

Thinking About College?

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YOU CAN GO TO COLLEGE ...

Some Steps to Success at a Glance

Freshmen-Year Activities (9th Grade)

- ◆ Set up at least two appointments with your high school counselor to schedule your classes. Make sure you are enrolled in college preparatory courses.
- ◆ Get involved! Join a club or service organization that interests you.

Sophomore-Year Activities (10th Grade)

- ◆ Talk to your Guidance Counselor about registering for the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT).
- ◆ Ask your Guidance Counselor about college catalogs and College Day/Night schedules.

Junior-Year Activities (11th Grade)

- ◆ Review the admissions requirements for colleges that interest you.
- ◆ Discuss your family's plan for paying for college.
- ◆ Start collecting scholarship forms.
- ◆ In the spring, register and take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT).

Senior-Year Activities (12th Grade)

- ◆ Write the colleges you are considering to request applications, forms, and financial aid information.
- ◆ Attend College Day/Night programs.
- ◆ Check deadlines. Set up a calendar for taking tests and completing applications.
- ◆ Ask your Guidance Counselor for all required forms, like transcripts and grades, at least two weeks before they are due.
- ◆ Have your Guidance Counselor proofread your application.
- ◆ Send all applications and copies of high school grades, including your fall grades, to the colleges before January.
- ◆ See your Guidance Counselor about completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in January.
- ◆ Keep all letters of acceptances, rejections, and financial aid awards.
- ◆ Reply promptly to colleges to notify them of your decision.
- ◆ Before you leave school in June, request that a final transcript be sent to the college you have decided to attend.





The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is motivated by the belief that a college degree is more critical than ever to achieving the “American Dream” of well-being and prosperity for individuals and future progress for our entire society. That’s why SCHEV vigorously promotes access, quality, and affordability in higher education for Virginia.

**If you want to be successful in college,
you need to start preparing now.**

You may be thinking. . . “College may be too hard for me, it is only for really smart people.”

One important key to succeeding in college is being prepared. In addition to taking courses that will give you the knowledge and skills to do college level work, it is also important that you understand and pass the Standards of Learning (SOL) and learn what resources are available to you to strengthen your academic skills. These are important tools you will need to be successful in college.

You may be thinking. . . “I just want to graduate and start making my own money.”

You may be limited in what types of jobs and how much money you can make with only a high school diploma. Classes in college provide knowledge, skills, and the learning that you will need in the career you choose to pursue.

You may be thinking. . . "College sounds like it is expensive, I'm not sure if my parents can afford it."

There is financial aid if you want to go to college. Virginia has a number of programs that assist students and their families in pursuit of higher education. There are all sorts of financial aid opportunities available, but it is up to you to begin the search for money to fund your education.



You may be thinking. . . "I want to live on my own and be independent."

College is the perfect opportunity for learning how to survive and thrive in life. You have to learn how to manage your time without the benefit of your parents helping you. You will learn how to manage your time, money, schedule your classes, and perhaps even decide where you will live.

SCHEV has many resources to help you and your family as you begin to think about college, including resources that have information about academic and financial preparation for higher education.

Don't wait. Plan now for your future!

Publications currently available include:

Smart Moves For A Better Future

This publication provides information to high school students and their parents about academic requirements, college costs, financial aid and college contacts.

The Middle School Student and Parent Guidebook To College

This publication is designed to provide information to middle school students and their parents about goal setting, academic success, and financial aid.

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