



GEAR UP Monthly Minute

News & information about
planning after high school

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**EVENTS &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



WHY PURSUE EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

New experiences, people & places: Whether your students go to a community college near your hometown, a state school a few hours away, or a private school in another state, they will have the opportunity to meet people and make friends from different places. They will also have the chance to take classes in subjects that interest them, and even study abroad in another country if they choose.

Money: Education pays! College graduates earn 60% more than a high school graduate. Jobs that require a degree are also more likely to have benefits and retirement plans.

Independence: In college, your students control the classes they take and how they spend their time. Your student might move into a college residence hall or dorm, or an apartment or house with friends. Colleges offer help in taking on these new responsibilities, so support is always there.

Seniors! FAFSA info:

1. Student's Social Security Number
2. Parent's Social Security Number
3. Student's Driver's License Number if they have one
4. Federal Tax Information or Tax Returns for the student and the parents
5. Student's Alien Registration Number if they are not a US citizen



**APPLY FOR FAFSA
STARTING OCTOBER 1ST!**

Discover passions: Your students can get involved on campus with student clubs, athletics, and community service. They might become a radio DJ, join a fraternity or sorority, or run for student government. There are also hundreds of courses to choose from at college – they can find out what they're interested in, choose a major, and explore new career opportunities!

Job security & satisfaction: Those with college degrees have lower unemployment rates than those with only a high school diploma. In addition, college graduates have more jobs to choose from and more fields of work upon which to build a career.

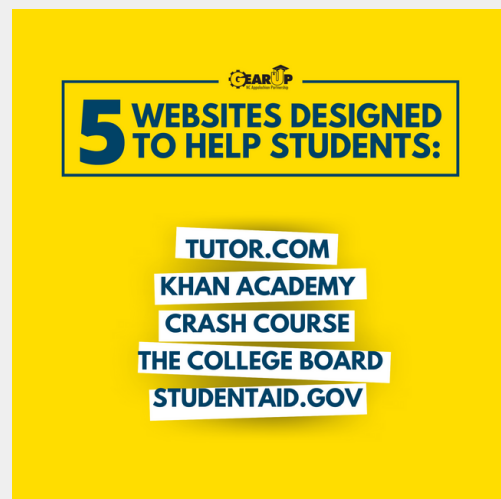
FAMILY CHECKLIST

There are many kinds of postsecondary educational options out there for students to consider including colleges, universities, vocational and community colleges, and other certificate programs. There are many good matches for each student that will allow him to be successful, but experiences and opportunities may vary at different institutions. Your student should spend time thinking about the kind of career that interests him or her and subsequently the type of degree needed.

That will help narrow the field – but it's also important to think about some additional criteria that will alter a student's experience like size and distance from home.

- Talk to your student about the importance of education after high school. Ask the reasons he or she is interested in pursuing additional education and what careers might be of interest.
- Encourage your student to do well in school. Let him know that you expect good grades, and that you expect him to take challenging classes. Ask about homework, tests, and other assignments to stay connected with what he is doing in school.
- Encourage your student to get involved. Suggest sports, school clubs, volunteer opportunities, or part-time jobs that reflect individual interests.
- Talk to teachers and staff. Connect with the school during conferences, open houses, or school activities. Consider volunteering at the school or chaperoning a field trip.

INSTAGRAM



TIME TO BOOKMARK ALL THESE WEBSITES!

EXTRA CREDIT:

[New Survey: How 2022's High School Seniors Approached College Applications](#)

QUESTIONS? ASK US!

Do you have questions about financial aid, college admissions, graduation requirements, or anything else related to your student's postsecondary success? Ask us using the link to the left.



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- Talk to your student about what he or she is looking for in a school and his or her top college choices. Check out collegeboard.org with your student to search for colleges, and make a plan for life after high school. Ask your student about his or her preferences on size, location, activities, and more.
- Visit a college or attend a college fair with your student. Join as a chaperone on a school field trip or attend a local college fair. You can also visit a school virtually by checking out websites, looking at student reviews on websites, and requesting information from colleges.
- Help your student prepare for college entrance tests. Free test prep is available online or in books that can be checked out from the local or school library. Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast on the day of the test.

COLLEGE MYTHS & REALITIES:

MYTH: Your student should go to the most prestigious college to which he or she is admitted.

REALITY: Your students should go to the college that "fits" them best. If it happens to be prestigious, that's fine. However, fit has to do with how your students feel when they are on campus, the match with how students learn and how the professors teach, and the academic pressure your students can handle. If the college and your students are not a good match, they will be unhappy regardless of the prestige.

DID YOU KNOW:



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COLLEGE

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