



## SOPHOMORE CHECKLIST

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

- ☐ **Keep those grades up!** Stay focused on your schoolwork and actively involved in high school.
- ☐ **Look for scholarships at [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) and [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).** Sophomores should begin applying for college scholarships now.
- ☐ **Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.** If you didn't apply during 8th or 9th grade, visit [okpromise.org](http://okpromise.org) for program requirements and the online application for this scholarship program.
- ☐ **Save money.** Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma 529 ([oklahoma529.com](http://oklahoma529.com)) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parents' or guardians' names.
- ☐ **Talk about it.** Complete the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) activities assigned by your school and discuss your future plans with your counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults. You can explore careers you're interested in on [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).
- ☐ **Know what you need.** Review the courses you'll need to take to satisfy the requirements of the college you're interested in attending. 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.** Take the PreACT, investigate AP courses, concurrent enrollment and honors-level courses to learn what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.
- ☐ **Track it.** Create a file of the following documents and notes: report cards, lists of awards and honors, school and community activities, and volunteer work. You can also start a resume to track these important activities.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **Stay motivated.** Look into participating in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).
- ☐ **Practice.** Use your [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org) account to access free practice tests, tutorials, career planning tools and other helpful resources. If you don't already have one, sign up for a free account today. You can also find sample questions at [ACT.org](http://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 colleges you're interested in attending. Be sure to evaluate degree program options, location, cost and other factors. Learn more about Oklahoma colleges, universities and technology centers at [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).
- ☐ **Visit a campus.** Think about the university, college or technology center you'd like to attend. Download *Making the Most of Campus Visits* at [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org), which provides a list of ideas to help you set up a successful college tour. Many colleges now offer virtual tours. Find a [list of the Oklahoma virtual campus tours](#) on [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).