



Sophomore Checklist

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

Keep it up.

Study hard to keep your grades up.

Look for scholarships at UCanGo2.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 (OK4Saving.org) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parent(s)' name.

Apply for Oklahoma's Promise—It's your last chance!

Don't miss out on Oklahoma's Promise! If you didn't sign up in the 8th or 9th grade, visit okpromise.org for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program. Sophomores have until the end of June to apply.

Talk about it.

Continue your conversations with your guidance counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults about your plans after 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 school you're interested in attending. Visit 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.

Investigate AP courses, concurrent enrollment and honors-level courses to know 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.

Make summer count.

Stay involved in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with a special focus such as music, arts, science, etc. Check out the free Summer Academies offered to 8th-12th grade students, which allow you to spend time at an Oklahoma college or university and learn about aeronautics, engineering, forensic science and much more. Visit OKhigher.org/Summer-Academies or call 800.858.1840 for more information.

Practice.

Go to OKcollegestart.org to create a student account and access free practice tests, tutorials and other helpful resources. 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.

Jot it down.

Write a pros and cons list of schools 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.