



## Middle School Scavenger Hunt

- 1 Many students ask the question “**What is College?**” Select the **Plan** tab to the **Middle School** resources to discover the different types of colleges and universities that can be found in Oklahoma. List four of the six types of schools.
- 2 Scholarships are often called “free money” to help **Pay** for college. Oklahoma has a signature scholarship program that students can apply for in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade. If they qualify, students can receive free tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or a four-year university. What is this **scholarship program**?
- 3 A famous Oklahoman, Will Rogers, once said, “Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” It’s important to **Prepare** so you’ll be ready for college. As you begin setting your goals, remember to “Think **SMART!**” List and define the five **SMART** goals.
- 4 Do you ever daydream about the future? One way you can start to **Plan** ahead in **Middle School** is by thinking about your hobbies and special interests. What is the name of the **Quiz** you can take to explore your interests and career possibilities?
- 5 In order to **Prepare** for college in **Middle School**, students should focus on making good grades. This will increase your chances for winning scholarships as well as getting into your top-choice schools. What are the **Perfect 10 Study Habits** you can use to make good grades?
- 6 A **Checklist** is a helpful tool to keep track of the steps you need to take to get to college. Select the **Publications** tab for **Middle School** students to locate the **College Planning Checklists**. Find the checklist with your grade (**6th, 7th or 8th**) and identify the first two steps you need to take to reach your goals.
- 7 It’s not too early to start applying for scholarships. Find one of the **Middle School Category** scholarships and list the name, deadline and award amount.
- 8 Learning about college can be fun! Select the **Educators** tab to find some of the **Middle School Classroom Games**. Solve five of the words listed in the **Word Scramble**.
- 9 School counselors are a great source for information on reaching your goals. The way to get the best advice is to ask the right questions. Select the **Publications** tab to **Middle School** resources and list four questions you can **Ask Your School Counselor**.
- 10 In the **College Glossary Publication**, there are definitions for terms you will come across as you start planning your path to college. Define the **Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP)**.



## Middle School Scavenger Hunt, cont.

- 11 The word “college” can have many definitions. Under the **Plan** tab for **Middle School** students, in the **What is College?** section, explain what UCanGo2.org means by “college.”
- 12 As you progress from middle school to high school and **from high school to college** you’ll want to keep in mind the requirements for college admission. Under the **Prepare** tab for **Middle School** students, list three of the five things college admission counselors look at when determining if you’re qualified to enroll.
- 13 Not sure how to start a **College Savings** account so you’ll be able to **Pay** for your education? An **Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan** is a tax-deferred program that can help your family \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ education.
- 14 It’s natural to have a few concerns about going to college. Under the **Plan** tab for **Middle School** students, find the common concerns that are addressed and write down the one(s) with which you identify.
- 15 What’s the name of the **Publication** that is a financial aid guide with specific information about Oklahoma’s programs, grants, scholarships, work study and student loans?
- 16 College is an option for everyone and **UCanGo2.org** wants you to know that college is within \_\_\_\_\_ ...within \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 Have you ever asked “**What can college do for me?**” As you **Plan** for college you’ll learn that a college degree can help you make more money. Looking at the **Degree vs. On the Job Training chart**, write down how much a Pharmacist makes versus a Pharmacy Aide to see the difference earning a college degree can have on your salary.
- 18 Under the **Educators** tab for **Middle School** students, what are some other **Classroom Games** students can play besides Word Scramble?
- 19 Under the **Scholarships** tab, what is this week’s Scholarship of the Week?
- 20 **UCanGo2.org** provides resources to help you \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for college.



## Middle School Scavenger Hunt ANSWER KEY

- 1 Many students ask the question “What is College?” Select the Plan tab to the Middle School resources to discover the different types of colleges and universities that can be found in Oklahoma. List four of the six types of schools. **Four-Year Universities, Community Colleges, Technical Branches, Technology Centers, Proprietary Schools, Private Schools**
- 2 Scholarships are often called “free money” to help Pay for college. Oklahoma has a signature scholarship program that students can apply for in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade. If they qualify, students can receive free tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or a four-year university. What is this scholarship program? **Oklahoma’s Promise**
- 3 A famous Oklahoman, Will Rogers, once said, “Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” It’s important to Prepare so you’ll be ready for college. As you begin setting your goals, remember to “Think SMART!” List and define the five SMART goals.  
**Specific – The goal must clearly state what’s to be achieved, by whom, where and when it’s to be achieved.**  
**Measurable – Measurability applies to your goal at the end and to the steps taken along the way to reaching the goal. It answers the question of quantity: How much? How often? How many?**  
**Attainable or Achievable – You should be sure the goals you set are achievable or you’ll get discouraged, and you may not reach them.**  
**Relevant – Your goals must reflect what you want to achieve – not only right now, but further down the road.**  
**Time-based – If you have a deadline, you can break your goal down into pieces that will be much easier to accomplish. If you keep reaching the smaller goals, it’ll be much easier to reach the big one at just the right time.**
- 4 Do you ever daydream about the future? One way you can start to Plan ahead in Middle School is by thinking about your hobbies and special interests. What is the name of the Quiz you can take to explore your interests and career possibilities? **Where Am I Headed? quiz.**
- 5 In order to Prepare for college in Middle School, students should focus on making good grades. This will increase your chances for winning scholarships as well as getting into your top-choice schools. What are the Perfect 10 Study Habits you can use to make good grades?
  - **Find a good place to study that’s free of distractions and has good light.**
  - **Don’t wait until the last minute.**
  - **Study frequently, in shorter time periods. Four half-hour sessions are better than a two-hour session.**
  - **Begin study time with your most challenging subject.**
  - **Take a break when you find yourself losing focus.**
  - **Organize every class using separate folders or binders for each.**
  - **Get organized each night for the next day.**
  - **Make the most of classroom time by listening, taking notes, and using free time for classwork**
  - **Study with friends.**
  - **Ask for help.**



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A Checklist is a helpful tool to keep track of the steps you need to take to get to college. Select the Publications tab for Middle School students to locate the College Planning Checklists. Find the checklist with your grade (6th, 7th or 8th) and identify the first two steps you need to take to reach your goals.

- 6th Grade Checklist first 2 steps: No excuses and Be nosy.
- 7th Grade Checklist first 2 steps: Dream big and Save a little, learn a lot.
- 8th Grade Checklist first 2 steps: Start your scholarship search and Socialize.

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It's not too early to start applying for scholarships. Find one of the Middle School Category scholarships and list the name, deadline and award amount. **Could be any on the list.**

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Learning about college can be fun! Select the Educators tab to find some of the Middle School Classroom Games. Solve five of the words listed in the Word Scramble.

**Could be any of the following:**

College	University	Books	Dormitory	Class	Homework
Cafeteria	Schedule	Students	Grant	Minor	Semester
Loan	Scholarship	Major	ACT	SAT	Test
Technical	Community	Course	Hour	Term	Football
Basketball	Soccer	Admission	Housing	Adviser	Parking
Bursar	Registration	Union	Roommate	Bookstore	Department
Lab	Computer	Biology	Mathematics	History	English
Art	Science	Physics	Education	Notebook	Pencil
	Laptop	Trimester	Spanish	Literature	

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School counselors are a great source for information on reaching your goals. The way to get the best advice is to ask the right questions. Select the Publications tab to Middle School resources and list four questions you can Ask Your School Counselor. **Could be any 4 of the following:**

- Do you have any information about careers that would match my skills and talents?
- What classes will I have to take in high school in order to graduate and be ready for college?
- How can I be sure I stay on track so I don't miss any required courses?
- What will I need to do to make it into the Honor Society in high school, and how will that help me?
- Are there any committees, groups or other activities I can volunteer for that would help me prepare for college?
- Are there scholarship websites or resources I can start to explore now?
- Do you know of any after-school or evening college planning events that I can attend with my parents?
- Where have other kids from this school gone to college?



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- 10 In the College Glossary Publication, there are definitions for terms you will come across as you start planning your path to college. Define the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP).  
The ICAP is a customized student planning and tracking process through which students complete activities designed to explore career and education opportunities after high school. Students will gain an understanding of their strengths, interests and learning styles while creating a vision, goals and plan for their future.
- 11 The word “college” can have many definitions. Under the Plan tab for Middle School students, in the What is College? section, explain what UCanGo2.org means by “college.”  
College refers to all types of training after high school: technology centers, trade/proprietary schools, community colleges, regional and comprehensive universities.
- 12 As you progress from middle school to high school and from high school to college you’ll want to keep in mind the requirements for college admission. Under the Prepare tab for Middle School students, list three of the five things college admission counselors look at when determining if you’re qualified to enroll. **Could be any 3 of the following:**
- “Core” classes you took in high school (classes required for entrance into most colleges).
  - Your high school grade-point average (GPA), especially for your “core” classes.
  - ACT/SAT scores.
  - Your high school class ranking.
  - Your participation in extracurricular activities and volunteer work/community service.
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- 14 It’s natural to have a few concerns about going to college. Under the Plan tab for Middle School students, find the common concerns that are addressed and write down the one(s) with which you identify. **Could be any of the following:**
- I don’t like school. Why would I want to go to college?
  - I don’t know what I want to do after high school.
  - College is too expensive. There’s no way I can afford it.
  - I’m just in middle school. Why should I think about college now?
  - No one in my family has ever gone to college, so I shouldn’t go either.
  - I’m afraid I won’t fit in.
- 15 What’s the name of the Publication that is a financial aid guide with specific information about Oklahoma’s programs, grants, scholarships, work study and student loans?  
Are You Looking for Money?



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**Pharmacist: \$54.90 per hour, Pharmacy Aide: \$10.95 per hour**
- 18 Under the Educators tab for Middle School students, what are some other Classroom Games students can play besides Word Scramble?  
**Could be any of the following:**
- BINGO
  - College Term Word Search
  - Crossword Puzzle
- 19 Under the Scholarships tab, what is this week’s Scholarship of the Week?  
**Answers will vary from week-to-week.**
- 20 UCanGo2.org provides resources to help you \_\_\_plan\_\_\_, \_\_\_prepare\_\_\_ and \_\_\_pay\_\_\_ for college.