for tools to help you plan, prepare and pay for college!

UCanGo2! WITHIN REACH... WITHIN YOU SENIOR CHECKLIST

FALL CHECKLIST

- FAFSA Time!**
 - Get Your FSA ID.** FAFSA applicants must create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which is a username and password, at [StudentAid.gov](#). You'll use your FSA ID throughout the financial aid process to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, to sign student loan applications, to view your financial aid history, and more.
 - Complete the FAFSA.** The FAFSA is your first step in applying for federal and state financial aid. Complete the 2024-25 FAFSA in December at [FAFSA.gov](#). You'll need your FSA ID to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. If you're a dependent student, one or both of your parents will also need to create an FSA ID. Oklahoma's Promise students should complete the FAFSA annually in order to receive their funding.
 - Complete for Your FSS.** After you submit the FAFSA, you'll receive a FAFSA Submission Summary, or FSS, via email or postal mail. Review the information provided on the FSS for accuracy. If you find errors, correct the data at [StudentAid.gov](#) or by contacting your college financial aid office.
 - Learn About Financial Aid.** Research grants, work-study and student loan information and options at [StudentAid.gov](#) and [UCanGo2.org](#).
- Counselor Connection**
 - Take Action Now.** Continue to explore opportunities to earn college credit while in high school. Talk to your counselor about concurrent enrollment and AP classes.
 - Study.** Just like your parents said, good grades matter! Stay committed and maintain your grades. These habits will carry over to your college coursework. Find [The Perfect 10 Study Habits](#) at [UCanGo2.org](#).
 - Stay on Track.** Review your class schedule with your counselor to make sure you're meeting the high school graduation and college entrance requirements for the institutions that interest you. Check out the [College Preparation/Work Ready Curriculum Standards](#) to see Oklahoma's graduation requirements.
- College Connection**
 - Learn More.** Attend college fairs in your area (use our [College Fair Worksheet](#) as your guide), meet with college recruiters and bring an adult to a FAFSA event at your school to get answers to your questions about enrollment and paying for college.
 - Choose Your Top Pickers.** Narrow your list of potential colleges based on your research. Your list will probably include three to five colleges, however, you can add up to 20 institutions on your FAFSA.
 - Take a Tour.** Visit campuses that are a good match for your abilities and career interests. Use the tools found at [UCanGo2.org](#) such as [Making the Most of Campus Visits](#) to ensure your campus visits are successful. Many colleges offer virtual tours if you're unable to visit in person. Review our list of Oklahoma institutions that offer virtual tours at [OKCollegestart.org](#).



Senior Timeline

SENIOR TIMELINE



SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR

- Take the ACT/SAT over the summer. A growing number of colleges and universities no longer require ACT/SAT scores, so check your prospective institutions' requirements. Visit [ACT.org](https://www.act.org) or [SAT.org](https://sat.collegeboard.org) to learn more.
- Apply for scholarships now and throughout your senior year. [UCanGo2.org](https://www.ucango2.org) has scholarships listed by deadline date and category, plus helpful resources for preparing and tracking scholarship applications.
- Research colleges and visit campuses you're interested in. Many colleges now offer virtual tours. Check out [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org) for a list of Oklahoma schools that provide online campus tours.
- Review your senior schedule to make sure you'll meet graduation requirements and that the classes you'll be taking will improve your chances of college admission.
- Create your college application resume and ask for letters of recommendation. For help with your resume, try the Resume Builder at [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org).

SEPTEMBER

- Visit [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to learn about resources to help you prepare and pay for college.
- Visit college campuses you're interested in or check for virtual tours.
- Start narrowing down prospective college(s) and note application and financial aid deadlines.
- Create your [Federal Student Aid ID \(FSA ID\)](https://www.fafsa.gov) in preparation to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, at [FAFSA.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov).
- Draft an application essay.

OCTOBER

- Keep studying and maintain good grades. Review our [Perfect 10 Study Habits Guide](#).
- Stay involved in community service and extracurricular activities, which can strengthen scholarship and college applications.
- Finalize your list of potential colleges.

NOVEMBER

- Some colleges have application deadlines in November, so confirm your college choices and complete all applications. Visit [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org) to learn more about the colleges you may be interested in attending.
- If you haven't already, create your [FSA ID](https://www.fafsa.gov) in preparation to complete the FAFSA in December.
- Save money for college expenses and continue to apply for scholarships.
- Make sure official test scores have been sent to prospective colleges.

DECEMBER

- Complete the FAFSA at [FAFSA.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov). The 2024-25 FAFSA application will be available in December 2023.
- Watch for a [FAFSA Submission Summary \(FSS\)](#), which you'll receive after submitting the FAFSA.
- Review your first-semester grades and second-semester schedule to ensure you're taking the courses you need to graduate. Check with your high school counselor if you have questions.
- Use the holiday break to apply for more college scholarships!
- Colleges will require your high school transcript, so find out your school's process for submission.

LÍNEA DE TIEMPO PARA EL ÚLTIMO AÑO DE LA SECUNDARIA



EL VERANO ANTES DEL ÚLTIMO AÑO DE LA SECUNDARIA.

- Take the ACT/SAT in the summer. Hay un número creciente de colegios o universidades que ya no requieren ACT/SAT calificaciones, por eso es importante revisar los requisitos de su institución potencial. Visite [ACT.org](https://www.act.org) o [SAT.org](https://sat.collegeboard.org) para aprender más.
- Solicite becas ahora y durante su último año de la secundaria. [UCanGo2.org](https://www.ucango2.org) tiene becas listadas por fecha límite y categoría, además de recursos útiles para preparar y hacer un seguimiento de las solicitudes de becas.
- Investigue colegios y visite los campus que le interesan. Muchos colegios ahora ofrecen visitas virtuales. Visita [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org) para ver una lista de las escuelas de Oklahoma que ofrecen recorridos en línea por el campus.
- Revise su programa de último año para asegurarse que cumplirá con los requisitos y que las clases que va a tomar le mejorará las oportunidades de reconocimiento universitaria.
- Crear un currículo para las solicitudes del colegio y solicitar cartas de recomendación. Usar 'Resume Builder' en [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org) para ayuda con su currículo.

SEPTIEMBRE

- Visite [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) para aprender sobre los recursos que le ayudarán a prepararse para la universidad.
- Visite los campus de las universidades que le interesan o revise si ofrecen visitas virtuales.
- Empiece a reducir su selección de posibles universidades y anote las fechas de vencimiento de las solicitudes y ayuda financiera.
- Crear su credencial [FSA ID](https://www.fafsa.gov) en preparación para completar el formulario Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes o el formulario FAFSA en [FAFSA.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov).
- Escriba un borrador para una solicitud.

OCTUBRE

- Siga estudiando y manteniendo buenas notas. Revise nuestra [Guía perfecta de 10 hábitos de estudio](#).
- Involúcrese en el servicio comunitario y actividades extracurriculares, que pueden fortalecerse servicialmente para las becas y solicitudes de universidades o institutos profesionales.
- Finalice su lista potencial de universidades o institutos profesionales.

NOVIEMBRE

- Unas universidades o instituciones profesionales tienen fechas de vencimiento en noviembre, confirme con sus elecciones de universidades y finalice todas las solicitudes. Visite [OKcollegestart.org](https://www.okcollegestart.org) para aprender más sobre las universidades o institutos profesionales que le interesa atender.
- Si aún no lo ha hecho, crear su credencial [FSA ID](https://www.fafsa.gov) en preparación para poder completar la FAFSA en diciembre.
- Ahorre dinero para gastos universitarios y continúe solicitando becas.
- Asegúrese de que las calificaciones de sus exámenes oficiales fueron mandadas a sus universidades prospectivas.

DICIEMBRE

- Termine el formulario FAFSA en [FAFSA.gov](https://www.fafsa.gov). La solicitud de FAFSA 2024-25 estará disponible en diciembre de 2023.
- Esté atento a la [FAFSA Resumen de Envío \(FSS\)](#) que recibiera después de entregar la FAFSA.
- Utilice las vacaciones para solicitar más becas universitarias!
- Revise sus calificaciones del primer y segundo semestre para asegurarse que está tomando los cursos que necesita para graduarse. Consulte con su consejera de la secundaria si tiene preguntas.
- Las universidades requerirán su transcripción de la secundaria, es importante saber el proceso de admisión de su escuela.



SECTION FOUR

WHERE DO I GO?

Courses Offered

Admission Requirements

Type of College

What do I want in a school?

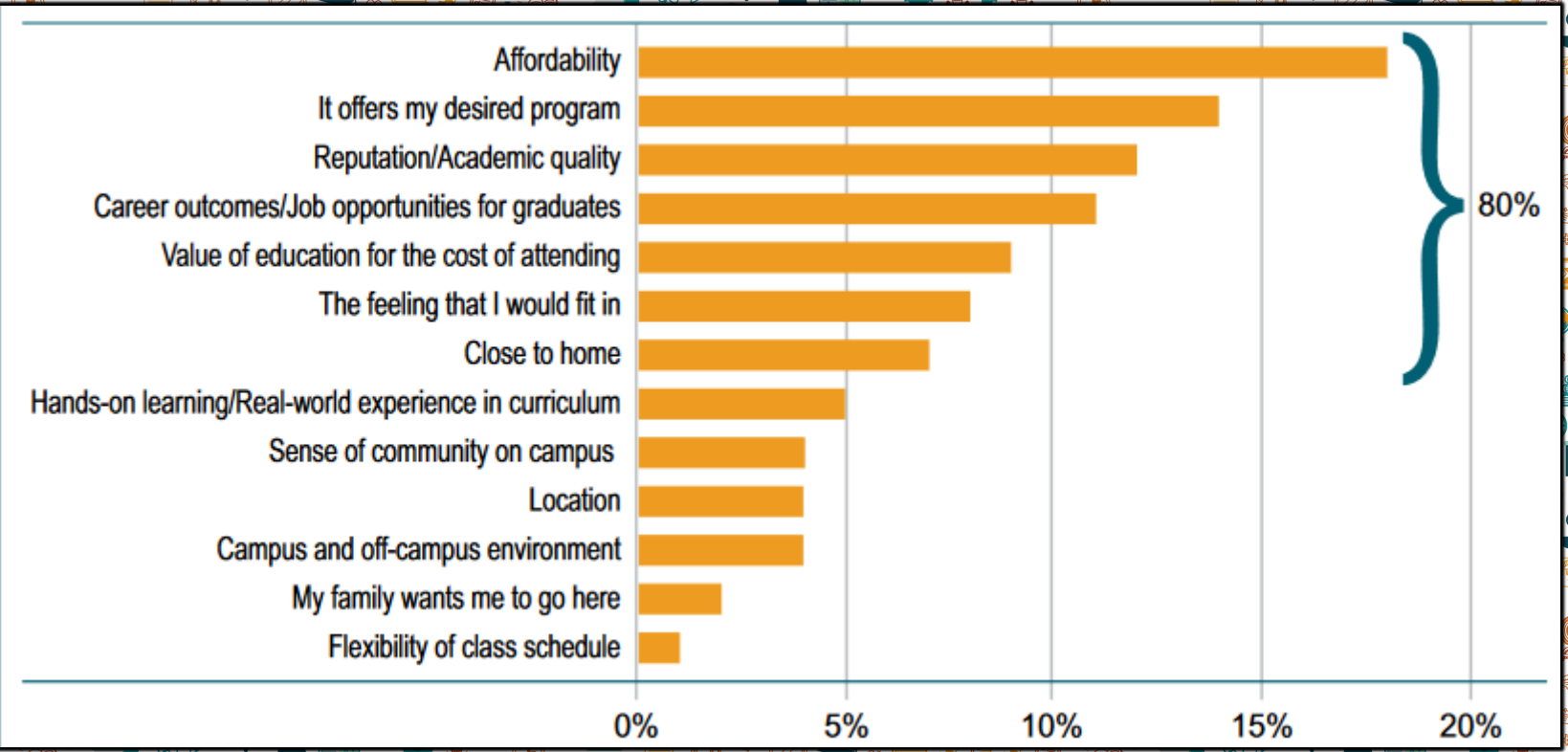
Affordability

Location

Campus Size



100,000 high school students shared how they chose the college they planned to attend.



Understanding School Types

Four-Year University

- Associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees
- Well-rounded education and flexible degrees

Community College

- Associate degrees
- Enter the work force after graduation or transfer credits to a four-year university

Technical Branch

- Associate and bachelor's degrees
- Education and training in technical fields



Understanding School Types

Career Technology Center

- Certificates in various fields of study
- Prepares students for college and careers

Proprietary School

- Prepares students for specific occupations
- Privately-owned institutions

Private University

- Offer education in various fields
- Tuition and fees tend to be higher than at public institutions



Location, Location, Location

Urban

- Located in large, metro areas
- Have more opportunity for job placement and internships
- Typically attract culturally diverse students

Rural

- Located in smaller towns that can serve a widespread area
- Typically offer more on-campus housing and entertainment
- Offer more personalized assistance from professors

Suburban

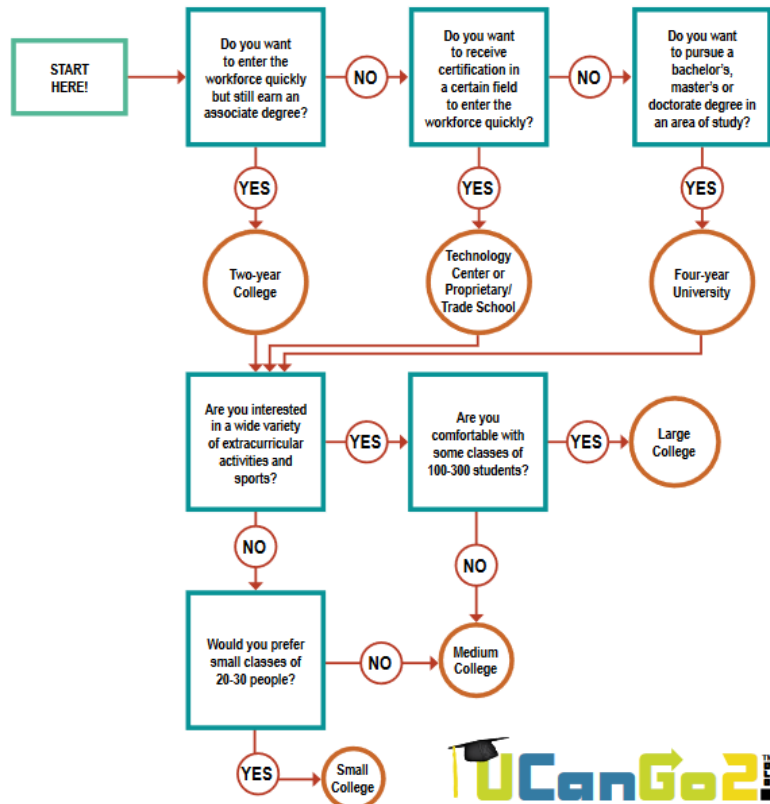
- Usually located in towns where the school's revenue helps drive the economy
- Have amenities located nearby, i.e. laundromat, grocery, bank
- Offer more on-campus events



Size Up Your College

Picking a College Decision Tree

Use this tool to help you decide which path will lead you to success. Read each question and think about your interests, wants and needs. Answer "yes" or "no" and follow the corresponding arrows to help you reveal the college type and size that may be best for you.



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OKcollegestart.org

Visit OKcollegestart to compare colleges and career technology centers in Oklahoma and nationwide.

Find information on college costs, average financial aid provided, sports programs and available scholarships, student population data, majors offered, application details, and much more.



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ACADEMIC CRITERIA

VERY IMPORTANT



COSTS & FINANCIAL AID

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

\$1,218
Book fees

UNDERGRADUATE TUITION: **\$6,150** OUT-OF-STATE

\$2,808
Estimated transportation expense for residents

SPORTS

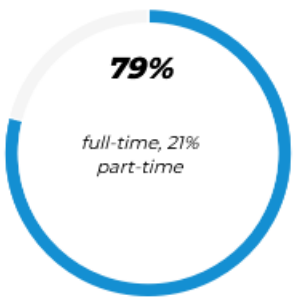
💰 - Scholarships available

Sports Offered	Men's	Women's
Baseball	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2	
Basketball	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Cheerleading	💰 👤	💰 👤
Cross-country Running		💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Equestrian Sports	💰 👤	💰 👤
Football	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2	
Golf	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2	💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Soccer		💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Softball		💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Track And Field		👤 Div II NCAA Division 2
Volleyball		💰 👤 Div II NCAA Division 2

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT PROFILE

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



2,500 Women + 1,592 Men = **4,092** Total



571 Women + 269 Men = **840** Total

AT A GLANCE

Offered programs

Successful Campus Visits



MAKING THE MOST OF CAMPUS VISITS

Places to Visit on Campus

Admission Office

This is your chance to ask questions about submitting your application on time. These are the people who will look at your application and make the initial decisions about your qualifications. Make sure you're aware of deadlines and necessary documents you'll need to attach to your application, such as high school transcripts, letters of reference, test scores and essays.

Financial Aid Office

Not only can the Financial Aid office help you locate scholarships, grants, work-study and student loan opportunities, but they can also help you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and answer important questions about ways to pay for college. Ask for the school's priority deadline for FAFSA submission.

Academic Advising

Each college or professional school has a different method for providing academic advising. Find out which departments offer the classes you'll need to achieve your degree.

On-Campus Child Care

Students who are also parents may want to inquire about child care. Even if you've already established care for your children while you're in class, you may find great deals on fees or hours that fit your class schedule.

Career Services

Knowing what classes to take is only one step in the process. Find the Career Services office and visit it frequently. Here you can receive help preparing a resume, writing a cover letter and searching for jobs. This office can also teach you how to market your degree in the workforce.

Housing Office

If you're able to live on campus, be sure to stop by the Housing office to learn about the dormitories, meal plans and other important information. Ask the office what items are allowed in the dorms so you can begin stocking your dorm room ahead of time, stretching out the cost.

Parking and Transportation Office

If you plan to have a car on campus, you'll have to learn the procedures for parking. This may be an added expense you'll want to consider in your budget. Also ask about public transportation, like bus routes to/from campus and on campus.

Student Life Office

If you're visiting a campus large enough to offer activities, events and clubs, don't miss the Student Life office. This is a great place to learn how to get involved, meet new people and ask current students about campus life.

Student Union or Common Area

Many schools have a building designated for students to use in between classes. Typically known as the Student Union, this building often has restaurants, important offices such as the Student ID office, post office and even some banking services. If you see a school newspaper, be sure to grab it to read later so you can learn more about life on campus.

Library

Visit the campus library and take note of the operating hours. The library may offer free Wi-Fi and may be a resource for you during your time on campus. Also, take note of smaller, departmental libraries that may offer specialized resources for specific classes or assignments.

Health Clinic

Learn what options are available to you if you get sick while at school. Ask how much treatment may cost. Many schools offer health insurance for students.

Surrounding Community

Explore off campus to locate important businesses and services you may need. Get a feel for the safety of the area and see if it's easy to get around.

Campus Visit Checklist

While on your campus visit, talk to as many people as you can and get a feel for the atmosphere. Don't pass up a chance to ask questions. Use this campus visit checklist to assist you during your campus tours.

- Visit the school's website to learn how to set up a campus tour. Tours are usually scheduled throughout the day, so your family may wish to plan the day around the tour.
- Schedule interviews with campus officials in admission, academic advising, housing and in your field of study. Ask about the number of classes you should take each semester, meal plans and parking.
- Read a school newspaper to get an idea of the campus culture. Drop in at the Student Life office to ask about student organizations and student activities.
- Grab any financial aid or application forms you may need. Ask about the school's scholarship and FAFSA deadlines.
- If possible, sit in on a class that interests you. Talk to coaches or sponsors of activities that interest you.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what activities are available. This is also a good way to get a feel for job opportunities in the area.
- Eat in the cafeteria or around campus to check out the dining options available to you.
- Visit the dorms if you plan to live on campus. Ask about dorm security practices and for a list of what you can and can't bring with you to the dorm.
- Talk with current students about campus life and ask questions.
- Ask someone in the health clinic about their hours and the services they provide.
- Visit the college bookstore to price new and used books.
- Stop by the library and ask about their checkout procedures.
- Do you need child care? Ask about campus services in the area.



Getting Answers on Campus

Coming to campus for a visit is easy enough. Leaving with all your questions answered can be a challenge. Take this opportunity to list questions you may have for each department you visit.

Admission Office

1. When is the deadline for admission?
2. _____
3. _____

Financial Aid Office

1. Will my financial aid offer cover my expenses?
2. _____
3. _____

Academic Advising

1. What classes should I take my first semester?
2. _____
3. _____

On-Campus Child Care

1. What time does the child care center open and close?
2. _____
3. _____

Career Services

1. What steps can I take to strengthen my resume?
2. _____
3. _____

Health Clinic

1. What types of services do you offer?
2. _____
3. _____

Student Life Office

1. Is there a student organization for my major?
2. _____
3. _____

Parking and Transportation Office

1. Am I allowed to have a car on campus as a freshman?
2. _____
3. _____

Library

1. When is the library open?
2. _____
3. _____

Housing Office

1. How will my roommate be chosen?
2. _____
3. _____



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SECTION FIVE

HOW DO I PAY FOR IT?

Sign up for
Oklahoma's
Promise

Apply for
scholarships

Open a
savings
account

Apply
for
financial
aid

Complete
the
FAFSA

Get a
part-time
job



What is Financial Aid?

- Money used to help you pay for college
 - Comes in the form of grants, scholarships, work programs and student loans
 - Apply for it every year you need money for college
- All students are eligible for some type of financial assistance for college
 - Seniors should apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA every year



Getting Financial Aid

Set up your
Federal Student
Aid (FSA) ID at
StudentAid.gov

Never pay to
complete the
FAFSA.
It's FREE!

Complete the
FAFSA at
FAFSA.gov

Use your
FSA ID to
access and sign
your FAFSA



Complete the FAFSA

Federal Student Aid
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

FAFSA® Form ▾ Loans and Grants ▾ Loan Repayment ▾ Loan Forgiveness ▾

2024-25 FAFSA® Form Coming in December
Apply for aid for 7/1/24-6/30/25 on the 2024-25 form in December.

2023-24 FAFSA® Form
Use the 2023-24 FAFSA® form to apply for college financial aid for 7/1/23-6/30/24.

Start 2023-24 Form

Returning to the 2023-24 FAFSA® form?
Correct info | Add a school
View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

FAFSA.gov

Create Your FSA ID at StudentAid.gov

FSA ID WORKSHEET

FAFSA.gov

Federal Student Aid IDs are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. Parent(s) of dependent students will also need to create an FSA ID. **KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE.**

- ENTER AN EMAIL ADDRESS**
The email address must be unique to each individual. You will not be able to use the same email and parent. DO NOT use high school email accounts.
- CREATE A USERNAME**
Must be 6-30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate.
- CREATE A PASSWORD**
Must be 8-30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers. Avoid personal identifiers.
- COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE**
1. Enter your Social Security number
2. Enter your birthdate
3. Enter your name exactly as it is listed on your social security card
Social Security matches are confirmed within 1 to 3 days. Errors can cause delays.
- CHALLENGE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**
There are four challenge questions and answers. Select the questions from drop down menus and answers below.
1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____
- VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS & MOBILE PHONE NUMBER**
FSA will send an email with a code that must be entered to verify your email address. FSA will send a code used to verify your mobile phone number.
- COMPLETE THE TWO-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS**
To verify the information used to create the FSA ID, you'll need to set up at least one verification step verification. Use one of these options: SMS Text, Email or download an Authenticator app.
- KEEP TRACK OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS**
A backup code will be generated when you create your FSA ID account or when you enable two-step verification. This code lets you access your account if you can't use the two-step verification method. If it account and select "Generate a New Backup Code" under "Two-Step Verification" in Settings. Call FSA at 1-800-4-FED-AID for assistance. Save your backup code here:



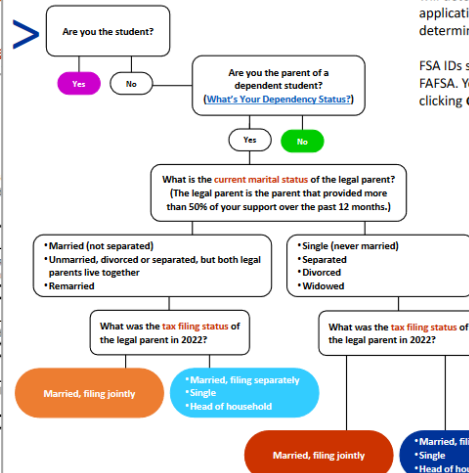
Instrucciones para sacar una FSA ID

FAFSA.gov

Tanto los estudiantes y los padres deben obtener identificaciones de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes para electrónicamente la FAFSA. Los padres de los estudiantes dependientes también tendrán que crear un ID de LUGAR SEGURO.

- Escriba su dirección de correo electrónico**
El dirección de correo electrónico tiene que ser único a cada individuo. No se podrá utilizar el mismo correo electrónico de la escuela del estudiante y el padre. NO SE PUEDEN USAR una dirección de correo electrónico de la escuela del estudiante y el padre.
- Crea un nombre de usuario**
Tiene que tener 6-30 caracteres. Evita usar identificadores personales como un nombre o fecha de nacimiento.
- Crea una contraseña**
Tiene que tener 8-30 caracteres e incluir tres de los siguientes: letras mayúsculas, letras minúsculas, números y caracteres especiales. Evita identificadores personales.
- Completa tu perfil**
1. Escribe tu número de seguro social
2. Escribe tu fecha de nacimiento
3. Escribe tu nombre exactamente como es mencionado en su tarjeta de seguro social
La revisión del seguro social se confirma entre 1 a 3 días. Los errores pueden causar retrasos.
- Preguntas de seguridad y respuestas**
Hay cinco preguntas de seguridad y 5 respuestas. Escoge dos preguntas del menú desplegable. Cada pregunta tiene un código opcional de 8 dígitos.
1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____ (opcional)
3. _____
- Verifica tu dirección de correo electrónico y numero de teléfono celular**
FSA enviara un email con un código del cual tienes que entrar para verificar tu dirección de correo electrónico. FSA enviara un mensaje de texto para verificar tu número de teléfono móvil.
- COMPLETE EL PROCESO DE VERIFICACIÓN EN DOS PASOS**
Para verificar la información usada para crear el ID de la FSA, tendrás que configurar al menos un método de verificación para utilizar la verificación en dos pasos. Usa una de estas opciones: envíame SMS, correo electrónico o descarga una aplicación Authenticator.
- REALIZAR UN SEGUIMIENTO DE LOS NÚMEROS IMPORTANTES**
Se generará un código de copia de seguridad cuando cree su cuenta de ID de FSA o cuando habilite la verificación en dos pasos. El código de respaldo te permite acceder a tu cuenta si no puedes usar el método de verificación en dos pasos. Si se pierde, inicia sesión en tu cuenta y selecciona "Generar un nuevo código de copia de seguridad" en "Verificación en dos pasos" en Configuración. Comuníquese con la Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes al 1-800-4-FED-AID para obtener ayuda. Guarda tu código de respaldo aquí:

Who needs a Federal Student Aid ID? For Dependent Students | 2024 - 2025 FAFSA



Federal Student Aid IDs (FSA IDs) are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. The FAFSA will determine who needs an FSA ID as you advance through the application, but this document is intended to help you determine who needs to create an FSA ID ahead of time.

FSA IDs should be created at least 2-3 days before starting the FAFSA. You can create one today by visiting [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and clicking Create Account.

- Every student needs an FSA ID.
- Only the legal parent(s) of a dependent student (and their spouse in some cases) will need an FSA ID. Legal guardians will not be contributors to the FAFSA. If a student is determined to be independent for FAFSA purposes, no parents will need an FSA ID.
- Only one parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.
- Both parents will need FSA IDs to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.
- If currently separated, divorced, or widowed, but 2022 taxes were filed jointly, one parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information. The student should contact the financial aid office to request an income adjustment.
- Only the legal parent will need an FSA ID to consent to the transfer of 2022 IRS information.

Use the UCanGo2.org FSA ID Worksheet to keep a record of your FSA ID information. It's available in English and Spanish at [UCanGo2.org](https://ucango2.org). Click **Publications & Tools** to access the worksheet.

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Create your FSA ID today!

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startwithfafsa.org

What you need to know about submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid



[ABOUT](#) [FAQS](#) [RESOURCES](#) [VIDEOS](#) [CONTACT US](#) [FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION](#)

FAFSA Resources

UCanGo2

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, can be challenging, especially while weighing the options of which college to attend, applying for scholarships and studying for the ACT or SAT — all while trying to finish your senior year. Help is here! We have gathered some resources to assist you as you prepare for the FAFSA application process.

StudentAid.gov – The Student Aid website offers complete information on receiving federal financial aid for college. It offers a Federal Student Aid Information Center that helps students complete the FAFSA and provides the public with free information about all aid programs.

Finish the FAFSA in Five Steps / FAFSA Facts – This publication provides a step-by-step guide designed to help students and their parents successfully complete and submit the FAFSA while answering some commonly asked questions.

FAFSA Dependency Questionnaire – This form provides the criteria used to determine if a FAFSA applicant will be classified as a dependent or independent student.

Types of Financial Aid – Check out this link for information on the numerous types of federal financial aid available offered to assist with college expenses.

FAFSA Parent Flyer – A publication for parents with helpful information and links on FAFSA



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[YouTube.com/OkCollegeAssistance](https://www.youtube.com/OkCollegeAssistance)

Complete the FAFSA at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



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Financial Aid

Free Money

- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- Scholarships

Earned Money

- Work-Study

Student Loans

- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized
- Parent loans



Types of Financial Aid

Pell Grant

Work-Study

Oklahoma Tuition
Aid Grant

Subsidized
Student Loan

Federal
Supplemental
Educational
Opportunity Grant

PLUS Loan

TEACH Grant

Unsubsidized
Student Loan

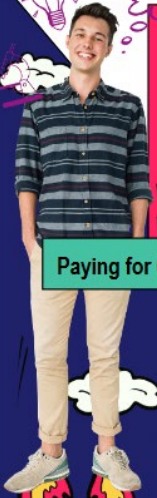
Iraq and
Afghanistan Grant

Are You Looking for Money?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MONEY?



Paying for College with Grants, Scholarships and Federal Loans



What Kind of Aid is Available?

Financial Aid

Money provided to the student to help pay for the student's education. Major forms of financial aid include grants, scholarships, work-study and student loans.

State Grants

Usually based on financial need, state grants don't need to be paid back. See the State Grants and Scholarships section and visit UCanGo2.org/pay to learn more.

Scholarships

Scholarships don't need to be paid back, and there is a wide variety available. Visit UCanGo2.org and OKcollegestart.org to find hundreds of scholarships. See the State Grants and Scholarships, Path to Scholarship Success, Scholarship Searches and Tribal Websites sections for scholarship info as well.

Federal Grants

Federal grants are based on financial need and rarely need to be paid back. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted for consideration. See the What Federal Aid is Available? section.

Federal Work-study

Earn money for your education by working part-time, usually at your institution. The FAFSA must be submitted for consideration. See the What Federal Aid is Available? section.

Federal Student Loans

Offered at low interest rates, some are based on financial need and some aren't. All loans must be paid back. The FAFSA must be submitted for consideration. See the What Federal Aid is Available? section.

Private Student Loans

Private loans are another option for some students. These may have less flexible repayment terms than federal loans, so do your homework. See the More Helpful Resources section.

State Grants & Scholarships

Each year, grants and scholarships help thousands of Oklahoma students reach their educational goals and assist families as they manage the cost of education after high school.

NOTE:

Check with your institution's office of admissions and your academic division to see if you qualify for a tuition waiver. This form of financial aid often has a very small candidate pool, which means you have a higher chance of being selected!

OTHER STATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Inspired to Teach

(maximum award: \$25,500)

George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship
(award: \$1,000)

Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship
(award: \$3,000)

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)

OTAG is a program that provides grant assistance for Oklahoma residents who meet certain financial requirements. The grant may be used at Oklahoma public colleges and universities, technology centers or eligible private institutions within the state. For more information, visit OKcollegestart.org.

Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG)

OTEG awards grants to Oklahoma students attending eligible Oklahoma not-for-profit, private or independent institutions. Family income cannot exceed \$50,000. For more information visit OKcollegestart.org.

Oklahoma's Promise

Students must apply in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade, be a resident of Oklahoma, complete a specific high school curriculum, achieve at least a 2.50 GPA both in the curriculum and overall, and abide by certain conduct standards. The federal adjusted gross income of the student's family may not exceed \$60,000 for parents with 1 or 2 dependent children, \$70,000 for parents with 3 or 4 dependent children or \$80,000 for parents with 5 or more dependent children at the time of application, and \$100,000 each year the student is enrolled in postsecondary education. Oklahoma's Promise will pay resident tuition at a public college or a portion of tuition at private institutions or public technology centers in Oklahoma. Learn more at okpromise.org.

Academic Scholars Program

The Academic Scholars Program awards scholarships to Oklahoma residents who score at or above the 99.5 percentile on the ACT or SAT exam and to students who are named National Merit Scholars or finalists, Presidential Scholars or Institutional Nominees. Learn more at OKcollegestart.org.

Read more about these and other grant and scholarship opportunities on our website at UCanGo2.org/pay or contact the Student Information hotline at 800-855-1840 or studentinfo@osma.edu. Information about these programs can also be found at OKcollegestart.org.

Many state aid programs require a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Learn more in the Tips for Scholarship Success and What Federal Aid is Available? sections.



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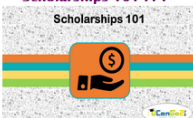
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Scholarship Resources

Scholarships

- Scholarship Essay Tips
- Scholarship Success Guide
- Scholarship Tracker
- Scholarships 101 PPT



The nature of our work with students, parents and educators leads us to an abundance of scholarship resources. Use our **Scholarship Success Guide** and other valuable resources linked on the left for help with finding, preparing and tracking scholarship applications. Keep in mind all scholarship information listed is subject to change.



Scholarships by Deadline

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December
- Ongoing



Are you an **Oklahoma's Promise** scholarship recipient? If so, we'd love to hear how the program has impacted your life. By **sharing your stories**, we hope to encourage other students to apply for Oklahoma's Promise and start planning for their futures.

Scholarship of the Week

Patriot's Pen VFW Scholarship

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in sixth through eighth grades enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards.

Award Amount: 2 awards; Up to \$5,000

Scholarships by Category

Scholarships by Deadline

Scholarship Tracker

Scholarship Essay Tips

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Scholarships 101 PowerPoint

Scholarship of the Week



Scholarship Resources

Path to Scholarship Success

Starting the scholarship application process with a successful strategy in place is key. Knowing how to **PLAN, RESEARCH, APPLY** and **TRACK** applications will increase your chances of earning valuable awards. UCanGo2.org offers resources and publications to help as you plan, prepare and pay for your education after high school.

PLAN

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, in your senior year of high school and each year you need financial aid for education expenses. Learn more at FAFSA.gov.
- Investigate the cost of attendance at the school you plan to attend, and determine how much you'll need to cover your expenses. OKCollegeStart.org can help you find the cost of higher education institutions nationwide.
- Evaluate your resources to determine how you'll pay for college. Consider savings, your current earnings, financial aid and any scholarships you may have already won.
- Create a resume that lists your strengths and letters of recommendation.

RESEARCH

- Scholarships are awarded for hobbies, test scores, resumes and more.
- Search for scholarships and more.
- Ask your school counselor.
- Use legitimate scholarship search engines.
- Align your search to your interests.

APPLY

- Read through the application recommendation. Be sure you understand all requirements.
- Follow instructions, review someone else to proof it.
- Write an essay that's clear and concise.
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- Keep copies of your application information on a hard drive already used is a good idea.
- Watch out for scholarship scams.
- Submit an application as soon as possible.
- Visit ftc.gov/scholarshipscams.

TRACK

- Make note of all requirements.
- Send thank you notes to providers, if you win the award.
- Use a Scholarship Tracker to keep track of upcoming deadlines.
- Understand how a scholarship works.

Scholarship Searches

- UCanGo2.org
- OKCollegeStart.org
- OCCF.org
- BigFuture.collegeboard.org
- Bold.org
- Cappex.com
- CareerOneStop.org
- College-Scholarships.com
- CollegeXpress.com
- FastWeb.com
- GoingMerry.com
- MyScholly.com
- Petersons.com
- SallieMae.com
- ScholarshipOwl.com
- Scholarships.com
- Scholarships360.org
- StudentScholarshipSearch.com
- Study.com
- Unigo.com

Tribal Websites

- AStribe.com (Absentee Shawnee)
- Bahkhoje.com (Iowa)
- CheyenneandArapaho-nsn.gov
- Cherokee.org
- Chickasaw.net
- ChoctawNation.com
- ComancheNation.com
- DelawareTribe.org
- KawNation.com
- KickapooTribeOfOklahoma.com
- MiamiNation.com
- MuscogeeNation.com (Muscogee/Creek)
- MyCaddoNation.com
- OsageNation-nsn.gov
- PawneeNation.org
- PeoriaTribe.com
- Ponca-nsn.gov
- Potawatomi.org
- QuapawTribe.com
- SacandFoxNation-nsn.gov
- SCTribe.com (Seneca-Cayuga)
- Shawnee-nsn.gov
- Sno-nsn.gov (Seminole)
- WichitaTribe.com
- Wyandotte-Nation.org

Native American students: If your tribe isn't listed here, visit the Oklahoma History Center website <https://www.okhistory.org/research/atribes>. Members should also contact their tribal office for more specific information.

Scholarship Essay Tips

The scholarship essay is a chance for you to shine and to set yourself apart from other scholarship applicants. Writing a good essay is key to winning a scholarship so use these tips to help you move to the top of the list.

Scholarship essays are used by providers to:

- Find students who meet certain criteria.
- Get to know you as a student and person.
- Make sure your experience and interests coincide with the organization's mission.

Keep these tips in mind when writing your scholarship essay:

- Take writing your essay seriously; remember it's key to earning the scholarship.
- Make sure your essay is honest, original, conveys your personality and captivates the reader.
- Be organized, meet all requirements, and don't rush through your essay.
- Be prepared to answer the scholarship question (sometimes called a prompt) on a variety of topics, which might include:
 - Future academic or life plans
 - Personal history
 - Current events or social issues
 - Achievements

Writing Tips:

- Read the directions carefully before you start.
- Be aware of deadlines.
- Brainstorm ideas and create an outline.
- Write a rough draft, a second draft and then a final copy.
- Start over if you finish and your work doesn't seem to fit the scholarship.
- If needed, ask for help from your counselor, a teacher, or someone you received a scholarship that required an essay.
- Use personal and real stories. The scholarship provider wants to know who makes you unique.
- Use spell check, proofread and be mindful of vocabulary and grammar. Make use of online grammar and writing tools.

Sample Essay Questions or Prompts:

- Describe an experience that changed your life. What did you learn? How did it influence you moving forward?
- Advice is sometimes easier to give than to follow. Share a piece of advice and why you should have followed it.
- Describe an innovative project you designed, the goal of your project, and be prepared to provide supporting documentation.
- Write a letter explaining your need for this scholarship, your plans for the future and your career goals.
- Climate change is impacting the world in dramatic ways. If you were to find a solution to present to both the public and private sectors, what would it be and what would you recommend?
- Describe a moment that illustrates your shift from child to adult within your own life.



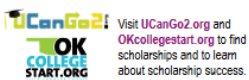
Scholarships 101



Scholarship Tracker



Scholarship Name	Award Amount	Deadline	Essay	Date Submitted	Notes
Sample Scholarship	\$2,000	November 15	No	September 2	Must attend a 2-year college for the award



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Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
January 31

I HAVE A DREAM SCHOLARSHIP



It's crazy to think of all the amazing stories that happen as soon as we close our eyes and drift to sleep. It could be in a deep slumber or perhaps in a carefree daze, but our dreams can help shape our ideas, perceptions, and now - education.

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
February 28

SWEET AND SIMPLE SCHOLARSHIP



And now, those simple gifts can really pay off in our Sweet and Simple Scholarship! Think back to a time when you received a special gift that seemed so unassuming yet made such a strong impact in your life. Was it a present you could open in a box or a humble gesture from a stranger?

Amount:
\$2,500

Deadline:
March 31

SUPERPOWER SCHOLARSHIP



Have you ever wondered where you'd go if you could fly around downtown? Or maybe you daydream of secretly taking over the world - to each his own. For all of those hero lovers and villain enthusiasts, this super scholarship can give you the power to win free college money.

Amount:
\$3,000

Deadline:
April 30

ALL ABOUT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



It's often been said that "education is the key to success." What doors could your educational "key" open? It's not cheap to get a college degree, and many college-bound students see a shut door for education. We're here to help open it again.

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
May 31

FIFTH MONTH SCHOLARSHIP

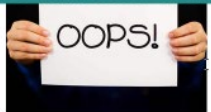


One is the loneliest number. Three is a crowd. Then there is five. What's so special about five? Well, for starters, this lucky number could help you win a \$1,500 scholarship.

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
June 30

DO-OVER SCHOLARSHIP



Mistakes - we've all made them. Too bad life doesn't always give you a mulligan. Or does it? What if you had the chance to "do-over" a moment in your life? What would it be? How would it affect you and your future?

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
July 31

FLAVOR OF THE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP



Summer and ice cream go hand-in-hand. In fact, July is National Ice Cream Month, and that's the inspiration behind this award. We think people are very similar to ice cream; some are nutty, others a little exotic, while some are very comforting. If you were an ice cream flavor, which would you be and why?

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
August 31

MAKE ME LAUGH SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarships can be fun! Take a break from the boring application routine and make us laugh. That's right; we want a real LOL moment. Make Me Laugh is a fun scholarship that lets you cut loose and lighten things up. Looking for a scholarship for comedians? Now is your chance to show us your funny bone. Perhaps you always have an embarrassing - but funny - story to share. Great! We'll promise to laugh with you, not at you.

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
September 30

SHOUT IT OUT SCHOLARSHIP



Have something on your mind? Let it out, or better yet SHOUT it out. Give your thoughts a voice and earn free college money at the same time. Our Shout It Out Scholarship committee wants to know what you have to say. Whether it's a message for the world or just a quick "hi mom," this is your opportunity to speak up and win money for college. We're listening!

Amount:
\$2,000

Deadline:
October 31

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE SCHOLARSHIP



Did binge-re-watching "The Walking Dead" get you thinking about what you'd do if the streets were filled with flesh-eating zombies? Maybe you've envisioned your own post-apocalyptic world overrun with the living dead, forcing you to come up with a zombie survival plan - and quick!

Amount:
\$5,000

Deadline:
November 30

EDUCATION MATTERS SCHOLARSHIP



As a scholarship seeker, you're probably already well-aware of the importance of an education. But, what about the naysayers? Have you come across someone who's tried to talk you out of college, saying that it's not worth it?

Amount:
\$1,500

Deadline:
December 31

TOP TEN LIST SCHOLARSHIP



There are many scholarships and colleges that want to know the number one thing you want people to know about you. Just one? That's it? "But, I'm amazing," you say. We hear you, and we know that it's tough to narrow down your awesomeness into one measly reason.

Applicants must:

- write a 250-word essay on the monthly topic
- be fourteen (14) years of age at the time of application
- be a legal citizen of the U.S. or the District of Columbia

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Applicants must:

- Write a 250 word essay on the monthly topic
- Be 14 years of age, or older, at the time of application
- Be a legal citizen of the U.S. or D.C.

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Scholarships

Free money! That's right - winning a scholarship means money is given to you and you don't have to pay it back. You don't have to be a straight A student, either. There are scholarships for a lot of different things.

MORE

MY SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

Build your profile and find scholarships.

MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

Find scholarships that match your profile.

SAVED SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships you've saved for future actions.

FIND A SCHOLARSHIP

Search scholarships by keyword.

REFLECT & REVIEW

Your experiences searching and applying for scholarships.

Merit Scholarships

These scholarships are usually given for accomplishments in school, sports, hobbies, skills, or even a good job on your scholarship applications.

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Get monthly alerts when new scholarships that match your profile are available. Click the envelope in the sidebar for more details.

BROWSE SCHOLARSHIPS

See scholarships by category.

Scholarship Help

Scholarship Essay Writing Tips

Need-Based Scholarships

As you can guess from the title, these scholarships are based on your financial need. Some scholarships might take both merit and financial need into account.

Beware!

If a scholarship seems too good to be true, it might be a scam. There are a lot of scholarship scams out there. Learn more about how to report a suspected scam.

Keep Records

Document the things you do no matter how small. Write down activities, awards, recognitions, jobs and volunteer work. Print out news articles if you're in them. Don't be modest - you never know what could lead to a scholarship.

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Matching Scholarships

Find the scholarships that best suit your profile by searching for matching scholarships. Make sure the information in My Scholarship Profile is up-to-date to ensure the best results. You should also search regularly, as new scholarships are always being added.

On Sep. 15, 2021 you matched 62 scholarships.

SEARCH AGAIN

NO AWARD \$1,000 Sallie Mae No Essay Sweepstakes

DEADLINE	AMOUNT	APPLIED
Monthly	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Track your actions and enter your notes

Last updated: February 2, 2021

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AmeriCorps Vista

DEADLINE	AMOUNT	APPLIED
Monthly	Varies	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Create Real Impact Contest

DEADLINE	AMOUNT	APPLIED
April 28, 2022	\$500 and \$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/>

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No Essay \$2,000 Scholarship

DEADLINE	AMOUNT	APPLIED
April 30, 2022	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

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McCraw Law Group First Responders Scholarship

DEADLINE	AMOUNT	APPLIED
September 30, 2022	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

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