



GEAR UP Monthly Minute

News & information about planning after high school

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KNOW YOUR COLLEGE OPTIONS

There are many different ways to continue education after high school and receive a degree. The type of career your student is interested in will help determine the type of degree and what school she or he chooses to attend.

type of education	# of years	type of degree
Technical or Vocational School or Apprenticeship	1-2	Certificate, Diploma or Associate's
Community College	1-2	Certificate or Associate's
Public University	4	Bachelor's
Private College or University	4	Bachelor's
For Profit University	1-4	Associate's or Bachelor's

DID YOU KNOW?



According to US News & World Report, a person with an associate degree will likely earn about \$325,000 more in a lifetime than someone with just a high school diploma.

WHAT IS



GUARANTEE

The GEAR UP Guarantee is a guaranteed admissions program to Appalachian State University for students currently attending a GEAR UP high school that meet the following academic requirements and application deadlines for admission.

<https://gearup.appstate.edu/guarantee>

FAMILY CHECKLIST

- 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, and requesting informational brochures from colleges.
- Talk about future career options with your student. Discuss interests and research the type of degree needed for potential occupations. Check out mynextmove.org to browse careers and to get a sense of how much education your student will need.
- Explore college options. After choosing the type of degree your student is interested in, visit bigfuture.collegeboard.org to search for schools that offer the programs and other characteristics your student might be interested in (close to home or out-of-state? Big or small?)
- Continue talking to your student about the importance of college and doing well in school. Your opinions and high expectations matter!

COLLEGE MYTHS & REALITIES

MYTH: Students only attend community college because they can't get in to a four-year university.

REALITY: There are many reasons students attend community colleges instead of traditional four-year colleges. Cost is one of the biggest incentives, since community college is usually more affordable. Therefore, many students choose to take core classes at a community college and then transfer to a 4-year university. In addition, many students choose to live at home to save money on housing costs. Class schedules can be more flexible, as well, so students can work more hours. However, community colleges often have fewer services and support and lower graduation rates than 4-year colleges, so the savings might come at a cost.

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COLLEGE

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