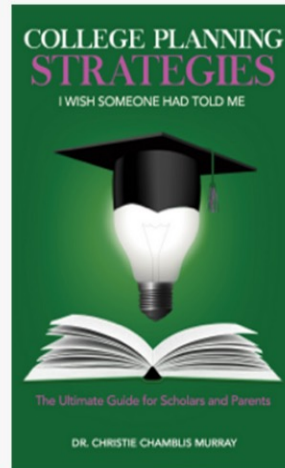# 2024
Youth Career & College Excellence Summit

Day 1 - August 3, 2024

"Educating, Empowering, & Equipping Young Adults for Excellence"

Featured Host

Dr. Christie Murray

CEO Educational Excellence, Inc.

Author & College/Career Expert

❖ Thank you for joining the 4th annual YCCES!

  ❖ High school students, college students, & parents!

  ❖ Repeat attendees!

❖ Why this annual summit?

❖ Theme: "*Educate, Empower, & Equip Young Adults for Excellence*"

  ❖ *Educate: Share impactful information for career and college preparedness.*

  ❖ *Empower: Take ownership and leadership in your own life.*

  ❖ *Equip: Provide the necessary tools & resources for success.*

Housekeeping

❖ This event is being recorded.

❖ Slides and recordings available on the website.

❖ Please mute your lines to minimize disruptions.

❖ Use the chat or come off mute to ask questions.

❖ **Engagement and cameras on** for scholarship opportunities.

Day 1 Agenda

Agenda Topic	Time (EST)	Speaker/Panel
Welcome & Opening Remarks	10:00 – 10:15 am	Dr. Christie Murray
Career and College Planning Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me	10:15 - 11:00 am	Dr. Christie Murray
College Funding & Scholarship Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me	11:00 – 11:45 am	Dr. Christie Murray
Break (Grab a quick lunch)	11:45 - 12:00 pm	
Military ROTC Scholarship Opportunities	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Mr. Lawrence Gillespie, Brigadier General (Retired), U.S. Army
Apprenticeships: Earn While you Learn	1:00 – 1:45 pm	Mr. Matt Jordan, Executive Director, Build Within
Young Adulting Experiences (College & Beyond)	1:50 – 2:45 pm	Moderator: Ms. Jasmine Smith Panel: College Students and Recent Graduates
Closing Remarks & Scholarship Instructions	2:45 – 3:00 pm	Dr. Christie Murray

Day 2 Agenda

Agenda Topic	Time (EST)	Speaker/Panel
Welcome & Day 1 Recap	3:00 – 3:15 pm	Dr. Christie Murray, Author & CEO, Educational Excellence, Inc.
Your Voice & Vote Matters	3:15 – 4:00 pm	• Mrs. LaToya Williams, Entrepreneur, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Psi Psi Omega Chapter, Connections Chairman • Mrs. Andrea Bailey, PWC Potomac District Supervisor
Money Matters for Young Adults	4:00 – 4:45 pm	Ms. Tanika Pierce
Break (5 min)	4:45 – 4:50 pm	
Self Care & Mental Health Matters	4:50 – 5:35 pm	Dr. Felicia Pressley
Scholarship Winner Announcements & Closing Remarks	5:35 – 6:00 pm	Dr. Christie Murray

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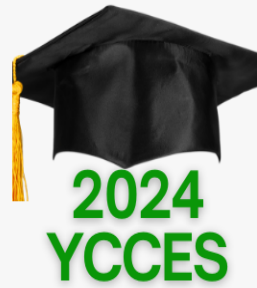# Our Sponsors
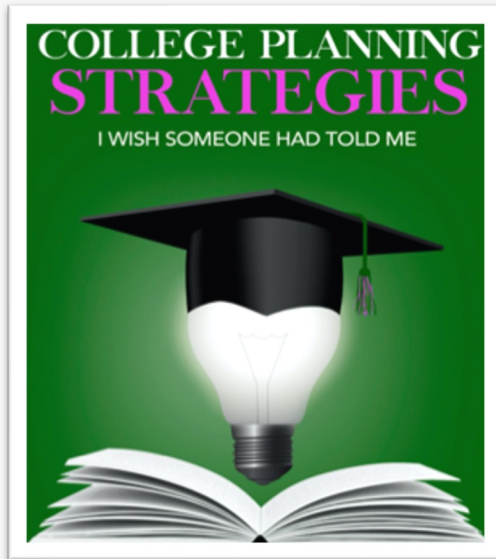
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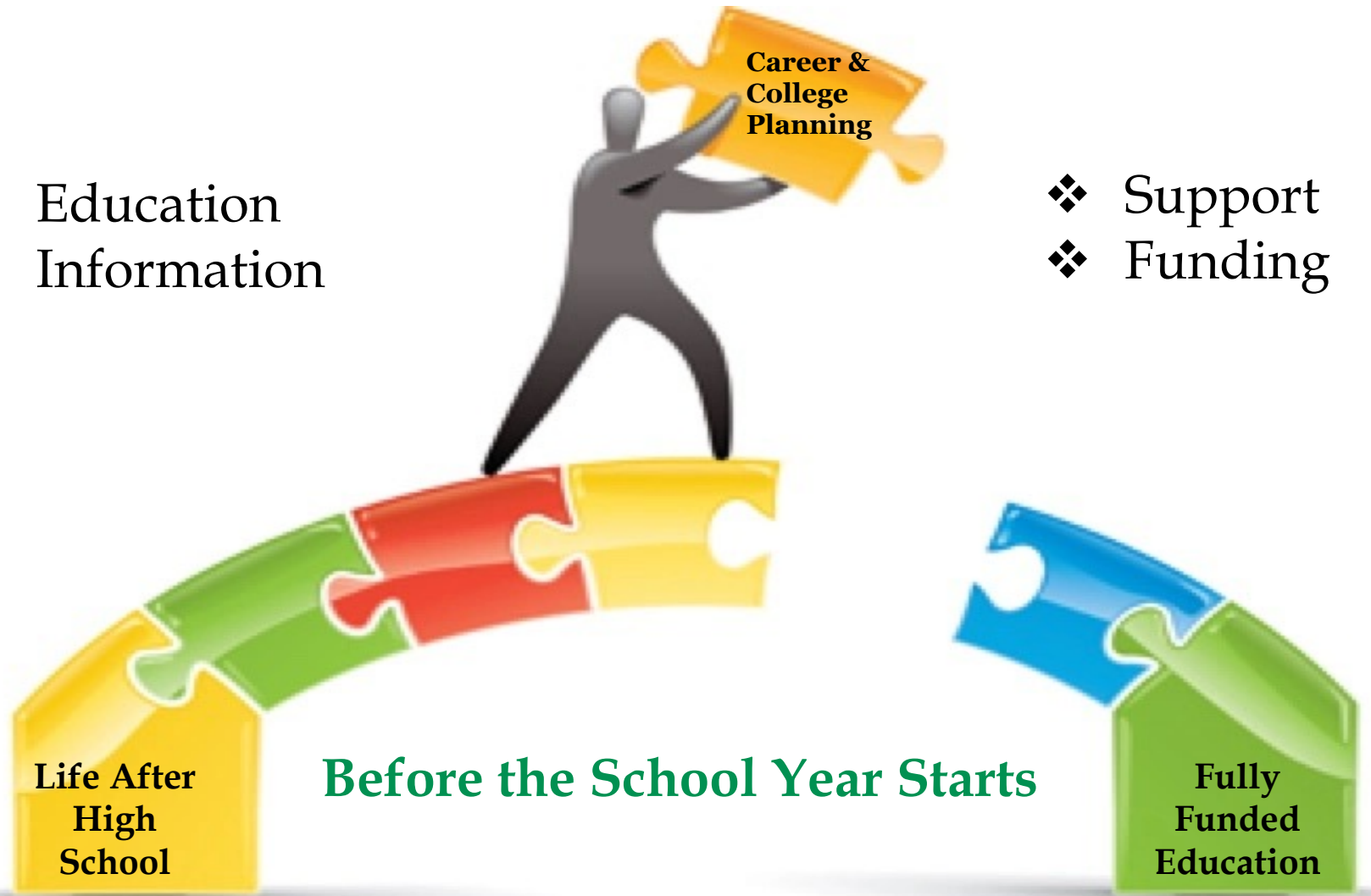
Purpose of the Session

- ❖ Share impactful college admissions and planning to jump start our career plans.

- ❖ Provide top college funding and scholarship strategies to help you fully fund your education.

- ❖ Raise awareness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
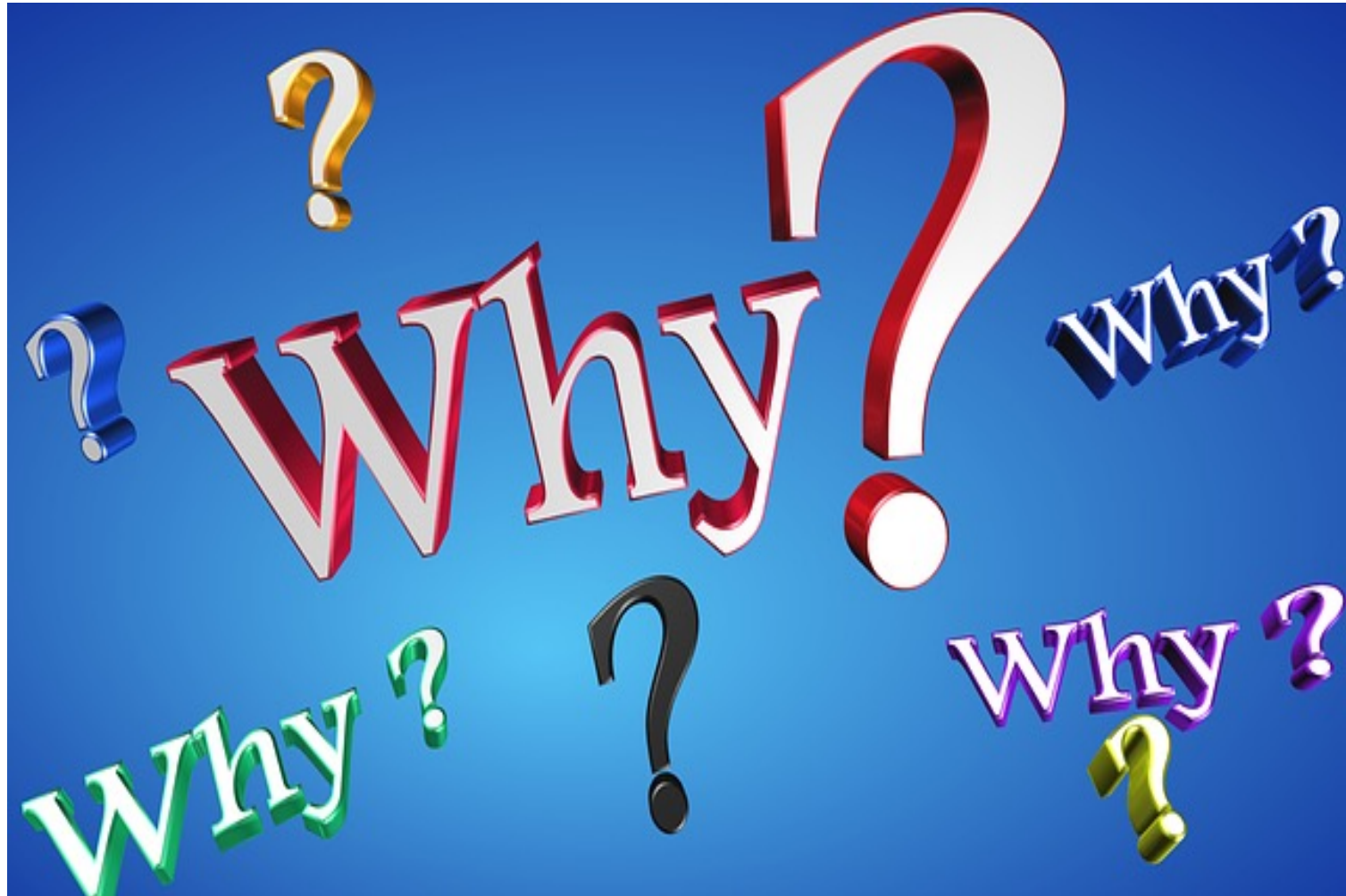
Get Accepted…Graduate Debt-free!!!!

What's Your "What and Why?"

My Why

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CEO, Educational Excellence, Inc.
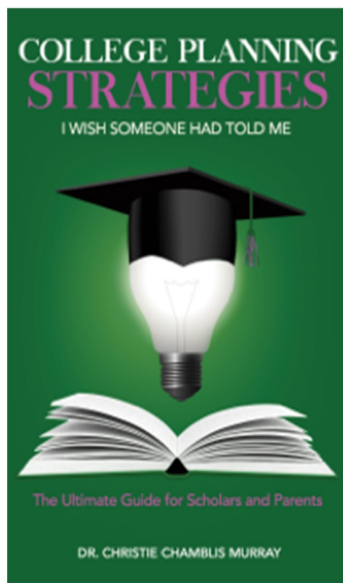
Scholarship Winner   Scholarship Judge

Scholarship Provider

College Planning Strategies
To Get Accepted…
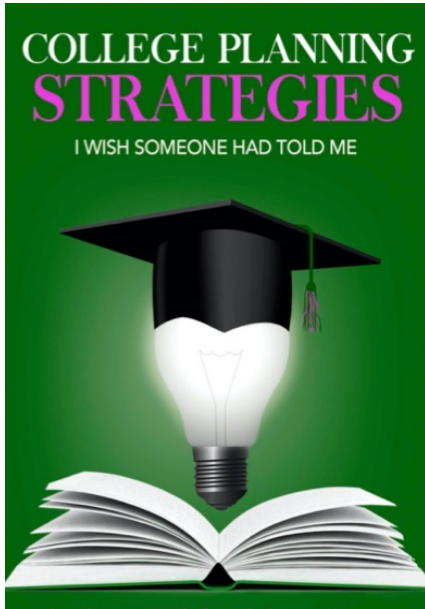
1. **Assess Your Current Situation**
2. **Know Your Role**
3. **Develop and Execute Your Plan**
4. **Use Your Time Wisely**
5. **Develop a Scholar Profile**
6. **Take Both the SAT and ACT Early**
7. **Research and Visit Colleges**
8. **Apply to Colleges**
9. **Navigate the College Funding Process**
10. **Understand NCAA Requirements**

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Workbook Templates
"College __Planning__ Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me"

Book

Workbook

Workbook Templates

Template 1. Where Are You Now Assessment

Template 2. College Plan

Template 3. Scholar Profile

Template 4. College Selection Factors Level of Importance Spreadsheet

Template 5. College Requirements Spreadsheet

Template 6. Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet

Template 7. Scholar-Athlete Profile

Template 8. NCAA Division I/II Course Calculation Worksheets

Template 9. College Admissions Letter of Recommendation

Template 10. College Planning Checklists (By Grade Level)

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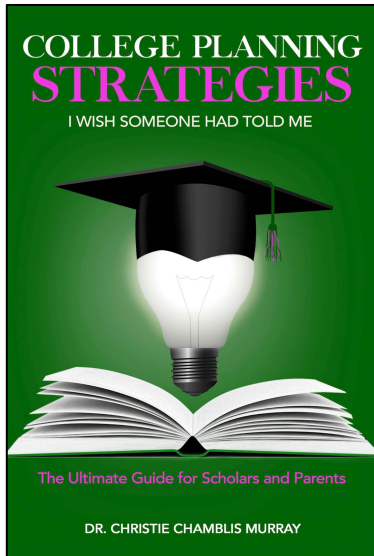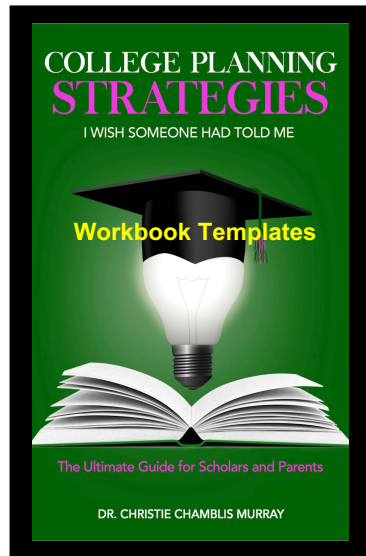
College and Career Planning Roadmap

1. Develop a Plan & Use Your Time Wisely

2. Create a Scholar Profile

3. Choose a Major and Colleges

4. Apply to Colleges

5. Navigate the Funding Process

1. Assess Your Current Situation
Template: Where Are You Now *Assessment*

1. What is your (child/student's) current cumulative grade point average (GPA)?

2. True or False. Only students with a high GPAs get scholarships?

3. What is your School Counselor's name?

4. What's the process for obtaining your transcripts at your high school?

5. True or False. The best time to apply for college is the Spring of your Senior Year.

6. What are your top _three_ career or college major choices?

7. What are your top _three_ college/school choices?

8. True or False. Most colleges and universities prefer the SAT over the ACT.

9. True or False. Average grades in hard classes are better than A's in easy ones.

10. True or False. Social media accounts and your online reputation does not matter.

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2. Choose a Career/Majors <u>then</u> College/School

Choosing Careers and Potential College Majors Are Important Decisions!

Fact 1:
You Have Options/Choices!

Fact 2:
Whatever you choose, it will involve learning!

Fact 3:
You Can Change What You Choose!
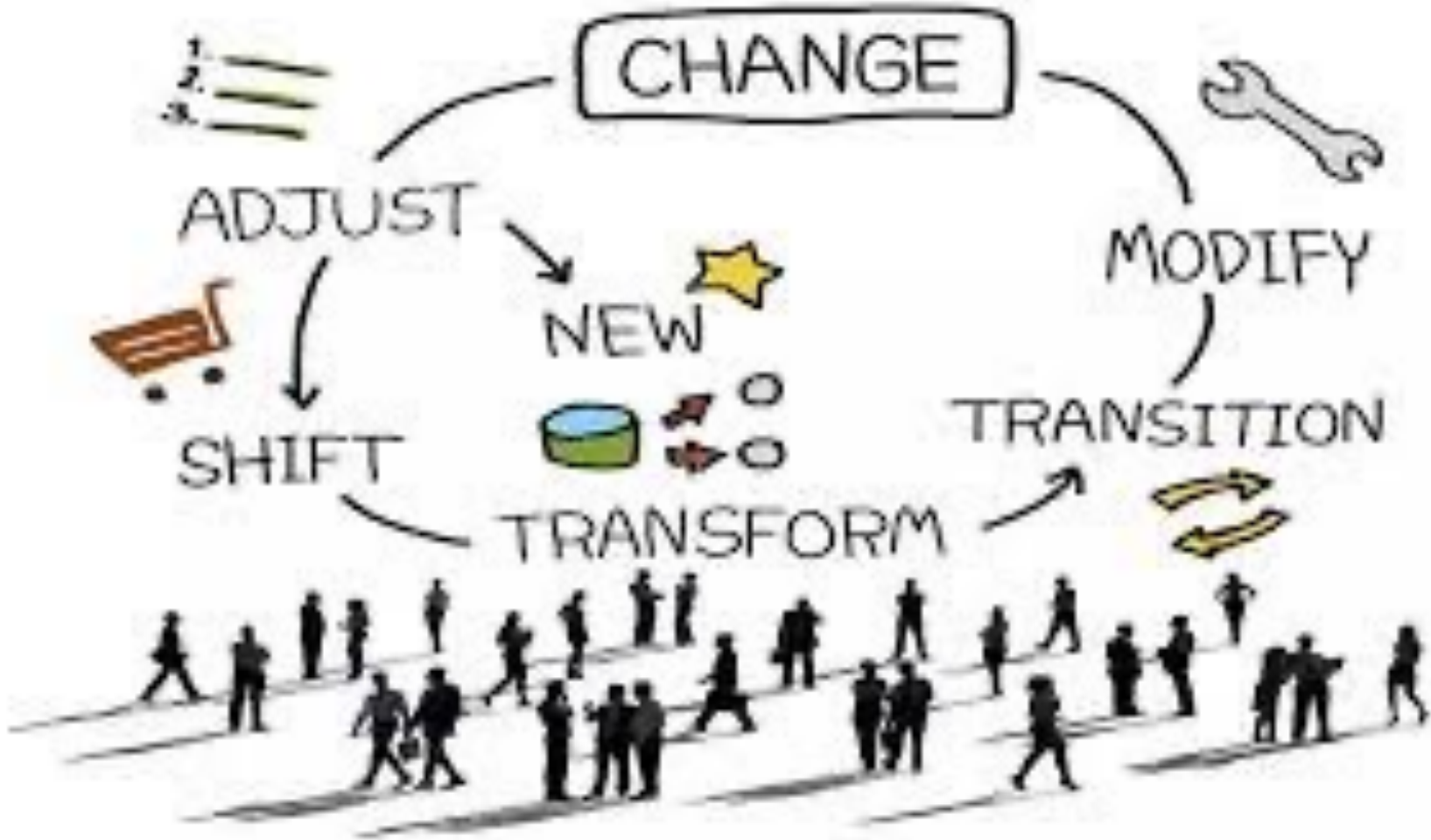
Do Basic Research!
Career or College Major

Career or College Majors
(what's in demand)?

Education and Training Requirements

Colleges, Schools, or Training Programs

Tuition or Training Costs

Possible Jobs

Salary Ranges
(what's your earning potential)?

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Career Assessment Tools

- A tool to **learn about career options** that may be a match for your skills, interests, and values.

- Give you insight into what careers, professions, and jobs you might be a good fit for.

Career Assessment Activity
O*Net Profiler

O*NET

Link: https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip
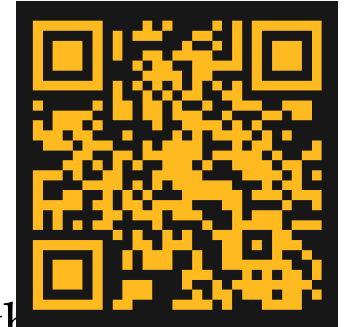
Description:
- Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor
- The **O*NET Interest Profiler** can help you find out what your interests are and how they relate to the world of work.
- You can find out what you like to do.
- Helps you decide what kinds of careers you might want to explore.

Benefits: It combines your interests with your current or future level of job preparation to populate an individualized list of careers to explore.

Questions: There are 60 questions.

material
equipment
knowledge objective
guardian
social interests
activity
progress
student

Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School

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Also called: Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher (FACS Teacher), Instructor, Teacher, Technology Education Teacher

What they do:

Teach occupational, vocational, career, or technical subjects to students at the secondary school level.

On the job, you would:

- Instruct students individually and in groups, using various tea
  discussions, and demonstrations.
- Establish and enforce rules for behavior and procedures for m
- Observe and evaluate students' performance, behavior, socia

PERSONALITY

People interested in this work like activities that include **helping people, teaching**, and talking.

They do well at jobs that need:

- **Dependability**
- **Integrity**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Adaptability/Flexibility**
- **Concern for Others**
- **Leadership**

TECHNOLOGY

You might use software like this on the job:

Word processing software
- Google Docs 🔥
- Microsoft Word 🔥

Computer based training software
- Learning management system LMS
- Padlet

Electronic mail software
- Email software
- Microsoft Outlook 🔥

KNOWLEDGE

Business
- customer service
- administrative services

Education and Training
- teaching and course design

SKILLS

Basic Skills
- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- reading work related information

Problem Solving

ABIL

Verbal
- co
- list

Ideas a
- not

EDUCATION

🎓🎓🎓🎓◻

bachelor's degree or **certificate after high school** usually needed

Get started on your career:

- 🏛 Find Training
- ✴ Find Certifications
- 🪪 Find Licenses
- ⚑ Apprenticeship.gov

JOB OUTLOOK

☁ **Below Average**

New job opportunities are **less likely** in the future.

SALARY: **$62,500**

$47,250 $98,090

- 📍 Check out my state
- 📷 Local Salary Info
- 💲 Find Jobs

EXPLORE MORE

- Career/Technical Education Teachers, Middle School
- Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary
- Instructional Coordinators
- Secondary School Teachers
- Special Education Teachers, Elementary School

You might like a career in one of these industries:

- Education

Career Assessments What Next?

❖ Reflect on the results to see where you need do more research.
❖ Make a list of potential careers of interest.
❖ Identify training and education requirements/needs.
❖ Put together a solid college and career plan that's tailored to YOU!

2. *Choose a Career/Majors <u>then</u> College/School*
Choosing the Right College/School

❖ Research colleges and careers and compile a list **(5-10 recommended)**:
  - ❖ Training/education requirements
  - ❖ Colleges or schools/training facilities
  - ❖ College admission requirements & costs
❖ Find a college or school that fits your personality, interests, and goals.
❖ Consider affordability (the cost of attendance & how much you can pay).
❖ **Visit college campuses (in-person and virtual tours).**
❖ Rank the college factors that are important to you:
  - ❖ Courses and degree programs.
  - ❖ Location of school from home (especially after COVID-19).
  - ❖ Campus size.
  - ❖ Ratio of students to teachers.
  - ❖ Traditional, distance learning, or blended.
❖ Use an online search tool to help you research colleges.

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2. Choose a Career/Majors then College/School
List of Colleges and Requirements (Template)

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS SPREADSHEET

COLLEGE NAME	LOCATION	COLLEGE TOUR	YEARLY TUITION/ROOM & BOARD COST	APPLICATION (ONLINE OR MAIL)	APPLICATION FEE	EARLY ADMISSION DATE	DEADLINE TO APPLY	GPA	SAT SCORE	ACT SCORE	LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Y/N)	DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	ACCEPTANCE DECISION
Sample University	City, State	Yes	$ 36,660	Online	$ 35	10/30/20XX	3/1/20XX	3.3	1100	22	Y, 250-500 words		

ESSAY (Y/N)	LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (Y/N)	WEBSITE	DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	ACCEPTANCE DECISION	NOTES
Y, 250-500 words	Y, 1	www.college.edu	10/15/20XX	Accepted	** SAT/ACT Scores only required if you have less than 30 credit hours ** 3.3 GPA or ranked in top 10% of class. ** Photograph

College Planning (Strategy 7) - Page 69

2. *Choose a Career/Majors <u>then</u> College/School*
Career and College Opportunities

❖ Military

❖ Apprenticeships

❖ There's about 2,000 colleges in the U.S.

❖ <u>Vocational/Trade schools</u>:
- ❖ Teaches a skill or trade for a specific job.
- ❖ Cosmetologists, Electrician, Auto Mechanic, HVAC Technician, Plumber, Dental Hygienist, etc.
- ❖ Most programs are about 2 years.
- ❖ Obtain a license, certification or certificate.

❖ <u>Two-year college</u>:
- ❖ Community or junior college.
- ❖ Obtain an associate's degree.

❖ <u>Four-year college</u>:
- ❖ Undergraduate coursework.
- ❖ Obtain a bachelor's degree.

2. *Choose a Career/Majors then College/School*
Public and Private Colleges

❖ Public college:
  - ❖ Primarily funded by a federal or state government.
  - ❖ Generally larger than private schools.
  - ❖ In-state - students pay in-state tuition.
  - ❖ Out-of-state – students living out of state *likely pay more* tuition.
❖ Private college:
  - ❖ Often operates as an educational, non-profit organization.
  - ❖ Does not receive primary funding from government.
  - ❖ One tuition rate (whether in-state or out-of-state).
  - ❖ Usually **more costly** than public schools.

Type of Colleges:
Predominantly White Institutions (PWI)

❖ Institutions of higher learning.

❖ Particularly four-year colleges and universities.

❖ Whites make up 50% or more of the student.

❖ Can be public or private.

❖ More than 9 million students attend PWIs each year in the U.S.

Type of Colleges:
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)

❖ HBCUs existed for almost 200 years.

❖ African-Americans were unable to pursue an education at white institutions so HBCUs were created to educate African-Americans.

❖ There are currently 107 HBCU's in the United States.

❖ More than 228,000 students are enrolled at HBCUs.

❖ Can be public or private.

❖ HBCUs provide an affordable education.

3. Develop a Plan
C.L.E.A.R. and Effective

	College Admissions Plan (Year = X Grade)						
	My Goals	**Type**	**Cost**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**	**% Complete**	**Notes**
1	**Develop a Scholar Profile**	Profile	N/A	**Summer before 10th grade**	**Summer before 10th grade**	75%	**Use the Scholar Profile**
2	**Research colleges and requirements**	College	N/A	**Summer before 10th grade**	**Summer before 10th grade**	25%	**Use the College Requirement Spreadsheet**
3	**Meet Guidance Counselor**	High School	N/A	9/15/XX	9/30/XX	25%	**Scheduled for 9/20/XX**
4	**Find out your current GPA and get a copy of your transcript**	High School	N/A	9/20/XX	10/1/XX	0%	
5	**Schedule to take the SAT and ACT**	Test	$65.00	2/01/XX	4/01/XX	0%	

3. Use Your Time Wisely
Timeline (8-10th Grade)

❑ Understand high school courses and graduation requirement needs

❑ Keep grades up (3.0 GPA & above)

❑ Review your transcript (each semester)

❑ Get/stay involved (sports, extracurricular activities/ community service)

❑ Start thinking about future careers and/or college majors

❑ Research careers and majors

❑ Visit colleges/schools (programs, requirements, costs)

❑ Develop and update your Scholar Profile

❑ Make a list of who could write letters of recommendations

❑ Discuss how you plan to pay for college

❑ Athletes:

    ❑ Develop a Scholar-Athlete Profile & Your NCAA Certification Profile

    ❑ Understand the NCAA Eligibility Requirements

3. Use Your Time Wisely
Timeline (11th Grade)

- ❑ Verify your high school courses & graduation requirements
- ❑ Update your Scholar Profile
- ❑ Get/stay involved (sports, extracurricular activities, community service)
- ❑ Keep grades up (3.0 GPA & above)
- ❑ **Understand your transcript process** and review your transcript (each semester)
- ❑ **List your careers and/or college majors**
- ❑ **Research careers/majors**
- ❑ **Visit colleges or schools (education, programs, requirements, costs)**
- ❑ **Take both the SAT and ACT**
- ❑ **Research financial aid options and scholarships**
- ❑ **List who can write letters of recommendations**
- ❑ Athletes:
  - ❑ Develop a Scholar-Athlete Profile & Your NCAA Certification Profile
  - ❑ Send high school transcripts to NCAA Eligibility Center

3. Use Your Time Wisely
Timeline (12th Grade)

- ❑ **Decide if you want to go to college or workforce**
- ❑ **Understand the admissions requirements**
- ❑ Request official transcripts
- ❑ Write college essays (if applicable)
- ❑ Update your Scholar Profile
- ❑ Obtain letters of recommendation
- ❑ **Apply to colleges/schools and track results**
- ❑ **Apply for scholarships and track results**
- ❑ **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - online (send results to top 3-5 schools) – Fall**
- ❑ **Receive acceptance letters and financial aid awards**
- ❑ **Decide on a college, pay deposits and housing fees**

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4. Brand Yourself

Develop and decide on your professional reputation.

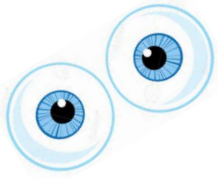Influence what people learn about you.

First impressions are lasting impressions.

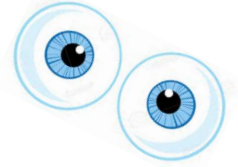Consider yourself on a continuous job interview.

Someone is always up next!

Protect Your Brand
You are a Brand…Set the Tone

How you show up matters!

In person

On paper

Online

In school (academics)

On the court/field/etc. (athletes)

Scholars must:

Have a positive attitude

Practice self-discipline & balance

Set the example (leader)

Respectful

Communicate well

How Will You Differentiate Yourself from the Competition

4. Build a Scholar Profile

Every student should have one!

❖ One-page summary (tells your story)
   ❖ Resume
   ❖ Brag sheet
   ❖ Self-reflection

❖ Tells your story on paper.

❖ Helps others get to know You!

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4. Build a Scholar Profile
Sections

1. Professional picture (optional)

2. Name, address, contact information

3. Objective (future career/college/major)

4. Educational history (current)

5. Honors and accomplishments

6. Employment experience

7. Extra-curricular activities

8. Community service activities

9. Relevant courses

10. Interests/hobbies

Used for…
- ✓ **College applications**
- ✓ **Scholarship apps**
- ✓ **Letters of recommendations**
- ✓ **Essay writing**
- ✓ **Employment opportunities**

4. Build a Scholar Profile
Download the Scholar Profile (Template)

John Doe
12345 College Bound Drive
City, State Zip Code
Home: (123) 456-789; Mobile: (123) 911-4111
Email: john.doe@yahoo.com

Objective: To attend XX university and obtain a degree in XX.

Education: **High School**: XX High School, City, State (Graduation: 06/13/20XX)
Current GPA: 3.6; Rank: 29/283
ACT Scores: Composite: 24; English (24); Math (30); Reading (21); Science (20)
College Plan: Hampton University (Accepted on 1/20/20XX)
Enrollment Date: Fall 2018
Intended Degree/Major: Bachelor of XX in XX

Honors and Awards:
- Honor Roll, (20XX - Present)
- National Honor Society Induction, 20XX
- Top Alternate Current/Direct Current Student, (20XX-20XX)

Employment Experience:
- Cashier, McDonalds, City, VA (20XX-20XX)
- Walmart Cashier, City, VA (20XX)

Student Organizations/Extracurricular Activities:
- Student Government Association Class Representative, (20XX-Present)
- National Honor Society, (20XX-Present)
- Future Business Leaders of America Member, (20XX-20XX)

Community Service Activities:
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Adopt a Highway Project, (20XX)
- Volunteered at Galleria Mall on Summer Family Nights, (20XX)
- Volunteered at the XX Community Center, (20XX)

Relevant Courses:
- Algebra II
- Graphics Design I
- Oceanography

Interests/Hobbies:
- Cooking
- Reading

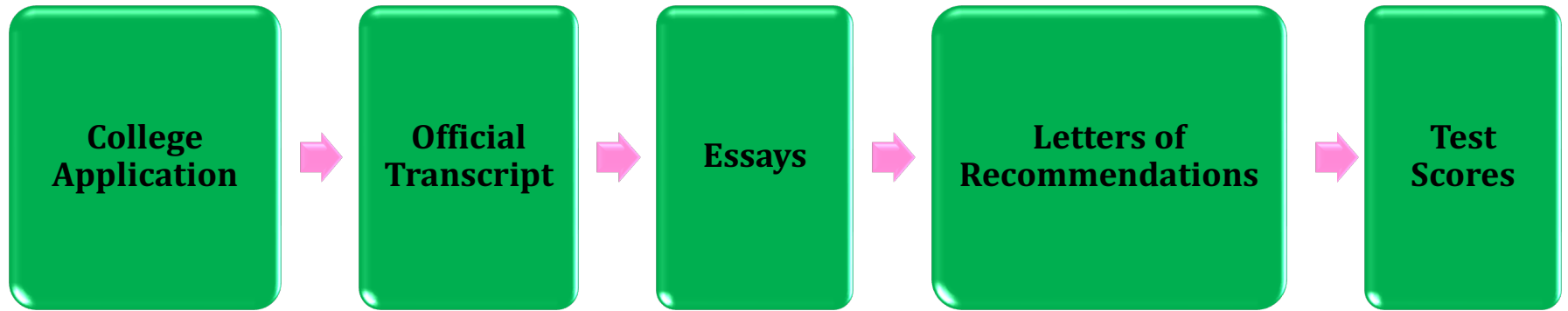**Website: www.EdExInc.com/2024-ycces**

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4. Build a Scholar Profile
Scholar Profile Strategies

❖ Assess your strengths and areas of improvement.

❖ Look for gaps in your scholar profile, then fill them.

❖ Update your scholar profile (periodically).

    ❖ Summer break

    ❖ Winter break

❖ Include the scholar profile with applications only if additional documents can be attached.

College Funding (Strategy 7) - Page 94-98

5. Apply to College
College Application Parts

College Application	→	Official Transcript	→	Essays	→	Letters of Recommendations	→	Test Scores

❖ Apply during the FALL of your senior year (Sept - Dec).

❖ Follow each college's application instructions (they differ)

❖ Apply by mail or online/electronically (college site or a web portal)

❖ Common App: www.commonapp.org

❖ Common Black College App: www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

❖ College application fee – varies for each college ($0 - $100)

5. *Apply to College*
When to Apply to Colleges

❖ Early Decision (Deadline usually November 1 – 15th):

  ❖ Can only apply to one school early decision.

  ❖ Binding agreement you will enroll in that institution, if accepted.

  ❖ Sends the strongest message that college is your top choice.

❖ Early Action (Deadline usually November 1 - 15th):

  ❖ Apply early to as many schools as you want.

  ❖ Does not require you to commit to the college.

  ❖ Enables you to compare financial aid packages among several colleges and universities before accepting or declining the offer.

❖ Both ED and EA decisions generally made by mid December.

❖ National response deadline to enroll is usually May 1st.

5. *Apply to Colleges*
The Common Application (App)
www.commonapp.org

❖ Students can submit one college applications to over 1,000 colleges.

❖ Create an account/profile and then search colleges.

❖ Research and ***apply*** to multiple colleges through one website portal.

❖ New application opens on August 1st of each year.

❖ Reused when applying for multiple colleges on the site.

❖ Applicants can use the Common App for free.

❖ Each college may have an application fee (varying amounts).

❖ Roughly 45% of participating schools do not charge an application fee.

5. Apply to College
The Common Black College Application (App)
www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

❖ Students can submit one college applications to over 66 HBCUs.

❖ Create an account and apply to multiple colleges for about $20.

❖ Select your top HBCUs to apply.

❖ Upload your test scores.

❖ Research and apply to multiple colleges through one website.

❖ Reused when applying for multiple colleges on the site.

Robert Mason, Founder

5. Apply to College
Official Transcripts

❖ Formal copies of a student's official high school academic grades and performance.

❖ **Know the process to request transcripts** and follow it precisely.

❖ Parental permission may be required at your high school prior to requesting transcripts.

❖ Most high schools will either mail or email your official transcripts to colleges or scholarship entities.

❖ Request to have official high school transcripts for all the colleges and/or scholarship providers you applied to.

❖ **Verify transcripts were received** with colleges and scholarship providers.

5. Apply to College
Essays & Letters of Recommendations Usages

College Admissions

Why are you a good candidate for **admissions**?

Scholarships

Why should you be **awarded a scholarship**?

5. *Apply to College*
Essay Writing Steps

1. Develop	Develop and/or update your scholar profile
2. Create	Create an essay writing plan
3. Research	Research and investigate
4. Brainstorm	Brainstorm and Outline
5. Compose	Compose your essay
6. Proofread	Proofread and finalize your essay
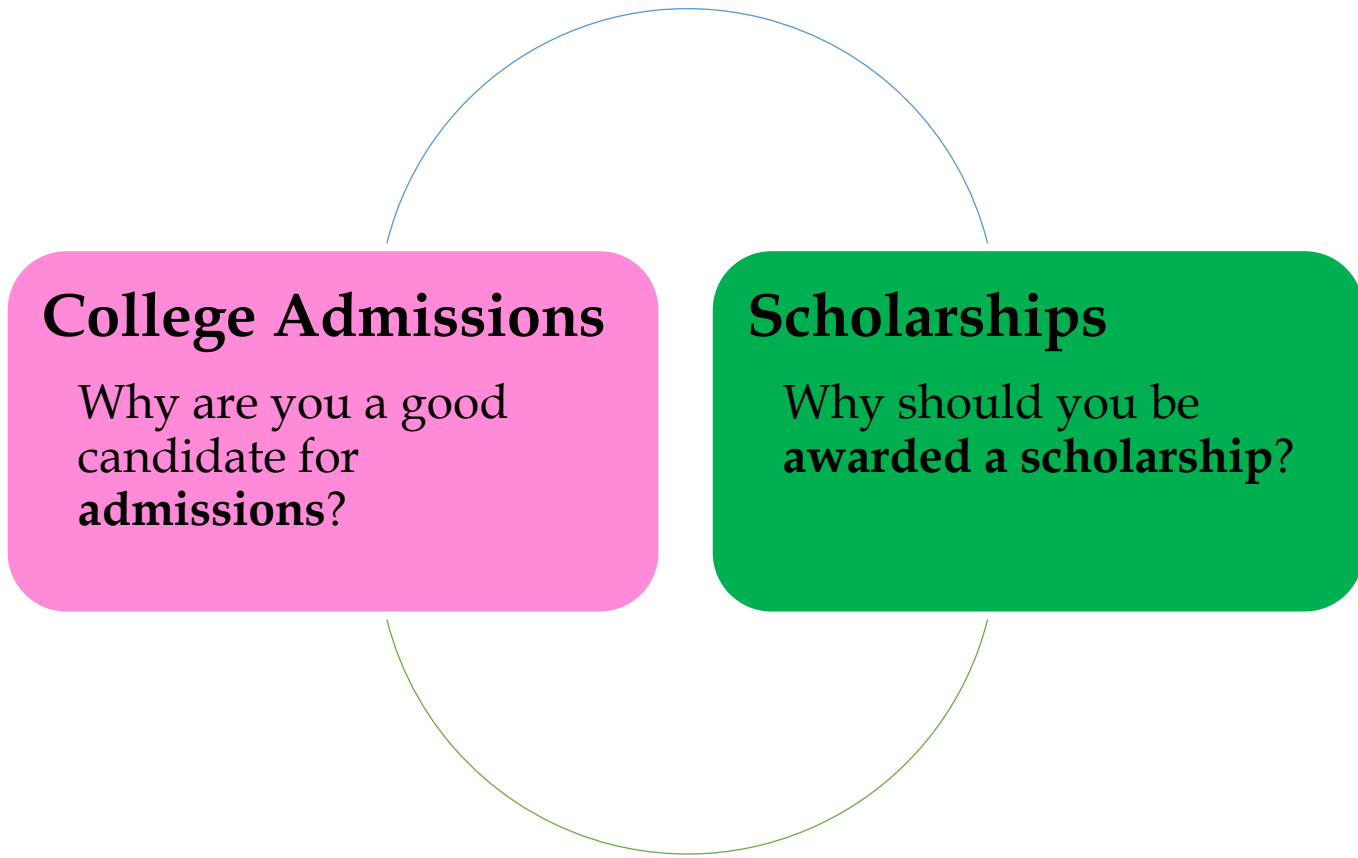
5. Apply to College
Essay Writing Guidance

❖ Draft essays early and prepare to revise multiple times.

❖ Find trusted individuals to proofread and critique your writing (i.e. teacher).

❖ Use free online proofreading resources (i.e. Grammarly).

❖ Follow directions (type, word count).

❖ Adhere to submission deadlines.

❖ Address the specific essay topic or question.

❖ Write on various topics and save them all.

❖ Demonstrate knowledge of college/entity (facts/statistics).

❖ Share how you will make a difference.

❖ Save and re-use content for multiple applications.
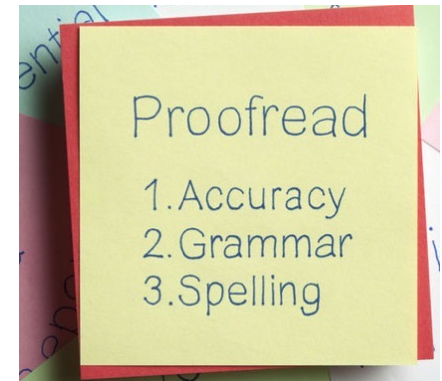
5. Apply to College
Essay Writing Guidance

❖ Develop a brief outline to organize your thoughts into manageable sections.

    ❖ Introduction (include a thesis statement)

    ❖ Body (three main points)

    ❖ Conclusion

❖ You may pick a topic or instructed to write on a particular topic.

❖ Ten common essay themes include:

Career/Major	Contribution
Challenges	Creativity
Change	Financial need
Character	Leadership
Community Service	Personal Statement

For more guidance: Writing Essay Recorded Video

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5. *Apply to College*
Hate Writing? Use Text Dictation

Translate into Text

Your words will appear on the document.
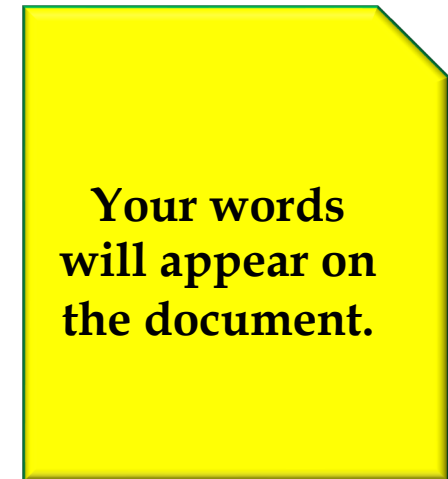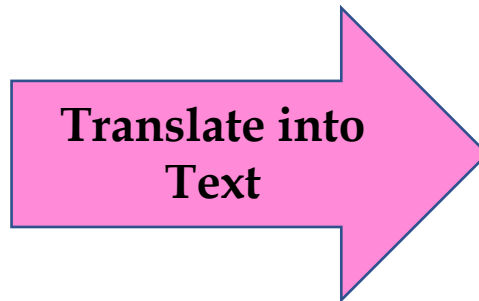
❖ Google Docs in Chrome browser is a great tool.

Tools ----> Voice Typing

❖ Test it out before using it on an important paper.

❖ Be prepared to edit your paragraphs and wording.

5. *Apply to College*
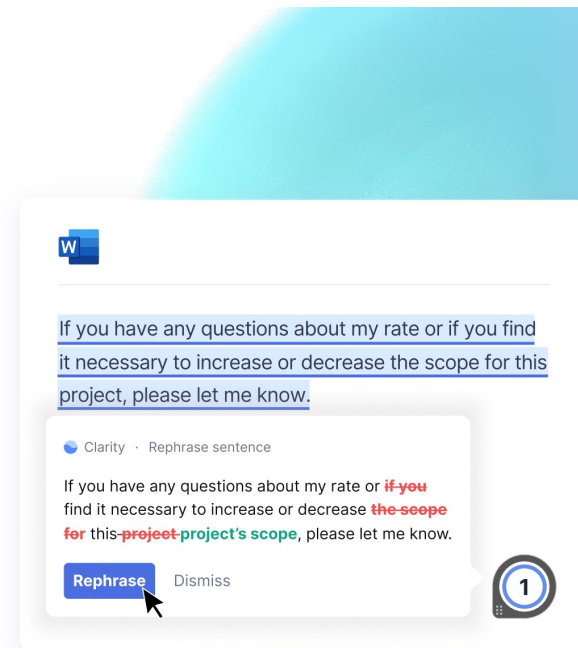# Essay Writing Editors (free)

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Compose bold, clear, mistake-free writing with Grammarly's new AI-powered desktop app.

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❖ Grammarly: https://www.grammarly.com/?affiliateNetwork=sas&affiliateID=87067

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❖ Grammar Lookup: https://www.grammarlookup.com/free-essay-checker/

5. Apply to College
Letters of Recommendation

- Make a list of potential recommenders:
  - Teachers (establish a rapport during the school year)
  - School Counselors
  - Coaches
  - Employers
  - Community Leaders

- Provide recommenders with submission instructions.

- Set recommenders deadlines 1-2 weeks before your deadline.

- Follow-up to make sure letters are received by the deadline.

- Save and re-use content for multiple applications.

- Provide a Scholar Profile with your recommendation request.

- Offer a pre-drafted letter of recommendation for them to tailor.

Up Your Ask!
Help People to Help You.

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5. *Apply to College*
Sample Letter of Recommendation

_____ [Month Day, Year]

To _____ [Scholarship Entity Selection Committee]:

I, _____[First Name and Last Name], with _____[Organization], I am writing this letter to express my support for _____[Scholar First and Last Name] and _____[his or her] application for the _____ [Name of Scholarship]. _____ [He or She] plans to attend_____ [College or University] to major in _____ [College major]. _____ [He or She] demonstrated exceptional _____ [academic achievement]. _____ [Scholar Name] currently has a _____ [grade point average] at _____ [XX High School]. _____ [He or she] pursues academic excellence and welcomes challenges.

I have known _____ [Scholar First Name], for ____ [no. of years] (or since 20XX). _____ [He or She] _____ [studied, worked or volunteered] with _____ [Organization Name] from _____ to _____ [Month 20XX to Month 20XX]. _____ [Scholar First Name] is extremely hard working and displays sound judgement required for a leader. _____ [He or she] an individual who strong character and carries _____ [himself or herself] in a polite, respectable, and professional manner.

_____ [He or she] impressed me with ____ [his or her] ability to _____, _____, and _____ [solve problems, communicate effectively, and think critically]. _____'s [Scholar First Name] creativity and innovative mindset exceeded my expectations. _____ [He or she] was extremely _____ [proactive], _____ [professional] and _____[results-driven].

Without reservation, I strongly recommend _____ [Scholar First Name] as a candidate for your scholarship. Please afford _____ [him or her] the opportunity to continue to excel academically in college. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: _____ [Phone Number] or _____ [email address].

Best Regards,

[Your Signature}
Name
Title

5. Apply to College
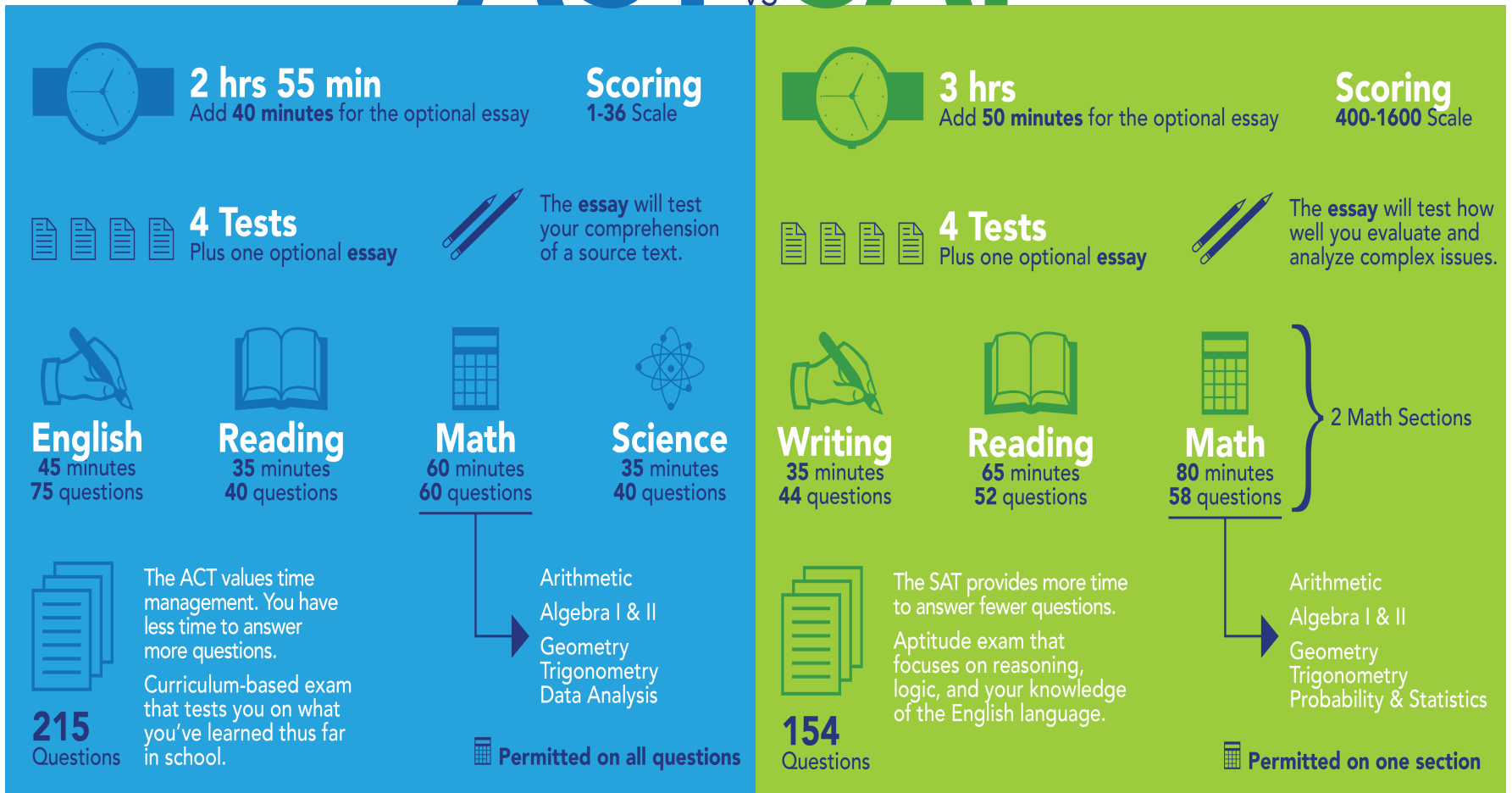## Take one or both SAT/ACT Tests

❖ Measures what students learned in school to determine success in college.

❖ Some regions take the **ACT** while others take the **SAT**

❖ More colleges are making these test optional:

    ❖ Essay, academics will be weighted heavier

    ❖ May be needed for merit-based scholarships

❖ Send your SAT/ACT scores to **<u>all</u>** the colleges you are applying to

ACT vs SAT
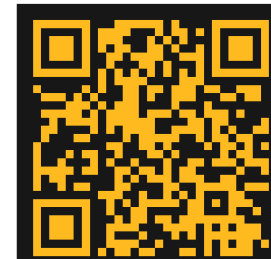## Key Differences Between the Two Exams

ACT

2 hrs 55 min
Add **40 minutes** for the optional essay

Scoring
1-36 Scale

4 Tests
Plus one optional **essay**

The **essay** will test your comprehension of a source text.

English
45 minutes
75 questions

Reading
35 minutes
40 questions

Math
60 minutes
60 questions
→ Arithmetic
Algebra I & II
Geometry
Trigonometry
Data Analysis

Science
35 minutes
40 questions

The ACT values time management. You have less time to answer more questions.

Curriculum-based exam that tests you on what you've learned thus far in school.

215 Questions

Permitted on all questions

SAT

3 hrs
Add **50 minutes** for the optional essay

Scoring
400-1600 Scale

4 Tests
Plus one optional **essay**

The **essay** will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.

Writing
35 minutes
44 questions

Reading
65 minutes
52 questions

Math
80 minutes
58 questions
} 2 Math Sections
→ Arithmetic
Algebra I & II
Geometry
Trigonometry
Probability & Statistics

The SAT provides more time to answer fewer questions.

Aptitude exam that focuses on reasoning, logic, and your knowledge of the English language.

154 Questions

Permitted on one section

Upcoming SAT Dates

Register: https://www.collegeboard.org/
Cost: $68

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024	November 26, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

Upcoming ACT Dates

ACT Website

Register: http://www.act.org/
Cost: $68 ($93 with essay)

ACT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025

5. Apply to College
SAT/ACT Prep

❖ Plan to take the tests more than once

❖ **Complete a SAT/ACT Prep-course (recommended)**

❖ **Re-take the SAT/ACT (immediately after prep-course)**

❖ Download mobile apps…and practice

❖ Retake the test (67% improve their scores)

Prep Resource	Type	Benefit	Cost
Kaplan	SAT/ACT	Most practice tests	$299 and up
The Princeton Review	SAT/ACT	Best one-on-one interaction	$299 and up
Khan Academy	SAT (only)	Best *free* SAT prep	Free
ACT Prep Online	ACT (only)	Most engaging ACT prep (fun)	$40 and up

Reviews.com: http://www.reviews.com/act-sat-test-prep-courses/

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5. Apply to College
Admissions Application Checklist

❑ College application

❑ Transcript (official or unofficial)

❑ Essay(s) or personal statement (s)

❑ Letters of recommendation

❑ SAT/ACT test scores sent

❑ Financial need documents *(if applicable)*

❑ Scholar Profile *(optional, if allowed)*

5. Apply to College
After Applying to Colleges

❑ Finish high school strong and graduate!

❑ Review all acceptance letters (instructions & deadlines).

❑ Complete the FAFSA and send to **ALL** colleges applied to **(Oct).**

❑ Review & compare all financial aid award letters.

❑ Keep applying for scholarships.

❑ Put together a list of items you will need for college.

❑ Choose which college you will attend.

5. Apply to College
Admitted Student Checklist
(Once You've Selected a College)

- ❑ Adhere to the college's instructions and deadlines
- ❑ Activate Student Email or Account (optional)
- ❑ Submit Enrollment Deposit (optional)
- ❑ Submit New Student Orientation registration/fee (optional)
- ❑ Complete Campus Housing application/deposit
- ❑ Complete Health Forms
- ❑ Order Final Transcripts (high school/dual enrollment)
  - ❑ Copy for you
  - ❑ Send to your selected college
  - ❑ NCAA (for athletes)
  - ❑ Scholarships
- ❑ Continue to look for scholarships

Conclusion
Key Takeaways

❖ Think seriously about life after high school.

❖ You have career and education options.

❖ Have a plan with a budget.

❖ Do your research!

❖ Start early and use your time wisely (summers).

❖ Develop your scholar profile.

❖ Get organized.

    ❖ Create folders for college planning documents.

    ❖ Save account/login information in a central place.

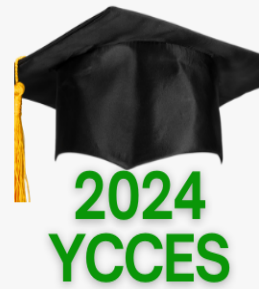   ❖ Create a separate email address for college efforts.

❖ Don't waste people's time!!!!

❖ Say thank you.

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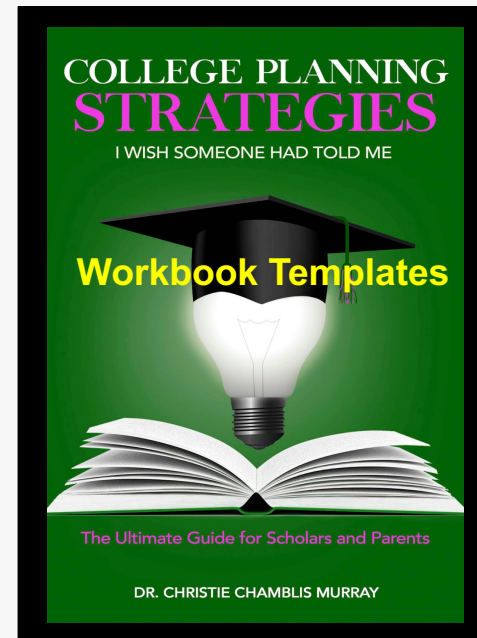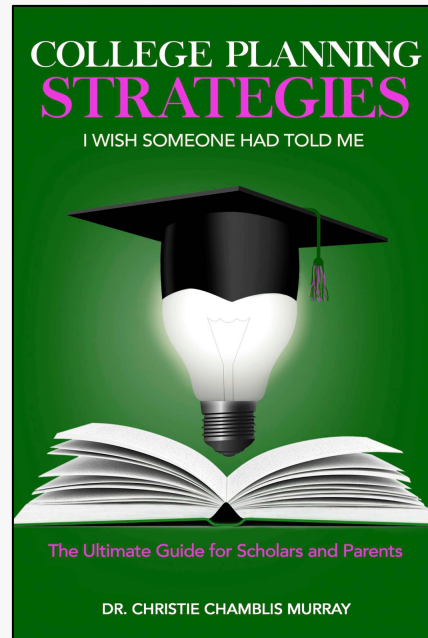
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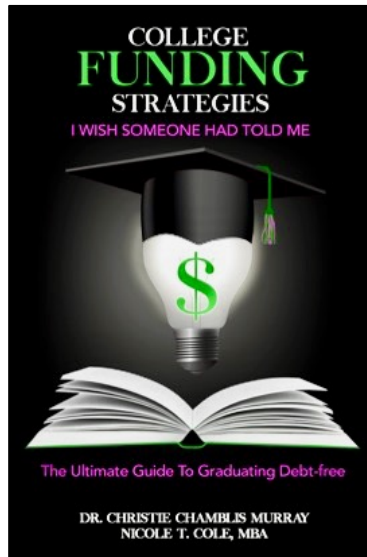## *I Wish Someone Had Told Me*
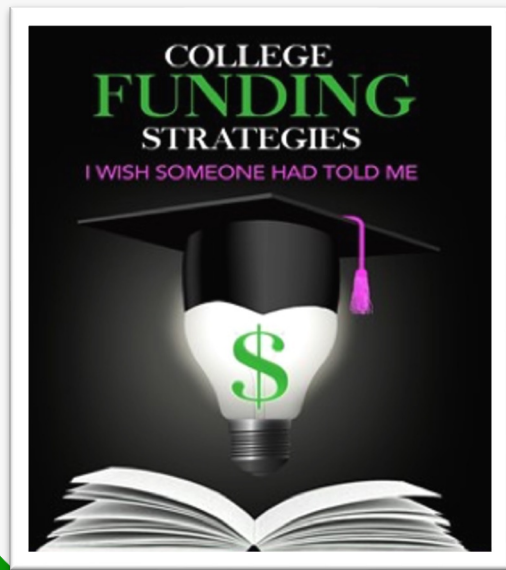
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What Is Your Plan To Pay For College?

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Ten College Funding Strategies
## To Graduating Debt-free!

1. Take Responsibility
2. Assess Your Funding Situation
3. Know the Cost of Attendance
4. Calculate Your Estimated EFC
5. Customize Your Funding Approach
6. Apply for Financial Aid
7. Look for Scholarships
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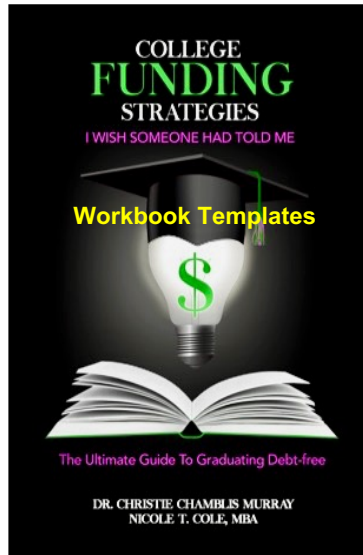9. Maximize Your Time
10. Execute Your Funding Plan

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Workbook Templates
"College __Funding__ Strategies I Wish Someone Had Told Me"

Book
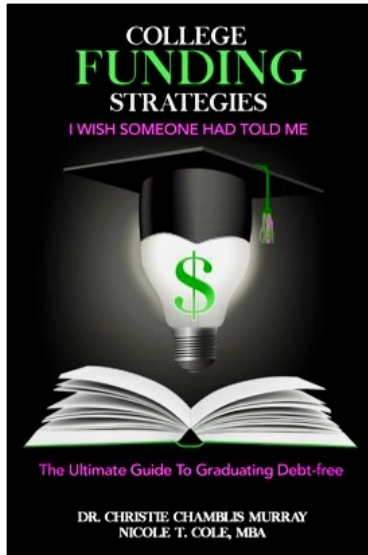
Workbook

Workbook Templates

Template 1. Funding Situation Assessment

Template 2. Calculate Your EFC

Template 3. Customize Your Funding Approach

Template 4. Scholar Financial Aid Checklist

Template 5. Sample Award Letter

Template 6. Scholar Profile

Template 7. Sample Letter of Recommendation

Template 8: Scholarship Essay Prompt

Template 9: Funding/Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet

Template 10. Timeline Checklists by Funding Stages

Template 11. College Funding Plan

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Debt-free Success Stories

~$150,000 in Scholarships
Graduated from Hampton University, 2019 (with Honors)
Navy ROTC Scholarship
Commissioned Naval Officer
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

~$130,000 in Scholarships
Norfolk State University Sophomore
Computer Science
Division 1 Football Scholarship
Academic Scholarships

College Funding Roadmap

1. **Assess Your Current Funding Situation**

2. **Know the Cost of Attendance**

3. **Customize Your Funding Plan/Approach**

4. **Apply for Financial Aid**

5. **Look & Apply for Scholarships**

1. Assess Your Current Funding Situation

Template 1: Funding Situation Assessment

1. What is your (or your child's) GPA?

2. What do you (or your child) plan to do after high school?

3. **What type of college/school are you considering (public or private)?**

4. **Do you plan to live on campus or off campus?**

5. **What's the cost to attend college/school for one-year?**

6. What is you and your parent(s) household income?

7. **How much have you (or your parents) saved money for college/school?**

8. **Have you had conversations about how to pay for college/school?**

9. **How much have you budgeted for college/school expenses?**

College Funding (Strategy 9) – Page 130-139

2. Know the Cost of Attendance (COA)

❖ Cost of attendance is how much college will cost.

❖ Consider the cost of attendance when selecting a college.

❖ Direct costs (paid to college):

    ❖ Tuition and fees (price colleges charge for tuition instruction)

    ❖ Room and board (campus housing and food)

❖ Indirect costs (incurred during the academic year):

    ❖ Books, course materials, supplies

    ❖ Personal expenses (laundry, clothes, cell phone, medical, etc.)

    ❖ Transportation (commute, travel, etc.)

2. Know the Cost of Attendance

❖ The cost of attendance:

   ❖ Increases each year (inflation)

   ❖ May vary due to COVID-19 impacts and distance learning

❖ Some colleges are more expensive than others.

❖ Go where you can **afford!!**

Average Tuition & Fees
2019-2020

$36,801
Private

$22,577
Public, Out-of-State

$10,116
Public, In-State
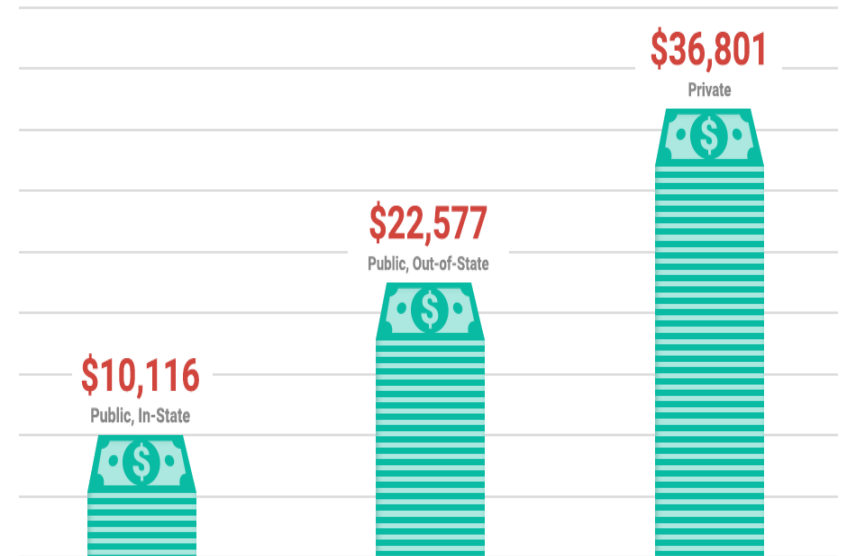
3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach
Simple but Effective
Template 11: College Funding Plan

	Name: _____ Enrollment Date: _____ College Funding Stage: _____ EFC: _____ Need: _____ College Funding Approach: _____						
No.	My Goals	Type	Cost	Start Date	Due Date	% Complete	Notes
1	Develop a Scholar Profile	Profile	N/A	Summer before 10th grade	Summer before 10th grade	100%	Scholar Profile Template
2	Apply for the FAFSA	Financial Aid	N/A	October 1st of Senior year	December of Senior Year	75%	
3	Search & apply for scholarships	High School	N/A	Summer of Senior Year	Throughout College	25%	Scholarship Tracking Sheet Template
4	Order your transcript	High School	N/A	9/20/XX	10/1/XX	50%	
5	Take the SAT/ACT	Test	$65.00	2/01/XX	4/01/XX	30%	
6	Create a college planning budget	Money	$2,000	08/01/XX	End of Senior year	10%	

College Planning (Strategy 3) - Page 31-38

3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach
Ways to Pay for College
Household Sources
(parents, guardians, and/or the scholar)

❖ Out of pocket expenses

❖ College savings plan

❖ Permanent life insurance

❖ Retirement plan *(not recommended)*

3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach
Ways to Pay for College
Outside Sources
(colleges, employers, organizations, or Individuals not related to the scholar)

❖ Financial aid

❖ Scholarships

❖ Grants

❖ Employer education reimbursements

3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach
Ways to Pay for College
Financial Aid

- ❖ Financial aid = Money to help pay for college

- ❖ Federal government awards over $120 billion to 13 million students annually

- ❖ Types of financial aid:

    - ❖ Work study

    - ❖ Grants

    - ❖ Scholarships

    - ❖ Student Loans

3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach
Ways to Pay for College
Student Loans

According to the Education Data Initiative:

- ❖ $1.75 trillion in U.S Student Loan Debt
- ❖ 45 million borrowers
- ❖ Average student loan debt $37,388 (in 2023)
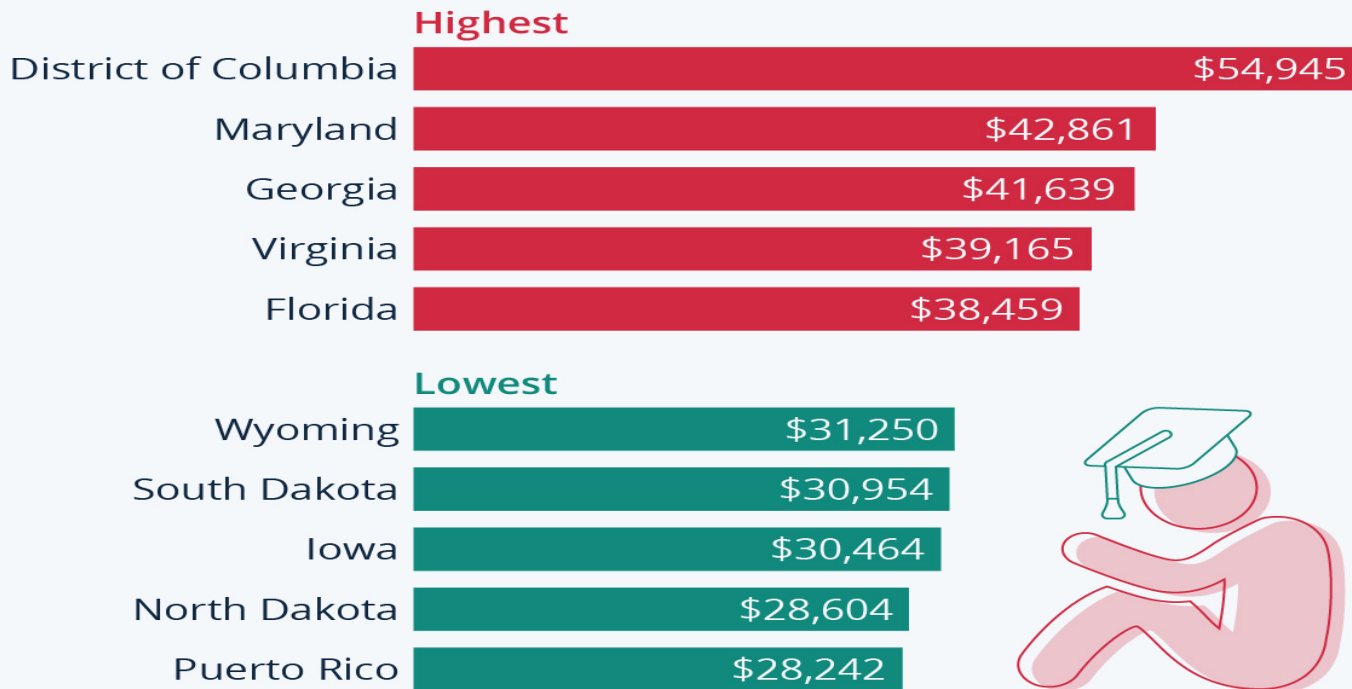- ❖ Avoid or minimize student loans, if possible!

Avoid or minimize student loans, if possible!

3. Customize Your Funding Plan or Approach

Where U.S. Student Debt Is Highest & Lowest

Average student loan debt per borrower in the U.S. in 2022

Highest

District of Columbia	$54,945
Maryland	$42,861
Georgia	$41,639
Virginia	$39,165
Florida	$38,459

Lowest

Wyoming	$31,250
South Dakota	$30,954
Iowa	$30,464
North Dakota	$28,604
Puerto Rico	$28,242

Source: Education Data Initiative

4. Apply for Financial Aid
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Apply online - https://fafsa.ed.gov

- ❖ **New form starting 2024-2025 academic year.**
- ❖ Complete to receive college or career federal aid and some state aid.
- ❖ FAFSA is <u>required</u> to receive federal financial aid.
- ❖ Used by colleges to determine student financial aid eligibility.
- ❖ Releases on October 1st each academic year.
- ❖ **FREE** – no cost to apply.
- ❖ College students
  - ❖ Apply *<u>every year</u>* you will return to college the following academic year. (Even if you have scholarships!)
  - ❖ Academic year is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- ❖ FAFSA deadline:
  - ❖ Must be submitted by June 30, 2025.
  - ❖ Any corrections or updates submitted Sept. 14, 2025.

College Funding (Strategy 6) - Page 64-78

4. Apply for Financial Aid
What's New With the FAFSA

❖ **New form starting 2024-2025 academic year.**
❖ Streamlined user experience
❖ Updated student aid calculations
❖ Expanded eligibility for federal student aid
  ❖ An estimated 7.3 million students from low-income backgrounds now eligible for Federal Pell Grants due
❖ Every contributor—anyone (you, your spouse, a biological or adoptive parent, or your parent's spouse) who's required to provide information on the FAFSA form—needs a StudentAid.gov account
❖ Applicants may:
  ❖ Answer as few as 18 questions (10 min to complete)
  ❖ Skip up to 26 questions, depending on their individual circumstances
❖ Students will get a <u>FAFSA Submission Summary</u> report:
  ❖ Expected Family Contribution **(EFC)** ---> Student Aid Index **(SAI)**
  ❖ Pell Grant Eligibility
❖ 2024 – Schools will get reports beginning first half of March 2024.
❖ *Until your school(s) and state receive your form, they won't be able to answer questions about your aid eligibility or status.*

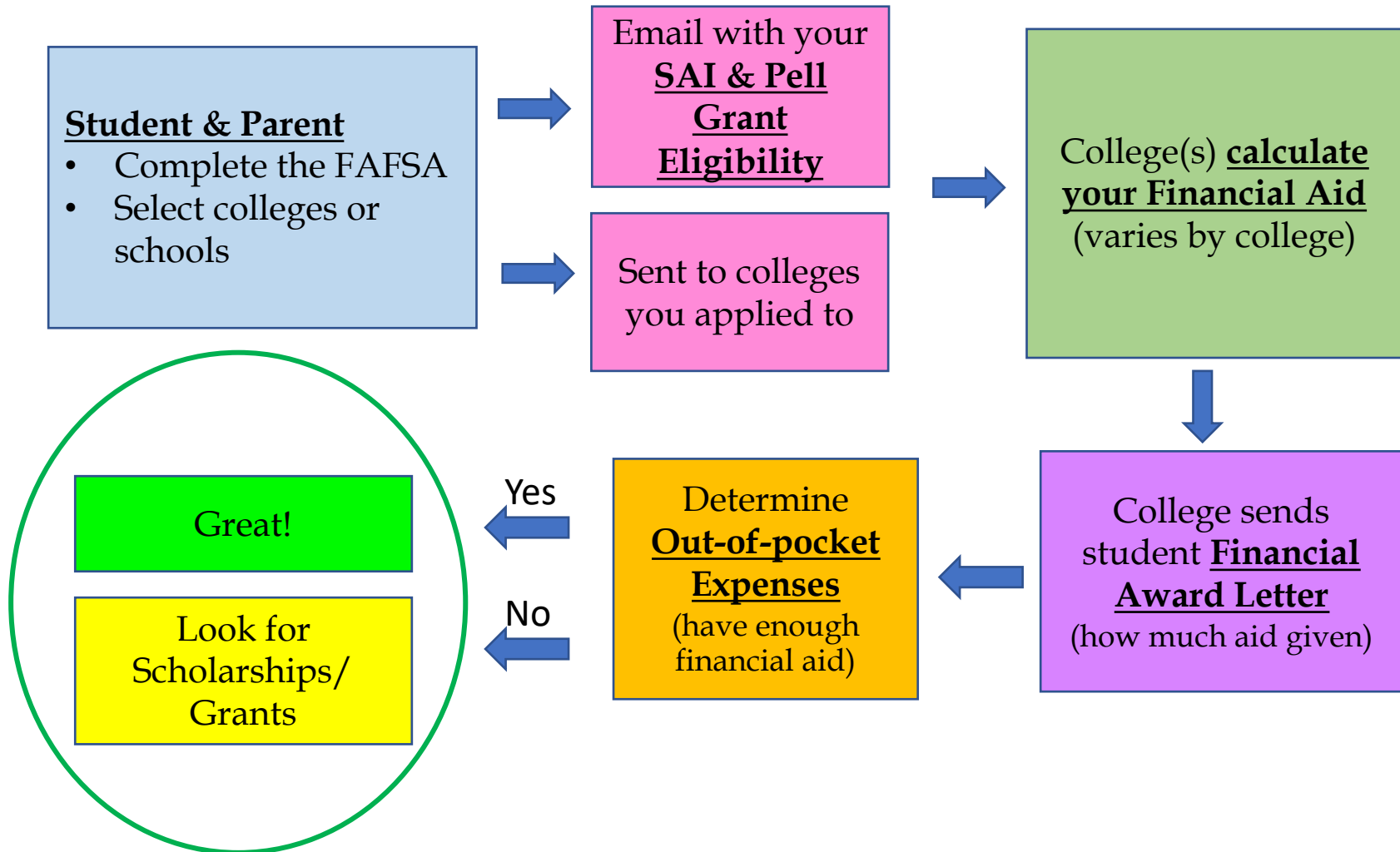# *4. Apply for Financial Aid*
Free **A**pplication for **F**ederal **S**tudent **A**id **(FAFSA)**

❖ Reference documents: ID, tax forms, W-2, bank statements, asset statements, investments, real estate, etc.

❖ Can sign documents electronically.

❖ Students and every contributor must create a Student Aid ID account (FSA ID)

❖ Add your colleges/schools to your FAFSA!!!

❖ Students will receive a report with **Student Aid Index and Pell Grant Eligibility**.

4. Apply for Financial Aid
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Student & Parent
- Complete the FAFSA
- Select colleges or schools

Email with your **SAI & Pell Grant Eligibility**

Sent to colleges you applied to

College(s) **calculate your Financial Aid** (varies by college)

College sends student **Financial Award Letter** (how much aid given)

Determine **Out-of-pocket Expenses** (have enough financial aid)

Yes → Great!

No → Look for Scholarships/ Grants

College Funding (Strategy 6) - Page 64-78

Apply For Scholarships

Gift aid to help fund your education that you _do not_ have to pay back!

Five Ways to Win Scholarships

1. Tailor your application to scholarship.

2. Build a Scholar Profile

3. Search for unique and low competition scholarships.

4. Compile a list and track your scholarships.

5. Don't write trash essays!

1.
Tailor Your Scholarship Applications!!!!

Tailor Your Scholarship Applications
Scholarship Application Parts That Matter the Most

Financial Documents (i.e. SAR)

SAT/ACT Scores

Scholar Profile*

GPA/Transcript

Activities/Interest

Scholarship Application Parts

Letter of Recommendation

College Acceptance / Verification
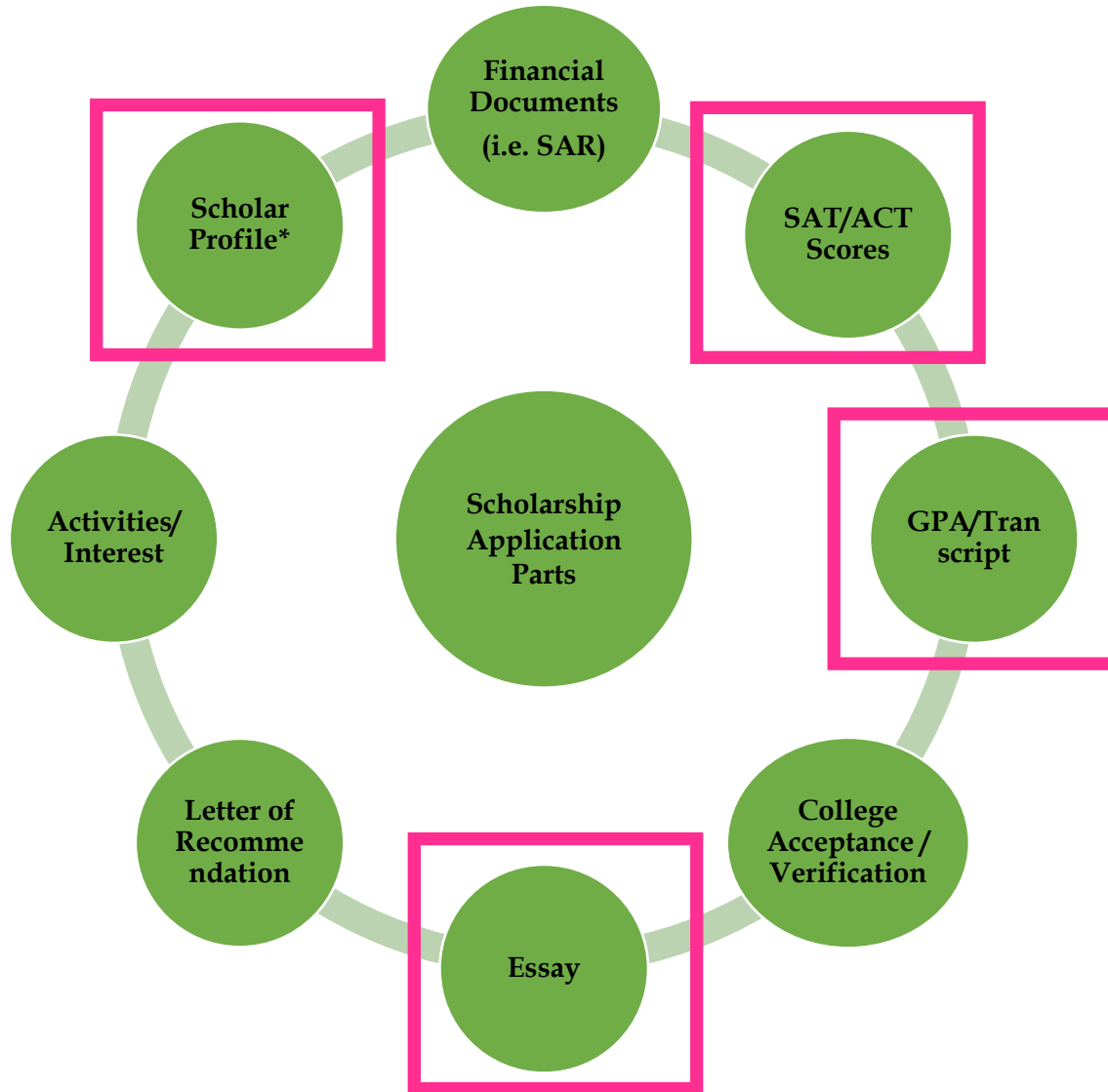
Essay

Tailor Your Scholarship Applications

❖ Save all scholarship content __*BUT*__ customize your applications:

    ❖ Scholar Profile

    ❖ Essay

❖ Consider your college and career/major selections.

❖ Highlight courses and activities relevant to the scholarship.

❖ Submit a complete scholarship application.

❖ Read the scholarship instructions thoroughly.

❖ Follow the instructions!

❖ Be professional:

    ❖ Grammar

    ❖ Spelling

    ❖ Use of slang

2.
Use Your Scholarship Profile

Build a Scholar Profile
Sections

1. Professional picture (optional)

2. Name, address, contact information

3. Objective (future career/college/major)

4. Educational history (current)

5. Honors and accomplishments

6. Employment experience

7. Extra-curricular activities

8. Community service activities

9. Relevant courses

10. Interests/hobbies

Used for…
- ✓ **College applications**
- ✓ **Scholarship apps**
- ✓ **Letters of recommendations**
- ✓ **Essay writing**
- ✓ **Employment opportunities**

3.
Search for Unique and Low Competition Scholarships

Scholarship Searches Matter

Many Different Types of Scholarships

Need-based

Merit-based

Interest-based

Military

Athletic

Major/Career

Search for Unique or Low Competition Scholarships

❖ Small award amounts.

❖ Few people know they exist.

❖ Few people apply for.

❖ Few people are eligible for.

❖ Few people want to write essays.

❖ Few people want to obtain letters of recommendation.

❖ No one is You! Focus on what make you different/unique.

Scholarship Search Scenario

Gloria is a Japanese-American high school senior with a 3.92 GPA, who lives in Virginia. Gloria wants to attend college and major in Chemistry. She can also play the piano well. She is very smart but has concerns that her ADHD might hinder her from learning at the same pace as others in college. Gloria is also concerned that she cannot afford college because her father died during COVID-19 and her mother's income is low. She reached out to me because no one in her family went to college and they do not understand the college funding process.

What Types of Scholarships Can Gloria Apply For?

Scholarship Search Exercise

Gloria **(1. female)** is a Japanese-American **(2. minority)** high school senior **(3. high school senior)** with a 3.92 GPA **(4. merit-based/academic)** , who lives in Virginia **(5. state and local)**. Gloria wants to attend college and major in Chemistry **(6. STEM) (7. specific major)** . She can also play the piano well **(8. arts/talents/interest)** . She is very smart but has concerns that her ADHD **(9. learning challenge/ medical disability)** might hinder her from learning at the same pace as others in college. Gloria is also concerned that she cannot afford college because her father died during COVID-19 **(10. COVID impact) (11. deceased parent)** and her mother's income is low **(12. financial need)** . She reached out to me because no one in her family went to college **(13. first generation)** and they do not understand the college funding process.

Where to Find Scholarships?

EVERYWHERE!

STEM

SPORTS

RELIGIOUS ORGS

NON-PROFITS

Community Foundations

MILITARY

ARTS

SOCIAL OR CIVIC CLUBS

BUSINESSES

Gloria's Scholarship Google Search
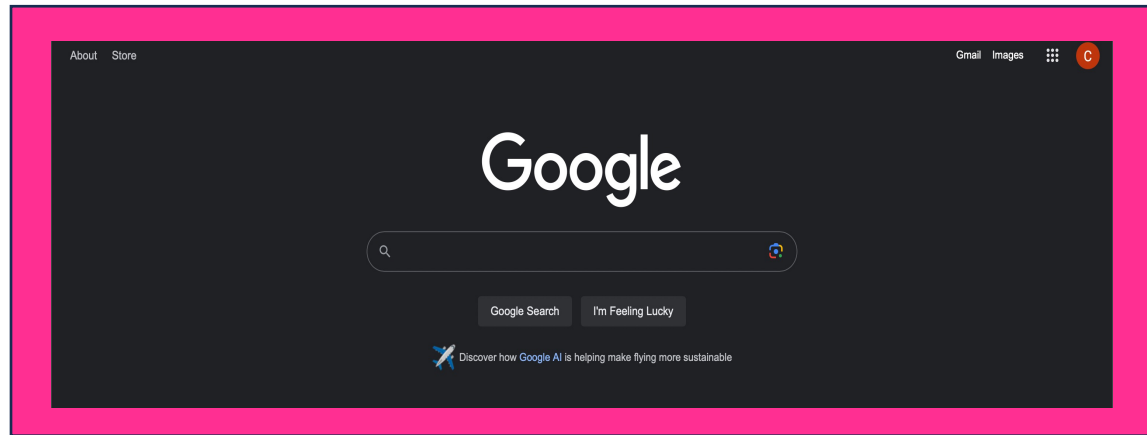
❖ Use Specific Key Words:

  ❖ Scholarship **"$1000"** applications **Virginia** 2024

  ❖ Scholarship "**chemistry**" or "**STEM**" applications 2024

  ❖ Scholarships "**female**" application 2024

❖ Combine Specific Key Words:

  ❖ Scholarship **"$1000"** applications for "**females**" in Virginia 2024

  ❖ Scholarship "**chemistry**" for "**minority females**" applications 2024

  ❖ Scholarships "**minority female**" with "**ADHD**" application 2024

4.

Compile a List and Track Your Scholarships

Compile a List & Track Your Scholarships

Template 9: Funding/Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet

Name: _____	Date: _____				EFC: _____				Need: _____			
No	FUNDING/ SCHOLARSHI P NAME	APPLICATION LINK	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	AWARD AMOUNT	DEADLINE	ESSAY(S) (Y/N)	LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION (Y/N)	TEST SCORES (Y/N)	DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED	SELECTION DECISION	AMOUNT AWARDED	NOTES
1												
2												
3												
4												
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5. Don't Write Trash Essays!

Essay Dos

- ❖ Consider a simple "theme" and tie it into a broader story.

- ❖ Make them feel like they know you.

- ❖ Talk about you:

  - ❖ A challenge you faced and how you overcame it.

  - ❖ How you accomplished your goals.

  - ❖ What inspired you.

  - ❖ What you learned about yourself (mindset change, a lesson)

  - ❖ How you plan to make a difference.

- ❖ Have a community service or passion to help others experience.

- ❖ At the end: Share how you match the values of the scholarship organization

  - ❖ Research

  - ❖ About us page

College Funding General Checklist

❑ Select a major(s)

❑ Apply to colleges

❑ Complete and submit the FAFSA (enter the college code)

❑ Apply for scholarships (throughout senior year & beyond)

❑ Review or appeal college Financial Aid Award Letter(s)

❑ Select a college to attend

❑ Accept your financial aid awards

❑ Pay enrollment and housing deposits

Conclusion

❖   Understand your funding situation!

❖   Put in the work!

❖   Start your scholarship applications early.

❖   Put together a system or plan that works for YOU!

❖   Get organized:

   ❖   Set up an email address for college. (share w parents)

   ❖   Electronic & paper file system.

   ❖   Save your passwords.

❖   Use these winning strategies.

❖   Apply until you get every year of college funded!

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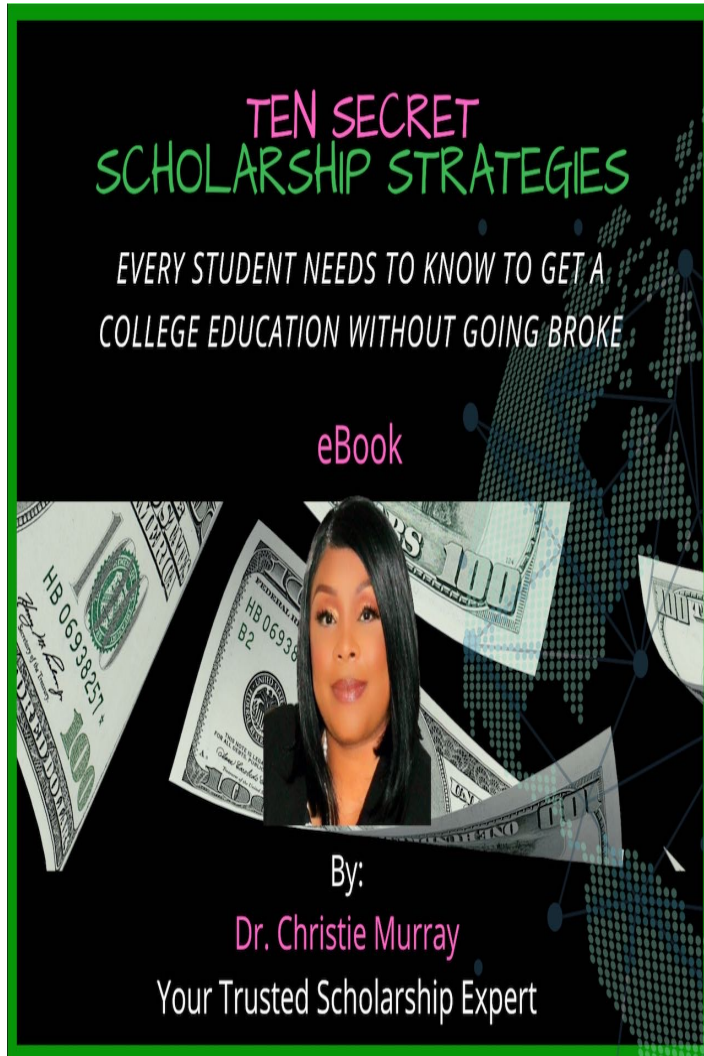
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- ❖ Top Strategies for Taking the SAT/ACT: https://youtu.be/U2x9hIJngao
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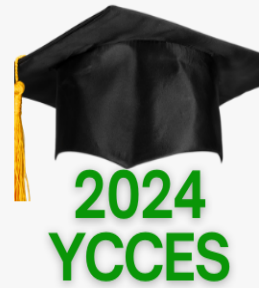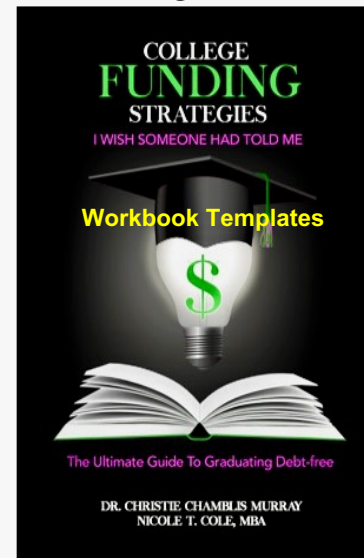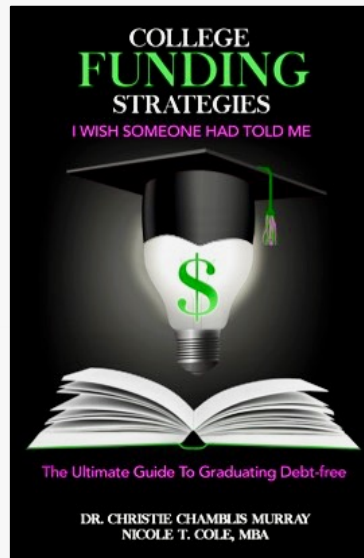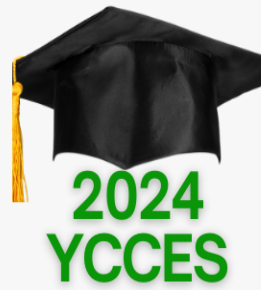
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Grab a Quick Lunch
(Start at noon)

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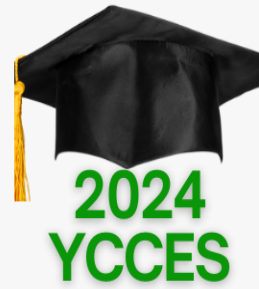
Military ROTC Scholarship Opportunities

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Army SROTC Scholarships

United States Army Cadet Command
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Agenda

➢ Why this matters to you

➢ Overview of Board and Selection Process

➢ Scholarship Types

➢ Where to find online application

➢ How you can help

➢ Additional Opportunities

➢ SMC/MJC Scholarships

➢ Questions

➢Face of the Army

- Students will seek you
- Increase your knowledge of the application process

➢Dual Win: College and Army

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- ➢ Prospect applies online 12 Jun (after Jr Year) – 10 Jan (Sr Year)
  - 2.5 CGPA (Unweighted) on 4.0 Scale
  - 19 ACT or 1000 SAT
  - Will be a Freshmen when entering college

- ➢ Prospect interviews with local ROTC program Jun (after Jr Year) – Feb (Sr Year) - "PMS Interview"

- ➢ PMS's review board files and school entrance eligibility

- ➢ HQCC conducts 3 scholarship boards Oct – Jan - Mar

- ➢ HQCC mails letters to scholarship winners with selected school choices

- ➢ Prospect receives offer letter and accepts scholarship offer to normally 1 of up to 3 school choices (within 30 days)

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Army ROTC Scholarships

- Benefits are determined by law
    - Full-tuition & Fees **OR** Room & Board
        - Tuition and Fees – Full tuition and fees at academic school
        - Room & Board – Max $10K per year

    - Books - $1200.00 per year ($600 per semester)

    - Stipend - $420.00 per month once contracted

- Please note that School Provided Benefits are provided by the schools they attend and the availability of those benefits are subject to school funding, school-mandated eligibility and general availability

- US Army Cadet Command cannot, by law, replace School Provided Benefits

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National High School Process

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Applicant Stages

- Disqualified
- Pending
- Eligible
- Interviewee
- Board Ready
- Boarded
- Boarded/Under Consideration
- Winner
- Not Selected

Sign-up for account and initiate application

Self-report GPA, SAT scores, and activities
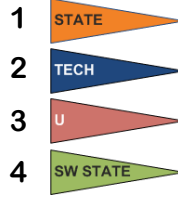
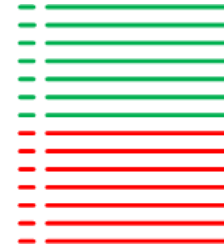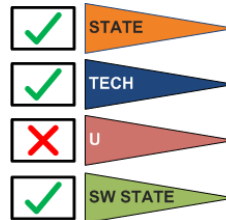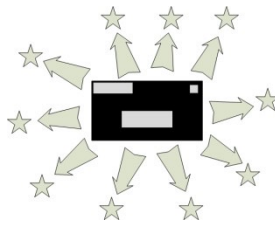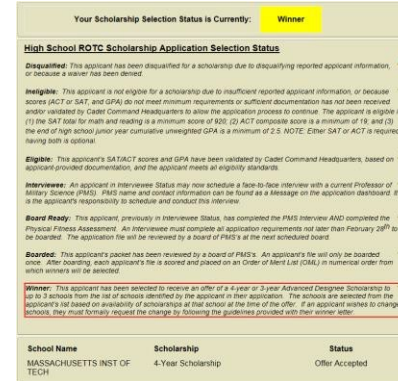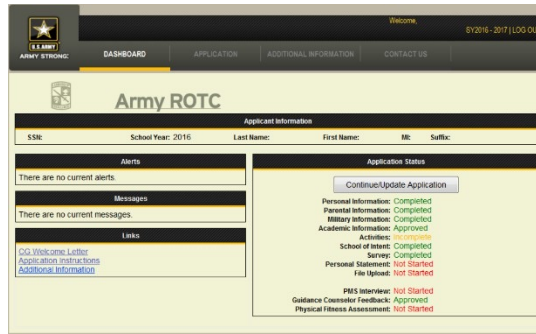Identify major and select schools of choice

Take CBEF and PFA

Upload and Verify Documents

PMS Interview
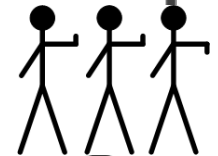
Oct, Jan, & Mar Board Selections

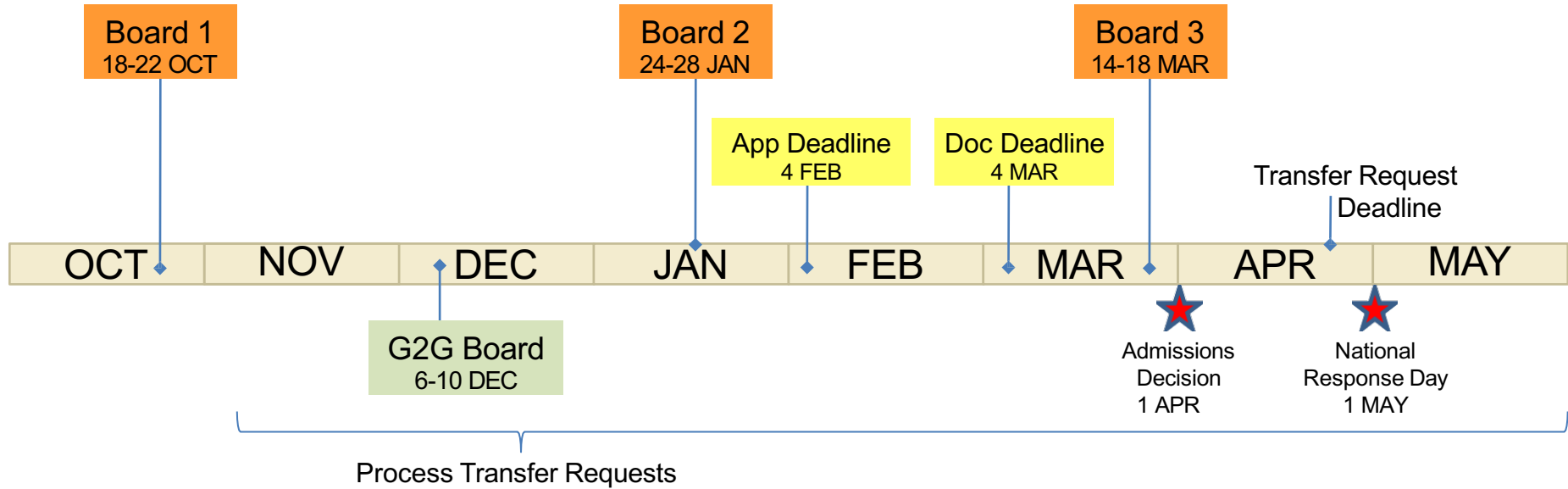Run GASP

Draw Cut-off Lines

HQ USACC Oct, Jan, & Mar Boards

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Board 1 18-22 OCT

Board 2 24-28 JAN

Board 3 14-18 MAR

App Deadline 4 FEB

Doc Deadline 4 MAR

Transfer Request Deadline

| OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY |

G2G Board 6-10 DEC

Admissions Decision 1 APR

National Response Day 1 MAY

Process Transfer Requests

National Test Dates

OCT BOARD Test Dates

SAT – JUN & AUG
ACT – JUN, JUL, SEP

JAN BOARD Test Dates

SAT – OCT, NOV, DEC
ACT – OCT, DEC

MAR BOARD Test Dates

SAT – none
ACT – FEB

Other HSSP Application Important Dates

- 12 JUN Application opens.
- Document submission deadlines are typically two weeks prior to the board. Refer to https://hs.usarmyrotc.com/
- PMS interview deadlines are the Friday before the board.

Other Admissions Important Dates
- Early Action: 1 & 15 NOV. Results can arrive in DEC with some schools require a binding commitment.
- Regular Decision: 1 & 15 JAN. Admission decisions usually March to April.

College Board typically releases scores 2-3 weeks after test with written portion taking longer.
ACT, Inc releases scores 10-14 days after test date with written portion taking longer.

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How many scholarship types are available through ARMY ROTC?

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Available Army ROTC Scholarships Scholarship Types

YR / CATEGORY	4-YEAR			3-YEAR			2-YEAR		
	4YR	3.5YR	3AD	3YR	2.5YR	2AD	2YR	1.5YR or 3Sem Option	(1 YR)
LINE	🟢🔵	🔵	🟢🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	SMC ONLY
NURSE	🟢🔵	🔵	🟢🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	SMC ONLY
DED GRFD	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	SMC ONLY
GRFD						🔵	🔵	🔵	SMC ONLY
LANG	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	SMC ONLY
STEM/ URBAN	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	
G2G	🟢			🟢			🟢		
MJC MJC ONLY							🟢🔵		
2+2 MJC ONLY	🟢🔵	🔵	🟢🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵	🔵		

🟢 National – Use PMS Review, except GRFD, LANG, STEM   🔵 Campus-Based – Use Cadet Data

Scholarship Types

National Board Offers

➢ LINE offers

➢ 4-Year and 3-Year Advanced Designee (3AD)

- Line
- Nurse

➢ 2-Year Scholarships (ID or Selected)

- Military Junior Colleges (MJC)

A 3-year Advanced Designee (3AD) scholarship is a 4-year scholarship that does not pay benefits the first year, pending one-year validation by the PMS.

For benefits to start:

- be enrolled in ROTC classes during the entire first year and successfully complete MS1.

- have achieved a 2.5 or higher academic CGPA and a 3.0 ROTC GPA at the end of their MS1 year.

- be qualified, medically and administratively.

- pass the ACFT prior to contracting.

Register with "GoArmy" and Begin an Application

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1. Scroll down
2. Click "Scholarships"
3. Take the Next Step: Create An Account

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How To Register With "GoArmy" And Begin An Application (cont'd)

How To Register With "GoArmy" And Begin An Application (cont'd)

1st-time user clicks here to create GoArmy.com account.

APPLY ONLINE FOR AN ARMY ROTC FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

If you are applying for a scholarship, you first will need to create a MY GOARMY account. Once you create an account, you will be sent to the MY GOARMY Log In page. Once you can successfully login to MY GOARMY, you can use your newly created account information to login to the scholarship application site.

Take the Next Step: Create An Account

Returning user clicks here to re-login to application

Already a member? Log In to the scholarship application site.

Download an ROTC Physical Assessment Card.

Logging into Application

Welcome to the

Army ROTC 4-Year High School Scholarship Application 2.01 Secure Access SSL VPN

Username [   ]

Password [   ]

[Sign In]

The deadline to initiate **NEW** applications for the 2017-2018 School Year is 10 January 2017 @ 1159pm EST.

To appear before a Selection Board to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit a completed application, including the PMS Interview by 1159 EST on one of the below "Document Submission Deadlines".

Document Submission Deadlines:

1st High School Board – 7 October 2016

2nd High School Board – 6 January 2017

3rd High School Board – 28 February 2017

Selection Board Convene Dates:

1st High School Board – 24-28 October 2016

2nd High School Board – 23-27 January 2017

3rd High School Board – 13-17 March 2017

NOTE: Applicants who were previously boarded but not selected to receive a scholarship, can continue to submit updated documents to increase their chance for selection. However, all application updates must be **SUBMITTED** no later than 28 February 2017 @ 1159pm to be considered for a scholarship during the final board that convenes 13-17 March 2017.

Watch the Official ROTC YouTube video on how to fill out the 4 Year High School Scholarship Application: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iV_kgAj98HE

Attention Applicants: For the best results in viewing the Army ROTC 4-Year High School Scholarship Application, Windows Users please use Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher, or Mozilla Firefox browsers version 29.0 or higher. Internet Explorer 10 or 11 users who experience issues, please turn on compatibility mode. Mac Users please use Mozilla Firefox version 29.0 or higher or Safari version 6.1.4 or higher.

Your USERNAME is the complete email address you used to create your Go Army account. Please sign in using that email address and password you entered in creating your Go Army account.

If you are unable to access your application, please send an email to: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.it-help-desk@mail.mil
Please provide the following information in your email:

Identify this as a 4 Year Online Scholarship Application issue OR Go Army Login issue (if you are unable to login), to ensure it is submitted to the appropriate support team.

Name
Phone Number
Email Address
Brief Description and/or Screenshot of the error received.

FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CONTACT US AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have application questions or receive error messages specific to the application status while attempting to complete your application please send an email to: usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil with a brief explanation as to the problem you are experiencing.

All faxes should be sent to (502) 624-1120 and emails sent to usarmy.knox.usacc.mbx.train2lead@mail.mil

Application Dashboard

Application

Welcome, Michael Hudson (michael.l.hudson1.civ@mail.mil) - Administrator
SY2016 - 2017 | LOG OUT

DASHBOARD **ADD APPLICANT** **MANAGE SCHOOLS** **MANAGE DOCUMENTS** **CRITICAL DATES** **REPORTS**

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Personal Information	Parental Information	Military Information	Academic Information	Activities	School of Intent	Survey	Essays	File Upload	Selection Status

*Please enter **ALL** requested information. The ★ denotes a **Required** field. Thank you.*

Army ROTC reserves a limited number of scholarships for those students who desire to attend a Historically Black College/University (HBCU). HBCUs offers students, regardless of race, culture, a rich history, and rigorous academic programs and opportunity. Most importantly, they prepare students for leadership and life after graduation.

★ **Do you want to compete for a scholarship to a HBCU?** ○ Yes ◉ No

★ **Do you want to be considered for the Early Commissioning Program (ECP)?** ○ Yes ◉ No

Participation in the Early Commissioning Program means you attend 1 of our 5 Military Junior Colleges (MJC) for 2 years. Upon successful completion of the academic and military requirements at the MJC, you will receive your Commission as a Second Lieutenant and an Associate's Degree. You will then be required to serve in either the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard while simultaneously completing your Bachelor's Degree at any 4-year College or University that has an Army ROTC Program. The 5 MJC's are: Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, GA; Marion Military Institute in Marion, AL; New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, NM; Valley Forge Military College in Wayne, PA; and Wentworth Military Academy & College in Lexington, MO.

The U.S. Army ROTC 4 Year Scholarships are awarded to high school students by academic discipline. Currently, there are five academic discipline groups in the Army ROTC Four Year Scholarship Program, Generalist, Technical, Physical Science/Analytical Engineering and Nursing. You may select your academic major from among these discipline groups. Once a scholarship has been awarded, prior approval must be given for any change of academic major which migrates from one discipline group to another discipline group. Select from the academic discipline list first. This will display the academic majors for that discipline in the major list.

★ **Discipline** [Nursing ▼] ★ **Major** [NURSING GENERAL ▼]

Indicate Interest in HBCU and/or ECP

Application

School of Intent

- When requested below, select the name of the college or university offering ROTC you wish to attend. Please specify a minimum of one school choice, but a maximum of seven.
- If you are applying for a scholarship in the Nursing or Engineering fields, ALL selected school choices must be Accredited Nursing or Engineering Program schools.
- If you are applying to a Historically Black College or University and you have indicated above that you desire to compete for a scholarship to attend a Historically Black College or University and are awarded an ROTC Scholarship, then you MUST attend a HBCU. When choosing schools below you must have the very 1st priority pick as an HBCU.
- Only schools with active ROTC Scholarship programs will appear in the list below.
- To add a school choice, select the school choice drop down box, State and School Name and the press the UPDATE LIST button.
- When selecting school choices, the application process requires that at least one of your choices is a college in your home state of residence.
- To Delete a school choice, click the red X next to the school choice that you wish to remove.
- After pressing the UPDATE LIST button, your selection will appear in the list below.
- School choices are listed in priority based on the preferences of where you wish to attend.
- To change the priority order of the selections that you have made, remove the items, then select them in the order you wish them to be in.
- When selecting school choices, the application process requires that 3 of your 7 choices are public colleges or universities. If you select fewer than 6 schools, then 2 of the 5 choices must be public colleges or universities. 3 or fewer choices, 1 must be a public college or university.
- Continue with this process for the school choices and prioritize as you desire. After reviewing your list, press the Save button.

State <select state>   **School** <select school>   Update List

	Priority	School	State	Private	HBCU	MJC		
⇕	1	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	SC	Yes	No	No	✖	
⇕	2	UNIV OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE	SC	No	No	No	✖	
⇕	3	LANDER UNIVERSITY	SC	No	No	No	✖	

Save   Continue

Selection Status

DASHBOARD | ADD APPLICANT | MANAGE SCHOOLS | MANAGE DOCUMENTS | CRITICAL DATES | REPORTS

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Personal Information | Parental Information | Military Information | Academic Information | Activities | School of Intent | Survey | Essays | File Upload | Selection Status

Your Scholarship Selection Status is Currently: **Winner**

High School ROTC Scholarship Application Selection Status

Disqualified: *This applicant has been disqualified for a scholarship due to disqualifying reported applicant information, or because a waiver has been denied.*

Ineligible: *This applicant is not eligible for a scholarship due to insufficient reported applicant information, or because scores (ACT or SAT, and GPA) do not meet minimum requirements or sufficient documentation has not been received and/or validated by Cadet Command Headquarters to allow the application process to continue. The applicant is eligible if: (1) the SAT total for math and reading is a minimum score of 920; (2) ACT composite score is a minimum of 19; and (3) the end of high school junior year cumulative unweighted GPA is a minimum of 2.5. NOTE: Either SAT or ACT is required, having both is optional.*

Eligible: *This applicant's SAT/ACT scores and GPA have been validated by Cadet Command Headquarters, based on applicant-provided documentation, and the applicant meets all eligibility standards.*

Interviewee: *An applicant in Interviewee Status may now schedule a face-to-face interview with a current Professor of Military Science (PMS). PMS name and contact information can be found as a Message on the application dashboard. It is the applicant's responsibility to schedule and conduct this interview.*

Board Ready: *Your application is currently Board Ready. You have submitted all the required documents to include your fitness assessment, You have completed your PMS interview and it has been posted. Your application will be reviewed by a board of PMS's at the next selection board.*

Boarded: *This applicant's packet has been reviewed by a board of PMS's. An applicant's file will only be boarded once. After boarding, each applicant's file is scored and placed on an Order of Merit List (OML) in numerical order from which winners will be selected.*

Winner: *This applicant has been selected to receive an offer of a 4-year or 3-year Advanced Designee Scholarship to up to 3 schools from the list of schools identified by the applicant in their application. The schools are selected from the applicant's list based on availability of scholarships at that school at the time of the offer. If an applicant wishes to change schools, they must formally request the change by following the guidelines provided with their winner letter.*

School Name	Scholarship	Status
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	3 Year Advance Designee Scholarship	Offer Accepted

Waiver(s) Required

No Waivers Required

Facts about the National Scholarship "Selection" Board

➤ In order for a Prospect's File to be reviewed by the Selection board, HQCC must have

- Copy of Student's High School Transcript
- An ROTC Physical Fitness Assessment
- Validated SAT/ACT to HQCC (copies of scores or electronic validation)
- PMS Interview

➤ Prospect boarded only one time but considered during each scholarship round until selected or boards completed

➤ Re-boards for admin errors only

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Selection Board Evaluation Factors:
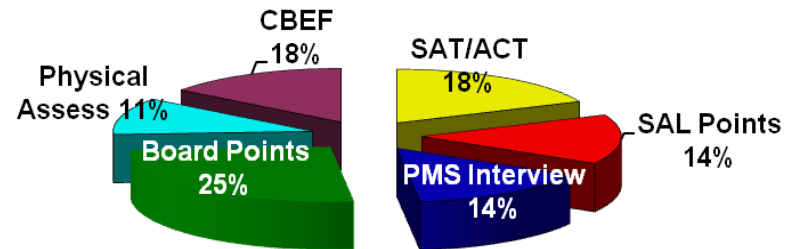
Military Potential

> Athletic Participation
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> JROTC Participation
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> Physical Fitness
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> Program Motivation
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> Officer Evaluation

Personal Factors

> Leadership Participation
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> Non-School Activities
>
> Character
>
> Exceptional Achievement
>
> Technical Interest

Scholarship

> Math/Science Achievements
>
> Intellectual Motivation
>
> Personal Statement

Quality Index Factors
→ High School Class Rank/GPA (≥ 2.5)
→ SAT (≥ 1000) / ACT (≥ 19) Scores
→ PMS Interview

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Class	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fiscal Year Process	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Top 5% of Class	22%	21%	21%	23%	22%
Top 10% of Class	37%	38%	38%	39%	41%
Top 25% of Class	69%	72%	71%	71%	71%
Top 50% of Class	95%	94%	95%	94%	94%
Presidents of Student Body or Sr. Class	8%	8%	9%	11%	10%
Other Class Officers	18%	18%	17%	18%	19%
National Honor Society	55%	59%	61%	62%	61%
Varsity Letter Winners	76%	77%	79%	80%	81%
Varsity Team Captains	59%	64%	63%	67%	68%
Club Presidents	18%	18%	19%	26%	20%
JROTC Participants	28%	29%	25%	23%	23%
Boys/Girls State	20%	23%	24%	23%	24%
4 Year College Board Mean	1268	1295	1321	1336	1339
National College Board Mean	1002	1060	1068	1059	1000*
High School GPA	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7

*College Board data for High School Class of 2020 (MS24) not yet available

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How You Can Help

➢ Be familiar with the process

- Submit an application
- Know timelines
- Encourage early submission

➢ Interview Preparation

- Practice the interview
- Uniform

➢ Encourage

- Diversify activities other than JROTC (in and out of school)
- Scholar, Athlete, Leader
- GPA matters

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Additional Opportunities

- Campus-based Scholarships

- Army National Guard and Army Reserves

- Military Junior Colleges

Campus Based Scholarships

➢ Most utilized scholarship

➢ Budget is managed at BDE level

➢ PMS/APMS/ROO select applicants

➢ Possible BDE board or BDE OML

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➢ SMP program

➢ GRFD program (GRFD, Dedicated GRFD, Minuteman)

- Minuteman are nominations from TAG, CASA, ARA or MSC Commander

➢ Benefits and Options vary based on scholarship

- Dedicated vs GRFD

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- **14 October 2024** – board meets 21-25 October 2024
- **20 January 2025** – board meets 27-31 January 2025
- **17 March 2025** – board meets 24-28 March 2025
  - ✓ All packet items must be completed by these dates to meet the Army ROTC scholarship deadline
  - ✓ Note that the SAT/ACT is still required for a completed packet.
  - ✓ The Portal Opens on June 12, 2024. You must open an application by March 4, 2025 and complete your packet by March 17, 2025 for the last board.
  - ✓ Other Important Dates:
  - ✓ PMS Interviews deadlines are the Friday before the board. (Note that this date is different from the "document deadline.")
  - ✓ Here is the link to start your Army ROTC Application
- **Prepare for your ROTC interview**
- **Take the SAT/ACT again if you should**
- **Strive for a high GPA but take relatively tough classes**
- **Take on leadership roles – athlete, leader activities matter**
- **Participate in a "vigorous" varsity sport and do your best on the physical fitness test.**

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COL Michael McLendon

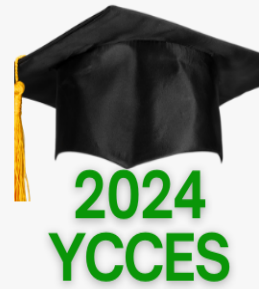## United States Army Cadet Command
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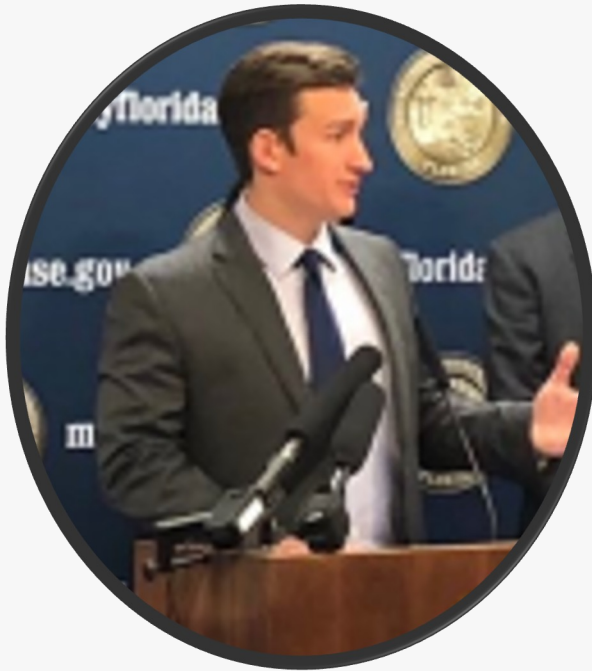
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- Overview of BuildWithin

- Benefits of an Apprenticeship

- Questions

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BuildWithin is an innovative workforce development solutions provider that empowers organizations to create and manage apprenticeship programs with efficiency and success. Our mission is to bridge the gap between employers and talented individuals seeking to gain practical skills and valuable work experience.

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BuildWithin is a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) approved Apprenticeship
Intermediary and grantee of the Apprenticeship Building America Grant. This means
we can support:

- Facilitates the creation and implementation of registered apprenticeship programs (RAPs)
- Supports the development and management of robust apprenticeships
- Ensures all compliance with state and federal mandates

- Provides expertise and team support throughout the apprenticeship journey
- Connects employers and potential apprentices
- Provides training and technical assistance to employers and apprentices
- Data collection and reporting

STATE OF TODAY'S **WORKFORCE**

- There are ~9 million job openings and ~6 million people unemployed
- 75% of jobs require a 4-year college degree while only 36% of applicants have one
- Employers across the nation report difficulty filling positions

Employers need talent to fill their vacancies

The Problem is Twofold
One side cannot be solved without the other.

Job-seekers lack access to these jobs

PARADIGM SHIFT

Despite the millions of openings, employers struggle to find suitable candidates.

There is a significant pool of untapped talent with transferable skills, a drive to succeed, and a commitment to self-improvement through education and certification.

These individuals are often willing to devote their personal time to pursuing further education, but they may not have the experience that employers typically seek.

This **leaves talent on the table** and people behind

BuildWithin **opens access** to phenomenal, hard to reach of talent
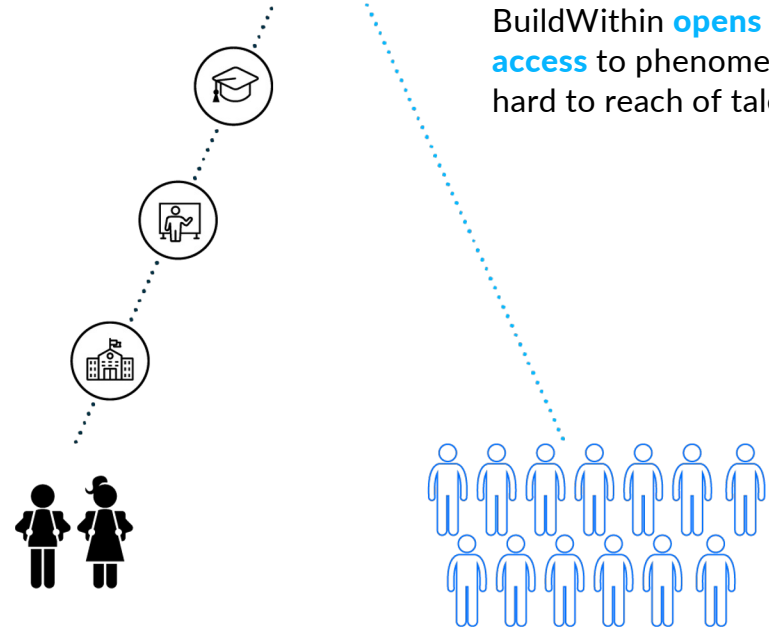
For centuries, formal education has been **the only way** to a professional job.

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WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS

*"Apprenticeship is an industry-driven, **high-quality career pathway** where **employers can develop and prepare their future workforce,** and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally-recognized credential."*

Department of Labor - Office of Apprenticeships

Components of an Apprenticeship

On-the-Job Training (**OJT**)	In-person / Online Classroom Training (**RTI**)	Manager, Apprentice, Mentor, Admin

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THE BENEFITS OF APPRENTICESHIPS

- Hire quickly
- Develop your own skilled workforce specific to your company needs
- Increase staff productivity
- Increase staff loyalty and retention

- Increase diversity (veterans, seniors, BIPOC, neurodiverse)
- Flexible training options
- Minimize liability costs
- Financial incentives from Federal and State resources

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THE ROLE OF BUILDWITHIN

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ABA GRANT OVERVIEW

- The U.S. Department of Labor's DOL Apprenticeship Building America ABA grant program was created to strengthen, modernize, expand, and diversify its Registered Apprenticeship Program RAP to enable more workers to earn while they learn and find reliable pathways to the middle class.

- The program made $113 million in grant funding available, including up to $50 million to support equity partnerships and pre-apprenticeship activities to increase enrollment in Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Using a coordinated national investment strategy, the ABA grant program will strengthen and modernize the RAP system, increase equity and accessibility in program delivery to apprentices, bring the Registered Apprenticeship model to more industries, and improve RAP completion rates for under-represented populations and underserved communities.

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Did You Know?

- There are over 880,000 apprentices across the United States
- $80,000 is the average annual salary after completing an apprenticeship program
- 90% retention after graduation

$300K+
Lifetime Earning Advantage
Apprentice graduates earn more over their lifetime

There are over 25,000 available programs currently through ABA

APPRENTICESHIPS YOU CAN BEGIN TODAY

- Office Operations Manager
- Business Development Representative
- Quality Assurance Developer
- Software Developer
- Web Developer
- Front-End Application Developer
- Network/IT Support Specialist
- Help Desk Tier 1
- Customer Success Manager
- Data Analyst
- Restaurant Manager
- Digital Marketing Specialist
- Product Manager
- Cyber Security Specialist
- Insurance Sales Agent

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APPRENTICE SUCCESS

Chyna
Customer Success Apprentice

Skills Learned:
Intercom, JIRA, Confluence, ReTool, Slack, Figma, Customer Support & Account Mgmt

Drew
Product Manager Apprentice

Skills Learned:
JIRA, Confluence, ReTool, Slack, Figma, Product Design & Implementation
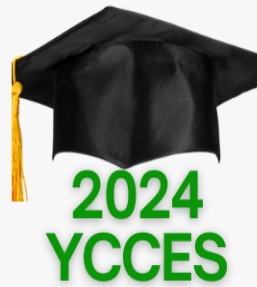
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IT Specialist

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Questions?

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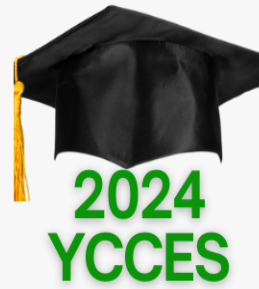**Matt@buildwithin.com**

2024 YCCES

Young Adulting Experiences: College & Beyond

Panel Discussion
Moderator: Jasmine Smith

- **Ronald Chamblis**
- **Jada Holloway**
- **Landon Mason II**

- **Jamarion Willie-Hughes**
- **Bethany Taullie**

Closing Remarks and Scholarship Instructions

Dr. Christie Murray

Scholarship Opportunities

Types of Scholarships

| Scholarship Donor & Criteria	Donated Amount
Magnus Temple No. 3 *(College Freshmen, VA resident and attending a VA HBCU)*	**$2,500** (Possibly two awards)
The Buffy Foundation, Inc.	**$2,000** (Possibly multiple awards)
Gospel Worship Scholarship Program	**$1,000** (Possibly multiple awards)
UltimusIT	**$500**
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Center of Transformation *(Rising High school senior attending a BGCGW Club, CoT Teen, funds will be sent directly to college)*	**$300**
Chamblis Consulting LLC	**$150**

Application Link: www.EdExInc.com/2024-ycces

❖ Student Eligibility:
  ❖ Attend both days of the summit
  ❖ Camera on and engaged
❖ Complete the Scholarship Application - ***by 10 pm EST tonight***!
❖ Scholar Profile - develop and upload (template on website)
❖ Photo (.jpg or .png) - Upload a clear headshot photo
❖ Essay (250 words): ***"Describe an academic challenge you experienced, how you overcame the challenge, and what you learned about yourself."***
❖ School/College verification - high school (report card), college acceptance, college enrollment (admissions or verification letter)
❖ GPA - Unofficial transcripts, report card, etc.
❖ "Scholarships for Scholars" FB or IG Screenshot

Issues with the Application…Switch your Browser!!
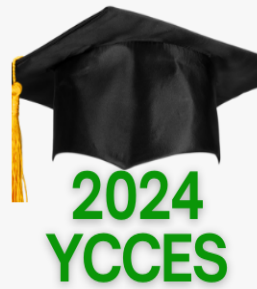
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See You Tomorrow at 3:00 pm EST
(Same Zoom Link)

Link to Scholarship Application & Scholar Profile Template
(Submit by 10 PM EST): www.EdExInc.com/2024-ycces