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# Your Plan After High School

- Choosing a Career
- Choosing a College
- College Admissions
- Financial Aid



## Take a look at:

- Your skills
- Your career goals
- Your interests

## Choosing a Career

## Focus on careers that:

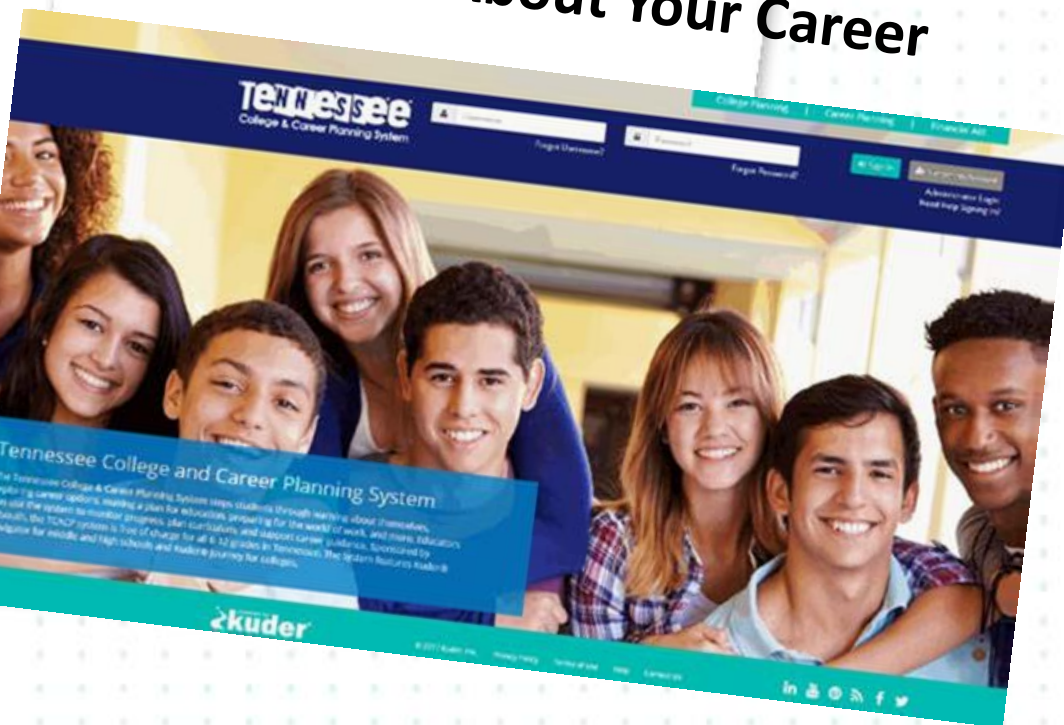
- Pertain to your personality
- Represent the lifestyle you want
- Reflect the goals you have set for yourself

## Try it out!

- Volunteer in a related field
- Job shadow
- Work part-time
- Look for internships in college
- Consider being an entrepreneur

# Choosing a Career

Learn More About Your Career



## TN College and Career Planning System

- Career Interest Assessment
- Skills Confidence Assessment
- Work Values Assessment

Begin your career portfolio

- [www.planningyourdreams.org](http://www.planningyourdreams.org)
- Ask counselor for activation code



## Why Go?

## Going to School After High School

- More job opportunities
- Expand your knowledge base
- Prove your potential
- Lift your family – set a trend
- Earn more money

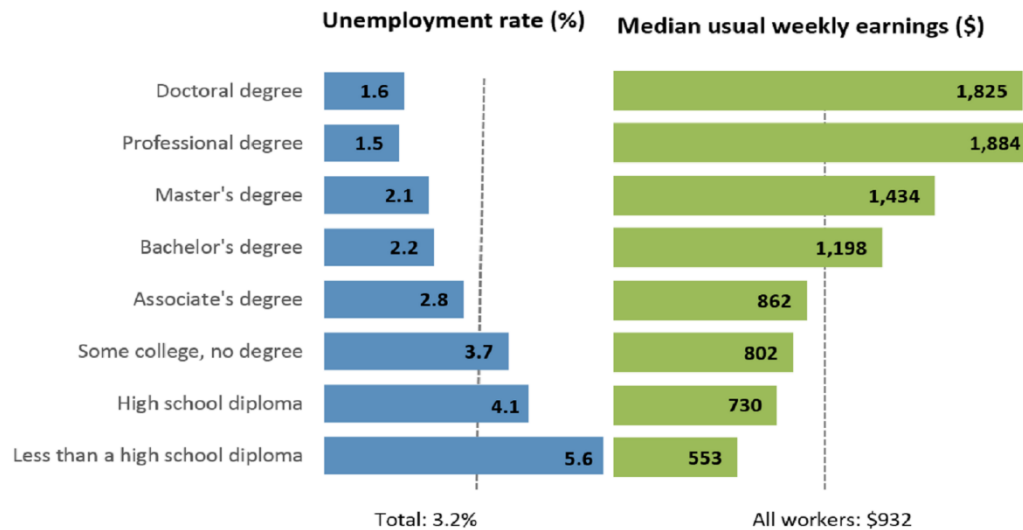


28% will require a vocational certificate  
30% will require an Associates Degree  
35% will require a Bachelors Degree

Georgetown Univ – Public Policy Institute

**Why go to college?** *A college degree will make your chances of getting a good job better. Check out the earnings and unemployment rates of people 25 years and older with different levels of education.*

### Unemployment rates and earnings by educational attainment, 2018



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

# Going to College: What Fits?

## Type of School

- 2 Year College
- 4 Year University
- Public/Private/HBCU
- Vocational

- Enrollment size
- Majors offered
- Class size

## Location

- Rural, urban, size of town
- Large campus vs. smaller campus

- Cost and Financial Aid
- Campus Activities
- Career Services
- Campus culture



## Going to College: What Can You Do Now?

- **Research Scholarships**
  - Internet
  - Local Resources
- **Attend college fairs** and speak to admissions representatives at your school
- **Research Colleges**
  - Internet
  - Campus Visits

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Scholarship Search  
Newsletter

Begin your college search by viewing  
virtual tours of over 1,300 college  
campuses!



# The Campus Visit

## Things To Do.....

- Research the college before you visit
- Talk to students while you are on campus
- Sit in on a freshman level class
- Talk to an admissions and financial aid counselor if you can
- Consider attending an open house
- Try to spend the night in a residence hall
- If a friend goes with you, don't let them influence your opinion!

**ASK QUESTIONS!**





# The Campus Visit

## Questions to Ask:

- What campus organizations/activities are available on campus?
- Do I have to live on campus?
- Do most students participate in a meal plan?
- Ask a current student: “What do you like least/most about this university?”
- What types of university aid are available?
- What is the faculty: student ratio?



# Getting in to College: The Admissions Process



- School Achievement (G.P.A)
- Test Scores
- Recommendation Letters
- Essay
- Interview
- Activities



# Getting in to College: The Admissions Process

- ## 3 New Options for Fall 2020
1. **ACT section retesting** – can choose sections to retake
  2. **Online testing with faster score results** – 2 days vs weeks
  3. **ACT superscoring** – uses student's best scores from tests

## The ACT and SAT

- All public school students will take ACT in spring of junior year & Fall of their senior year
- Retake ACT or SAT during senior year
- Check with the internet (ACT/SAT sites) or School Counseling Office for test dates
- Register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Ask the admissions office about their minimum requirements





# Applications

- Deadlines-vary per school
- Applications available online (college website), school counseling office, admissions office
- The common application:  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
[www.commonblackcollegeapp.com](http://www.commonblackcollegeapp.com)
- Find out from the college what to include...

## Getting in to College: The Admissions Process

# Applications: Find Out What to Include



- Recommendation Letters
- Test Scores (ACT/SAT)
- Resume
- Transcripts

- Essay
- Portfolio



# Applications...Be Prepared for More!

## Other Applications:

- Housing (Deposits)
- Scholarships
- Special programs (Honors)

## Don't Forget:

- Application fees
- Additional transcripts
  - Final Transcript
- Earlier deadlines
- Inquire about fee waivers





# SAMPLE STUDENT PORTAL

Home | GoldLink

Secure | <https://goldlink.etsu.edu>

Apps | New Tab

Advisories FILTER Reset

**GOLDLink**  
ETSU Portal

D2L EMAIL DEGREE WORKS HELP

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EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Login to GoldLink**

ETSU's gateway to registration, advising, student information and more...

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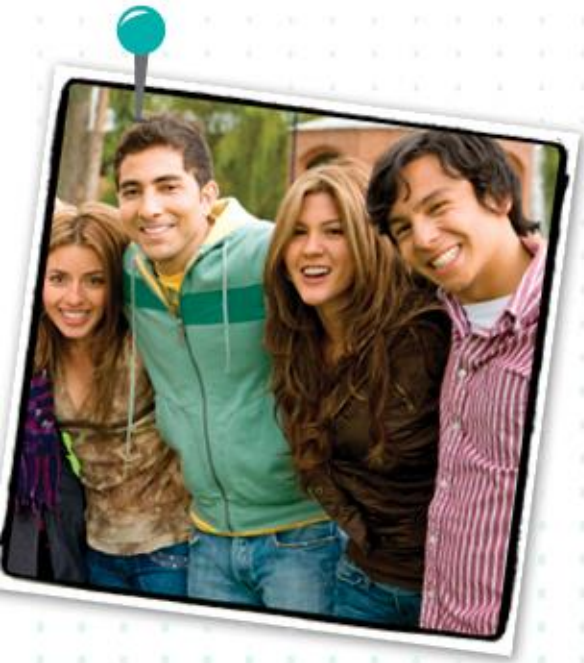
Be sure to login to the school of your choice student portal!

# Getting into College

- Don't wait!
- Apply early!!
- Meet **ALL** deadlines!!!

## Questions?

# Paying for College: Financial Aid



Financial Aid is **money** that assists students and their families in funding their college education...

...the **more financial aid** you receive, the **less college costs!!**

# Types of Financial Aid

## Types of financial aid



### GRANTS

Money awarded to students who show financial need. Grants are not repaid.

### STUDENT LOANS

Money you borrow to help pay for college. You'll have to repay the loans after you're done with college.



### WORK-STUDY

Money you earn from a job at the college to help you pay for school expenses. This might include a job in the cafeteria or library.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Money you don't repay that is awarded by colleges or organizations. To increase your chances of earning scholarships, do well in school, get involved, and volunteer.



If you qualify for free or reduced price lunch, you may qualify for "need-based" financial aid such as grants, work-study and some scholarships, when it's time to go to college.



# Paying for College: Financial Aid

## What is Gift Aid??

*Financial aid that is given to you.  
You do not have to repay.*

### GRANTS

- Federal
  - Pell Grant
  - SEOG
- State
  - TN Student Assistance Award
- Institutional
- Private

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- State
  - TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program
  - Ned McWherter Scholars Program
- Tennessee Promise
- Institutional
- Private



# Paying for College: Financial Aid



## What is Self-Help Aid?

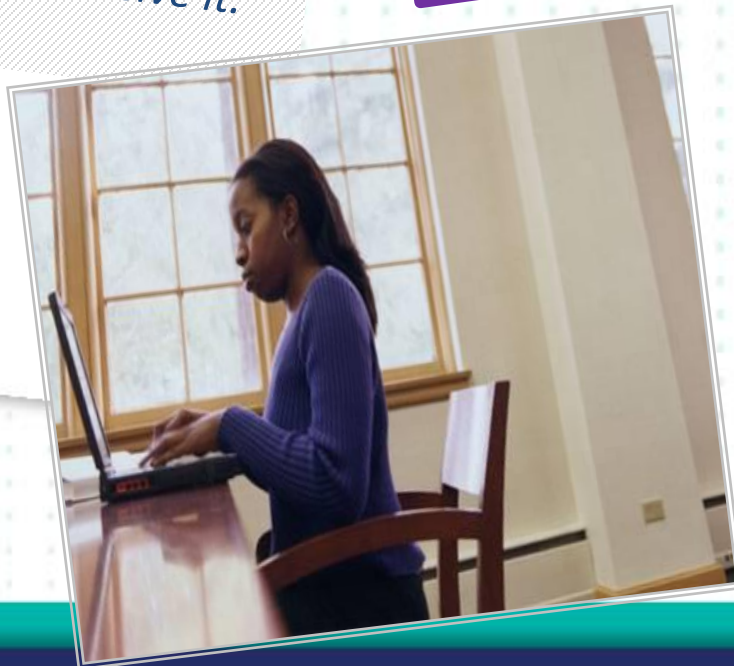
*Financial aid that carries an obligation in order to receive it.*

## EMPLOYMENT

- Federal Work Study
- Campus Employment

## LOANS

- Federal Perkins Loan
- Direct Loan
- Federal Parent (PLUS)
- Alternative Loans



# Financial Aid: How Do I Apply?

- **FAFSA**

Pell Grant

SEOG

Work  
Study

Perkins  
Loan

Direct  
Loan

State Aid  
Programs

- **College or University**
- **Other sources of Aid**
  - Outside Scholarships**
  - Outside Loans**



# Paying for College: What is the FAFSA?



- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to determine the amount of money a family is expected to contribute to the price of attending a postsecondary institution. The results of the FAFSA are used in determining student grants, work study, and loan amounts.



# Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

DO YOU HAVE  
AN FSA ID YET?



- Replaced the Federal Personal Identification Number (PIN), effective 5/10/15
- Parent and Student **BOTH** need FSA ID's to submit the FAFSA
- Apply for FSA ID 1-3 days prior to FAFSA filing

## \*NEW\* FSA ID Tips to Remember



- Email Address – not required, but strongly recommended – MUST KNOW LOG-IN INFO
- A USERNAME and PASSWORD will be created
- SSN and Date of Birth as shown on SS Card
- Mailing Address
- 5 Challenge Questions!
  - 2 answered from a list
  - 2 created and answered by student
  - 1 -Type a significant date in your life
  - All 5 must be unique!

The FAFSA is available Oct. 1 of your graduation year!

# Paying for College: Financial Aid Glossary

- Financial Need: the difference between the cost of attendance (COA) and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Student Aid Report (SAR): a summary of the information from your FAFSA. Your SAR will be sent a few days after your FAFSA has been processed

- Award Letter: An offer from a college that states the type and amount of financial aid the school is willing to provide if you accept admission at that school



# Your To-Do List

Work and commit to completing these things during the summer before your senior year!

1. *Narrow down the list of colleges you are considering attending. If you can, visit the schools that interest you.*
2. *Contact colleges to request information and applications for admissions. Ask about financial aid, admission requirements, and deadlines.*
3. *Tell your parents/guardian your plans and look at financial situation and make sure you are looking or already applying for scholarships.*
4. *Tell your parent to ask their employer if scholarships are available .*
5. *If you plan to visit additional colleges, ask your parents to come with you.*
6. *Plan on continuing your hard work when you start your senior year.*



# Let's Talk About Your Future

## Next Steps:

1. Research and Explore Career Opportunities  
[www.planningyourdreams.org](http://www.planningyourdreams.org)

2. Visit Colleges  
[www.eCampusTours.com](http://www.eCampusTours.com)

3. Look for Additional Scholarships and Apply  
<http://tn.gov/CollegePays>

LEARN MORE



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