

COLLEGE BASICS

Follow the links below to take the first steps in planning for education beyond high school.

WHY GO TO COLLEGE?



of jobs in the U.S. will require postsecondary education and/or training by 2031.

Check out the <u>Degree vs. On-the-</u> Job Training Chart to learn more!

2023 median income for those ages 22-27

Bachelor's High school degree: diploma: \$60,000 \$36,000

Gain the education and skills needed for your desired career field.



WHAT DO I WANT TO BE?



Complete career and interest assessments along with your other ICAP activities to learn who you are, what skills you have, and what careers would be a good fit! Check out OKcollegestart's six free assessments or the UCanGo2 Where Am I Headed? Quiz!

Get involved in extracurricular activities. Explore careers.
Talk to your parents, teachers and counselors about what career field might be a good fit for you.

8 out of the top 10 fastest-growing critical occupations require an associate degree or higher.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Take the right classes to graduate high school and meet college admission requirements.

Test scores aren't everything, but scoring well can open doors to education and scholarship opportunities. Use free test prep materials to prepare for the PreACT, ACT, ASVAB and more!



Consider taking college courses while still in high school to get ahead and save money! Learn more about Concurrent Enrollment.

WHERE DO I START?



Take steps today to be well-prepared for your future! Develop good study habits. Set goals.

Learn about the types of colleges available to you. Get help determining what college will be the best fit for you!

Explore postsecondary school profiles, plan for campus visits, watch virtual campus tours, and apply for admission when it's time.

HOW DO I PAY FOR IT?

Learn about the different types of financial aid available. Remember you can begin applying for scholarships early!

Explore financial aid options for Oklahoma students:

Oklahoma's Promise, state scholarships, the State Aid Chart, and more!

Check out
StartWithFAFSA.org
for all the FAFSA
and financial aid info
you need!



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