

BADGER HIGH SCHOOL

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COLLEGE TIME LINE

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST	VISIT ANY COLLEGES YOU DID NOT ALREADY GET TO TAKE ACT AGAIN (IF YOU WANT TO)
JULY	WRITE COLLEGE ESSAY
JULY/AUGUST	START APPLYING TO SCHOOLS
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	SUBMIT APPLICATIONS (DO NOT WAIT) SEND TRANSCRIPTS SEND ACT SCORES ATTEND SENIOR STUDENT/PARENT NIGHT
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER	START APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS GET LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION GO TO WEF FAIR WITH THE COUNSELORS (COLLEGE FAIR) ATTEND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT FILL OUT FAFSA (FINANCIAL AID)
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	LOOK FOR EARLY ADMISSION NOTICES KEEP FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS BE MINDFUL OF DEADLINES FOR ACCEPTANCE/TURNING THINGS IN/FAFSA/SCHOLARSHIP
JANUARY – MARCH	MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION MAKE ANY PAYMENTS DUE NOTIFY SCHOOLS YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING SIGN UP FOR PLACEMENT TESTING AT YOUR NEW SCHOOL SIGN UP FOR REGISTRATION/ORIENTATION DAY



COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following are general guidelines that may be helpful in your academic planning.
Students should check college websites for specific requirements.

BADGER
HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY &
TECHNICAL
COLLEGES

PUBLIC & PRIVATE
UNIVERSITIES IN
WISCONSIN

HIGHLY SELECTIVE
COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES

ENGLISH	4 CREDITS	4 CREDITS	4 CREDITS	4 CREDITS
MATH	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS INCLUDING ALGEBRA 2	4 CREDITS RECOMMENDED THROUGH CALCULUS INCLUDING AP & HONORS LEVEL
SCIENCE	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS INCLUDING BIOLOGY	3-4 CREDITS BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS RECOMMENDED INCLUDING AP & HONORS LEVEL
SOCIAL STUDIES	3 ½ CREDITS INCLUDING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	3 CREDITS	3 CREDITS	3-4 CREDITS RECOMMENDED INCLUDING AP & HONORS LEVEL
WORLD LANGUAGE	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	2 CREDITS OF THE SAME LANGUAGE (SELECT SCHOOLS)	3-4 CREDITS OF THE SAME LANGUAGE
FINANCE	½ CREDIT			
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	½ CREDIT OF HEALTH 1 ½ CREDITS OF PE			
ELECTIVES	8 CREDITS	2 CREDITS	4 CREDITS	4 CREDITS

MUST PASS THE CIVICS TEST PRIOR TO GRADUATION

TOTAL CREDITS

24

17

17

19-22



<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/>

WHAT IS UW HELP?

A trusted source of University of Wisconsin information for more than 40 years, the UW Higher Education Location Program (UW HELP) is the front door to the UW System and all 26 of its campuses. The program helps students of all ages and backgrounds find UW System campuses that meet their needs. It also provides guidance as they prepare for college and connects them to UW System schools for a lifetime.

UW HELP develops resources such as these:

- The UW HELP website, which helps prospective students get to know UW System schools, the admission process, financial aid options, and more
- UW Journey, a mobile app that helps students determine which UW System campuses best meet their needs and interests
- Electronic and print publications used for UW System marketing and recruitment



<http://www.waicu.org/>

The Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) is the official organization of Wisconsin's 23 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. WAICU is dedicated to expanding educational opportunity for students and is national recognized for its innovative programming to control college costs and for its partnerships with employers to provide skilled graduates.

Alverno College • Bellin College • Beloit College • Cardinal Stritch University
Carroll University • Carthage College • Concordia University Wisconsin • Edgewood College
Herzing University • Lakeland University • Lawrence University
Marian University • Marquette University • Medical College of Wisconsin
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design • Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mount Mary University • Nashotah House Theological Seminary • Northland College
Ripon College • St. Norbert College • Viterbo University • Wisconsin Lutheran College

CAMPUS	ENROLL- MENT	Admission Guidelines: GPA and test scores	Admission Guidelines: Rigor	Application deadline
UW Eau Claire	10,825	GPA middle 50%: 3.22 to 3.80 ACT middle 50%: 21 to 26	4 English: Including 3 of Comp. and Lit. 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra 3 Natural Science: Lab sciences encouraged 3 Social Studies: Including 1 History 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic electives	Accepted beginning Aug. 1 Priority deadline: Dec. 1 Space-available deadline: Feb. 1
UW Green Bay	7,178	GPA middle 50%: 2.98 to 3.68 ACT middle 50%: 20 to 25	4 English 3 Math 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic electives	Accepted beginning: Aug. 1 Rolling admission
UW La Crosse	10,534	ACT middle 50%: 23 to 27 Class rank middle 50%: 69th to 90th	Required: 4 English 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra 3 Natural Science: 2 must be biology, chemistry, physics, earth science or other college prep 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic electives <u>Average applicant:</u> 4 English 4 Math 4 Natural Science 4 Social Studies 3 Foreign Language 2 Academic Electives	Accepted beginning Aug. 1 Priority deadline: Feb. 1

UW Madison	43,450	<p>GPA middle 50%: 3.8 to 4.0</p> <p>ACT middle 50%: 27 to 32</p>	<p><u>Typical for Admitted Students:</u></p> <p>4 English 4 Math 3-4 Natural Science 3-4 Social Studies 3-4 Foreign Language 2 Academic Electives or Fine Arts</p>	<p>Application opens: Aug. 1</p> <p>Early Action: Nov. 1</p> <p>Regular Decision: Feb. 1</p>
UW Milwaukee	25,381	<p>GPA middle 50%: 2.89 to 3.56</p> <p>ACT middle 50%: 21 to 25</p> <p>Engineering, Architecture, Health Sciences and Nursing are more competitive</p>	<p>4 English: Including 3 of Comp. and Lit. 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and 1 higher* 3 Natural Science: Including 1 lab science** 3 Social Studies 2 Electives: Chosen from above, foreign language, or other academic electives</p> <p>* College of Engineering and Applied Science recommends 4</p> <p>** College of Engineering and Applied Science requires 1 Chemistry and recommends 1 Physics. Nursing requires 1 Chemistry</p>	<p>Application opens: Aug. 1</p> <p>Priority deadline: March 1</p>
UW Oshkosh	13,935	<p>GPA middle 50%: 3.09 to 3.66</p> <p>ACT middle 50%: 20 to 24</p>	<p>4 English 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts or computer science</p>	<p>Application open: Aug. 1</p> <p>Rolling admission</p>
UW Parkside	4,308	<p>GPA middle 50%: 2.69 to 3.47</p> <p>ACT middle 50%: 18 to 23</p>	<p>4 English: Including 3 of Comp. and Lit. 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and 1 higher 3 Natural Science: Including 1 lab science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic electives</p>	<p>Application opens: Aug.1</p> <p>Rolling admission</p>

UW Platteville	8,558	GPA middle 50%: 3.08 to 3.47 ACT: 21 to 26	4 English 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry, and higher 3 Natural Science: Including 2 lab sciences 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or career/technical electives	Applications opens: Aug. 1 Rolling admission
UW River Falls	6,110	GPA middle 50%: 3.07 to 3.76 ACT middle 50%: 20 to 25	4 English: Including Comp. and Lit. 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and 1 higher 3 Natural Science: 2 must be Biology, Chemistry, or Physics 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or academic or career/technical electives	Application opens: Aug. 1 Rolling admission
UW Stevens Point	8,208	GPA middle 50%: 2.96 to 3.71 ACT middle 50%: 20 to 25	4 English 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and 1 higher 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic or career/technical electives	Application opens: Aug. 1 Rolling admission
UW Stout	9,401	GPA middle 50%: 3.28 to 3.85 ACT middle 50%: 20 to 25	4 English: Including Comp. and Lit. 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra* 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic or career/technical electives * 4 years strongly recommended for majors in STEM fields	Application opens: Aug. 1 Priority deadline: Jan. 1

UW Superior	2,590	GPA middle 50%: 2.85 to 3.7 ACT middle 50%: 19 to 24	4 English: Including 3 literature 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and 1 higher 3 Natural Science 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic or career/technical electives	Application opens: Aug. 1 Rolling admission
UW Whitewater	12,430	GPA middle 50%: 3.0 to 3.6 ACT middle 50%: 20 to 25	4 English 3 Math: Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra 3 Natural Science: Prefer Biology, Chemistry, or Physics 3 Social Studies 4 Electives: Chosen from above, or foreign language, fine arts, computer science or other academic electives	Application opens: Aug. 1 Priority deadline: May 1

Important considerations:

- 4 year colleges and universities will typically view students taking the Algebra/Geometry/AMS I sequence as having had 2.5 years of high school math. They typically expect students to complete math through AMS II or Advanced Algebra.
- The above are guidelines. While these academic considerations remain the primary factor in admissions, all University of Wisconsin schools conduct a comprehensive, holistic view of applicants, including non-academic factors such as essays, letters of recommendation (if submitted), co-curricular activities and socio-economic factors.
- For schools with Rolling Admission, early application is encouraged. Applications will be accepted until the freshman class fills.
- The following 4 year University of Wisconsin universities now have more than one campus:
 - UW Eau Claire
 - UW Green Bay
 - UW Milwaukee
 - UW Oshkosh
 - UW Platteville
 - UW Stevens Point
 - UW Whitewater

Campus Visit Checklist

Visiting a college campus helps you get a sense of what a college — and life at that college — is like. This can help you decide whether the college is right for you.

GATHER INFORMATION

Find out what you need to do to apply, and see if the college's class and major offerings are what you want:

- ☐ Take part in a group information session at the admission office.
- ☐ Interview with an admission officer.
- ☐ Pick up financial aid forms.
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you. If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- ☐ Meet a professor who teaches a subject that interests you.
- ☐ Talk to students about what they think of their classes and professors.
- ☐ Get the names and business cards of the people you meet so you can contact them later if you have questions.

EXPLORE THE CAMPUS

Get a feel for student life, and see if this college is a place where you will do well:

- ☐ Take a campus tour.
- ☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
- ☐ Talk to current students about the college and life on campus.
- ☐ Check out the freshman dorms, and stay overnight with a student, if possible.
- ☐ Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- ☐ Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- ☐ Listen to the college radio station.
- ☐ Read the student newspaper.
- ☐ Scan bulletin boards to see what daily student life is like.
- ☐ Go to the career center and learn what services it offers.
- ☐ Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.
- ☐ Read other student publications, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers, and literary reviews.

GET THE MOST OUT OF A CAMPUS VISIT IN **6 STEPS**

1 DECIDE WHERE AND HOW

See if your school arranges group trips to colleges or if you could get a group of friends together and visit the campus. A family trip is another option and allows you to involve your family in the process.

2 PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

Before you set out, get a map of the college campus and pick out places of interest. Call the college's admission office to schedule a guided tour of the campus.

3 TAKE YOUR OWN TOUR

Just wandering around the campus on your own or with friends can be the best way to get a feel for what a college is like.

4 EXPLORE THE FACILITIES

Find the spots on campus where students gather or ask a student where the best place to eat is to get a feel for the character of the college. Visit the library and check out the gym or theater. Ask an admission officer if you can tour a dorm and a classroom.

5 MAKE CONNECTIONS

Talk to current students. Ask the students at the next table or sitting nearby what they like best about the college.

6 TAKE NOTES

During your visit, write down some notes about your experience. What did you see that excited you? Are there aspects of the college that you don't like? If so, what are they?

Questions to Ask During Your Visit:

ASK TOUR GUIDES/STUDENTS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
- What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
- Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?
- What does the college do to promote student involvement in campus groups, extracurricular activities, or volunteerism?

ASK PROFESSORS

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- Can a student be mentored by professors, graduate students, or upperclassmen?
- How are professors rated by the college? Does the college think mentoring and meetings for project guidance are important?
- How does the college help students have access to professors outside class? Do professors join students for lunch, help with community service groups, or guide student organizations?
- How many students do research or other kinds of projects for a semester or more?

ASK THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

- How much has your total college cost for each student risen in the past year?
- How much do your students usually end up owing when they graduate?
- What is the average income of graduates who had the same major that interests me?
- Will my costs go up when your tuition goes up, or can we use the same tuition rate I started with so I'll know the costs for four years?
- How many students usually graduate in the major that interests me? How long do these students usually take to get their degree? In what ways does the college help students graduate in four years?

PARCHMENT

**ALL Transcripts must be requested through Parchment!
The Counseling Center does not send out transcripts.**

To obtain a transcript:

1. Go to www.parchment.com/join
2. Sign up to create your account.
3. **MAKE SURE TO USE YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL** when creating your account!
4. Add Badger High School to your Parchment account.
5. Request delivery of your transcript to any destination worldwide.
6. Current students can send (2) transcripts for free. After that you will be charged a \$3.00 fee per transcript.
7. Click HELP on the Parchment site or contact Parchment with any questions.

Note on the “Unofficial Self-View”:

- An unofficial self-view is always FREE!
- When you request an unofficial self-view and it gets processed – the transcript will be your current transcript.
- If you want an **updated self-view** at the end of the semester or at the end of the school year, **you must hit update to send a new request!** Then download it and the most recent transcript will show up for you once processed.

YouTube help video: <https://youtu.be/iCHdokyTQA>

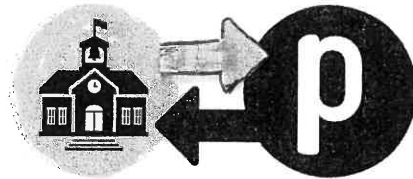
ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT

IN THREE EASY STEPS

1 Register For Your Free Account

If you received a registration code handout, go to parchment.com/register.
If you received an email, just click the link

1. Visit Parchment.com
2. Find your school
3. Build your profile



2 Request Your Transcript

1. Choose *Order*
2. Select Destinations such as colleges, Common App or yourself
3. Review your Order and Check Out

3 Track Your Transcript

1. Watch your email for updates
2. Log in to Parchment for more details



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COLLEGE, HERE I COME!



2020–21 Federal Student Aid at a Glance

WHAT is federal student aid?

Federal student aid comes from the federal government—specifically, the U.S. Department of Education. It's money that helps a student pay for higher education expenses (i.e., college, career school, or graduate school expenses).

Federal student aid covers such expenses as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation.

There are three main categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study funds, and loans. Check with your school's financial aid office to find out which programs the school participates in.

WHO gets federal student aid?

Some of the most basic eligibility requirements for students are that you must

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs—to learn more about financial need, visit [StudentAid.gov/how-calculated](https://studentaid.gov/how-calculated));
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number;
- be registered with Selective Service, if you're a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time (for most programs); and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college, career school, or graduate school.

See the full list of eligibility requirements at [StudentAid.gov/eligibility](https://studentaid.gov/eligibility).

Completing and submitting the FAFSA® form is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest sources of financial aid to pay for college or career school—federal, state, and school sources. If you need a print-out of the FAFSA® PDF, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 334-523-2691 (TTY for the deaf or hard of hearing 1-800-730-8913).

HOW do you apply for federal student aid?

1. **To apply for federal student aid, you must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form at fafsa.gov.** The FAFSA form is available every Oct. 1 for the next school year. If you plan to attend college from July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021, submit a 2020–21 FAFSA form.

Fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state deadlines. Schools and states often use FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid, but their deadlines vary. Check with the schools that you're interested in for their deadlines, and find state and federal FAFSA deadlines at [StudentAid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa).

2. **Students and parents are required to use an FSA ID (an account username and password combination) to sign their FAFSA® form online and to access information about their financial aid on U.S. Department of Education websites.** Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity and electronically sign your federal student aid documents. Your FSA ID has the same legal status as a written signature. Don't give your FSA ID to anyone or allow anyone to create an FSA ID for you. To create an FSA ID, visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch).
3. After you apply, you'll receive a Student Aid Report, or SAR. Your SAR contains the information reported on your FAFSA form and usually includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is a number (not a dollar amount) used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Review your SAR information to make sure it's correct. The school(s) you list on your FAFSA® form will get your SAR data electronically.
4. **Contact the schools you might attend.** Make sure the financial aid office at each school you're interested in has all the information needed to determine your eligibility. If you're eligible, each school's financial aid office will send you an aid offer showing the amount and types of aid (from all sources) the school will offer you. You can compare the aid offers you received and see which school is the most affordable once financial aid is taken into account.

Federal Student Aid

Program	Program Information	Annual Award Amount (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	For undergraduates with financial need who have not earned bachelor's or professional degrees. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/pell-grant .	Amounts can change annually. For the 2020–21 award year, the award amount is up to \$6,345.
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	For undergraduates with exceptional financial need; Federal Pell Grant recipients take priority; funds depend on availability at school. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/fseog .	Up to \$4,000.
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	For undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and graduate students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. To receive a TEACH Grant, a student must agree to teach for four years in a high-need field at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves low-income families. If a student doesn't complete the teaching service requirement, all TEACH Grants the student received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid, with interest. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/teach .	Up to \$4,000.
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	For undergraduate students who are not Pell-eligible and whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/iraq-afghanistan .	The grant award can be equal to the maximum Federal Pell Grant amount (see above) but cannot exceed your cost of attending school.
Federal Work-Study	For undergraduate and graduate students; part-time jobs can be on campus or off campus. Money is earned while attending school. Your total work-study award depends on when you apply, your level of financial need, and your school's funding level. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/workstudy .	No annual minimum or maximum amounts
Direct Subsidized Loan	For undergraduate students who have financial need; U.S. Department of Education generally pays interest while the student is in school and during certain other periods; a student must be enrolled at least half-time. Interest rates for new Direct Subsidized Loans can change every year. Loans made to undergraduate students during the 2020–21 award year have a fixed interest rate of at 2.75% for the life of the loan. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub .	Up to \$5,500 depending on grade level.
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	For undergraduate and graduate or professional students; the borrower is responsible for interest during all periods; a student must be enrolled at least half-time; financial need is not required. Interest rates for new Direct Unsubsidized Loans can change every year. Loans made to undergraduate students during the 2020–21 award year have a fixed interest rate of 2.75% for the life of the loan. Loans made to graduate or professional students during the 2020–21 award year have the rate fixed at 4.30% for the life of the loan. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub .	Up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period), depending on grade level and dependency status.
Direct PLUS Loan	For parents of dependent undergraduate students and for graduate or professional students; the borrower is responsible for interest during all periods; a student must be enrolled at least half-time; financial need is not required; the borrower must not have an adverse credit history. Interest rates for new Direct PLUS Loans can change every year. Loans made during the 2020–21 award year have a fixed interest rate of at 5.30% for the life of the loan. For details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/plus .	Maximum amount is the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received.

Try [StudentAid.gov/scholarships](https://studentaid.gov/scholarships) for tips on where to look and for a link to a free online scholarship.

Scholarship Information and Websites



Scholarships.com

Collegenet.com

Fastweb.com

Finaid.com

Scholarshipmonkey.com

Zinch.com

Cappex.com

Careeronestop.org

chegg.com

Jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/ Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

This list is not all inclusive and websites are not affiliated with anyone from the Badger High School Counseling Department

Applying for Scholarships

- Make a master list of all scholarships applied for with the following information:
 - Name
 - Date open
 - Date closed
 - Requirements
 - Amount
- Go to the Badger High School Counseling page for local scholarships!
- Fill out application completely and correctly, checking spelling
- Pay attention to **exactly** what they are asking for
- Be concise, but creative – you need to stand out!
- Make sure letters of recommendation are specific to what is asked for and addressed to the appropriate person or committee
- Do not ignore the lower money scholarships – they all add up
- Apply early, and apply often
- Do not get discouraged if you do not win a scholarship, keep trying

Key Scholarship Application Information

Quick Reference Guide

Top Scholarships by Category

Most Unusual Scholarships

- Scholarship for Left-Handed Students
- Duck Brand Duct Tape Stuck at Prom Contest
- David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarships
- Zolp Scholarships
- Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarships
- Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award
- National Marbles Tournament Scholarships
- Klingon Language Institute Scholarships
- National Beef Ambassador Program
- Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarships

Most Prestigious Scholarships

- Marshall Scholarships
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Winston Churchill Scholarship Program
- Harry S. Truman Scholarships
- Henry Luce Foundation Scholarships
- Morris K. Udall Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program
- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships
- Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Most Generous Scholarships

- Intel Science Talent Search
- Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology
- NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program
- Elks Nat'l Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition
- Davidson Fellows
- Intel International Science and Engineering Fair
- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Collegiate Inventors Competition
- Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarships
- Gates Millennium Scholars

Scholarships for Age 13 and Under

- National Spelling Bee
- National Geography Bee
- National History Day Contest
- Jif Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest
- Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- Christopher Columbus Community Service Awards
- Dick Blick Linoleum Block Print Contest
- Gloria Barron Prize for Your Heroes
- Patriot's Pen
- Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Scholarships for Community Service

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards
- The Do Something Awards
- Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships
- Discover Card Tribute Awards
- Echoing Green Fellowships
- The Heart of America Christopher Reeve Awards
- Kohl's Kids Who Care Program
- Samuel Huntington Public Service Awards
- National Caring Awards
- Youth Action Net

Scholarships that Don't Need an A

- US Department of Education (Federal Student Aid)
- AXA Achievement Scholarship Program
- Horatio Alger Association Scholarships
- Ayn Rand Institute
- Girls Going Places Scholarships
- Holocaust Remembrance Project Essay Contest
- Americanism Essay Contest
- AFSA National Scholarship Essay Contest
- Red Vines Drawing Contest
- Community Foundation Scholarships

ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA and earn an SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Only courses that appear on your high school's list of NCAA core courses will count toward the 16 core-course requirement; visit eligibilitycenter.org/courselist for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your [grade-point average](#) based only on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA.
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA.

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at ncaa.org/test-scores.

TEST SCORES

You may take the SAT or ACT an unlimited number of times before you enroll full time in college. Every time you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **9999** to send your scores directly to us from the testing agency. We accept official scores only from the SAT or ACT, and cannot use scores shown on your high school transcript. If you take either test more than once, the best subscore from different tests are used to give you the best possible score. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall_B.



HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

9TH GRADE



- *Start planning now!* Take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.

- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.
- Sign up for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA requirements.

10TH GRADE

REGISTER



- If you fall behind academically, ask your counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.

- Register for a Profile Page or Certification account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Monitor your Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

11TH GRADE



- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses and graduate on time with your class.

- Take the SAT/ACT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor at each high school or program you attended to upload your official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

12TH GRADE



- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.

- Take the SAT/ACT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code **9999**.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.
- *Reminder:* Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's institutional request list will receive a certification.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
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4 CORE COURSES

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Taking a Gap-Year

Upon graduating from high school this year, many students will be heading off to college in the fall to begin their undergraduate education. While attending college right after high school is the usual route for most students, taking a year off from studies to travel, volunteer, study abroad or take time to determine the career you want is another option. This is known as a gap year. We'll explain the concept of planning a gap year and show you some of the available opportunities if you decide to postpone your college education.

Search Your Soul, Search the Internet!

You will find a lot of resources on the Internet devoted to helping you plan your gap-year. Some of these include gap-planning sites, student articles and essays written by professionals with extensive knowledge on the gap-year experience. You will also find it very beneficial to seek assistance from your school counselor, your local library and your parents. Also, try to speak with a former gap-year participant. Contact one of the many gap-year planning sites such as, The Center for Interim Programs at www.interimprograms.com, and ask if they can match you with former gap-year participants who can share with you their personal gap-year experiences, likes, and dislikes and help you gain a better understanding of the entire planning process. After thorough research, you should be able to make the best decisions for you.

Focus on Your Finances

A gap-year of study can be expensive if you do not plan well and seek funding far in advance. Talk with your parents about your decision. If you plan on traveling during your gap-year, get travel insurance. Also, make sure to have enough money saved for medical emergencies or accidents. Try to work during the year as an intern or with a program or an organization that will pay enough to cover most or all of your expenses. They may be more than willing to assist you financially, especially if you can give valid reasons as to why you believe a gap-year is important (e.g., career exploration, maturity, etc.) and explain how the time away from the academic world will benefit you. Apply for financial aid as if you will attend and reapply each year.

Get Accepted into a College

Many colleges allow you to defer enrollment for a year before beginning classes. Be sure the school you are interested in attending is open to gap-years and make sure to understand the associated requirements. Therefore, it may benefit you and is easier to gain admission into a college before beginning your gap-year. It is not advisable to tell the college that you plan on deferring for a year before you apply, or they might not admit you. Submit your college applications prior to the completion of your senior year, and make sure you elect to defer enrollment for one year. This way, once your gap-year is complete, you can begin your education without the worry of having to get admitted to a school.

Gap Year Programs and Resources

The following is a list of some of the organizations with programs available to students who are planning an interim gap-year. You will find there are numerous opportunities available for you to study abroad, volunteer, complete an internship and much more.

AmeriCorps offers local and national community service opportunities to individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of others and in the world. AmeriCorps also offers its members a variety of benefits, such as a living allowance, education award, health coverage, loan forbearance and more. To learn more about the AmeriCorps program, benefit and eligibility requirements, visit <http://www.americorps.org>.

The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) offers programs for college-bound graduates who want to volunteer, teach or live abroad learning and exploring different cultures during their gap year. To learn more about the benefits of the Council on International Educational Exchange programs and how to apply, visit <http://www.ciee.org>.

City Year offers its members a variety of benefits which range from educational and living stipends, health insurance and more in exchange for a year-long commitment to transform schools in the United States and Africa. Eligibility: Must be at least 17 to 24 years of age, a high school graduate and willing to dedicate at least 10 months to full-time service. To learn about additional eligibility requirements and benefits, please visit <http://www.cityyear.org>.

Gap-Year.com offers a wealth of information on taking time away from school to travel abroad, work, volunteer and more. Visit <http://www.gap-year.com> to learn more.

Studyabroad.com offers information on opportunities to study in another country as well as volunteer and internship programs. Visit <http://www.studyabroad.com>.

STATravel offers gap-year travel and planning information. They also offer travel insurance packages. To learn more visit <http://www.statravel.com>.