



# 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](http://UCanGo2.org) and [OKcollegestart.org](http://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 ([OK4Saving.org](http://OK4Saving.org)) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parent(s)' or guardian(s)' name(s).

**Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.**

If you didn't apply during 8th grade, visit [okpromise.org](http://okpromise.org) for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program.

**Talk about it.**

Discuss your future plans with your counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults, and research careers on [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).

**Take the right classes.**

To be college-bound, you'll need to take and pass the following classes in high school, as determined by Oklahoma's College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum standards. Plan to take at least four college-preparatory classes per year.

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of math (at or above Algebra I)
- 3 units of laboratory science
- 3 units of history/citizenship skills
- 2 units of non-English language OR computer technology
- 1 additional unit selected from competencies listed so far
- 1 unit of fine arts or speech
- At least 6 electives
- Demonstrate knowledge in Personal Financial Literacy
- CPR/AED

Visit [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) for 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](http://UCanGo2.org) to plan ahead and keep a record of your accomplishments and volunteer work. This information will be helpful when you start scholarship and college applications.

**Check it out.**

Investigate course requirements and guidelines for college admission and Oklahoma's Promise. Visit [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org) to find this information and to utilize school exploration tools.

**Think it through.**

Think about the university, college or technology center you'd like to attend. Download *Making the Most of Campus Visits* at [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org), which provides a list of ideas to help you set up a successful college tour.

**Take it to the next level.**

Investigate AP and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.