



Student Outreach
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TRANSITIONING INTO HIGH SCHOOL

THE PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL LAST YEAR IN TENNESSEE

WHY?

Academic failure

11.5%

Poor decisions

Drugs

Alcohol

Hanging out with the wrong crowd

Family situation vs. school
values





FILL IN THE BLANK...

**A HIGH SCHOOL
DROPOUT IS
ELIGIBLE FOR _____%
OF JOBS IN
AMERICA.**

10%

**By 2020, 65% of jobs in America
will require a college degree or
postsecondary training.**



WHAT IS HIGH SCHOOL GOING TO BE LIKE?

- > Size of the school
- > Wider variety of classes
 - > Teaching styles
 - > More flexibility
- > Involvement opportunities

PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

ALL HIGH SCHOOLS ARE DIFFERENT ACROSS THE STATE. NO MATTER WHAT, IF YOURS IS LARGE OR SMALL – MAKE HIGH SCHOOL A GREAT PART OF YOUR LIFE. CREATE GOOD MEMORIES!



Attend
Freshman
Orientation

Familiarize
yourself with
the programs
and
procedures



Visit the high
school

Review the
high school
website



MAKE THE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL

FOCUS ON ACADEMICS

Get ready for
higher academic
expectations



Keep your grades
up. 9th-12th
counts



Choose to take
rigorous courses –
challenge yourself



Communicate with
teachers



Visit with school
counselors to plan
rigorous schedule



Get a tutor if
needed



MAKE THE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL

GET INVOLVED WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Try out for a school sport



Participate in community service



Join a club



Become a band member



Run for Student Government

MAKE THE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL

BUILD POSITIVE FRIENDSHIPS

Friendship is important in giving you a strong foundation of who you are and who you want to be. Life is full of choices – do yourself a favor and surround yourself with good people!

Make new friends.

- > Be you.
- > Be giving.
- > Be encouraging.
- > Be loyal.
- > Be flexible.
- > Be honest.
- > Be dependable.
- > Be supportive.

Be wise in choosing friends, places to go, and activities to pursue.



TENNESSEE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MOST SCHOOLS OFFER MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN POSTSECONDARY CREDITS THROUGH ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), DUAL ENROLLMENT, OR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CLASSES.

Tennessee Graduation Requirements

Math 4 credits

including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, (or integrated Math I, II, and III) and a fourth higher-level course

Science 3 credits

including Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and a third lab science

Social Studies 3 credits

including US History & Geography, World History & Geography, US Government & Civics, and Economics

English 4 credits

Fine Arts 1 credit

Foreign Language 2 credits

In the same language

**Physical Education and Wellness
1.5 credits**

Personal Finance 0.5 credits

Elective Focus 3 credits

Should be a related group of courses

A blurred background image of a classroom. In the foreground, a student's hand is raised, wearing a purple sweater and a silver watch. Another hand is visible to the right, wearing a white sleeve. In the background, another student in a blue shirt has their hand raised. The scene is set in front of a green chalkboard.

LEARN HOW TO BE A BETTER STUDENT

- > Sit close to the front
- > Ask questions – if you don't understand, chances are your classmates don't either
- > Keep up with assignments
- > Ask for help – your teachers want you to succeed!
- > Learn keyboarding skills
- > Learn to take notes
- > Learn to proofread your work & look for mistakes



HIGH SCHOOL HOMEWORK

EXAMPLES	TIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Written assignments- Reading- Reviewing class notes- Studying for tests- Completing projects- Previewing the next lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plan homework schedule in advance, especially during busy weeks and extracurricular activities.- Make sure you complete every assignment and turn it in on time.

How many hours should you set aside each day for homework?

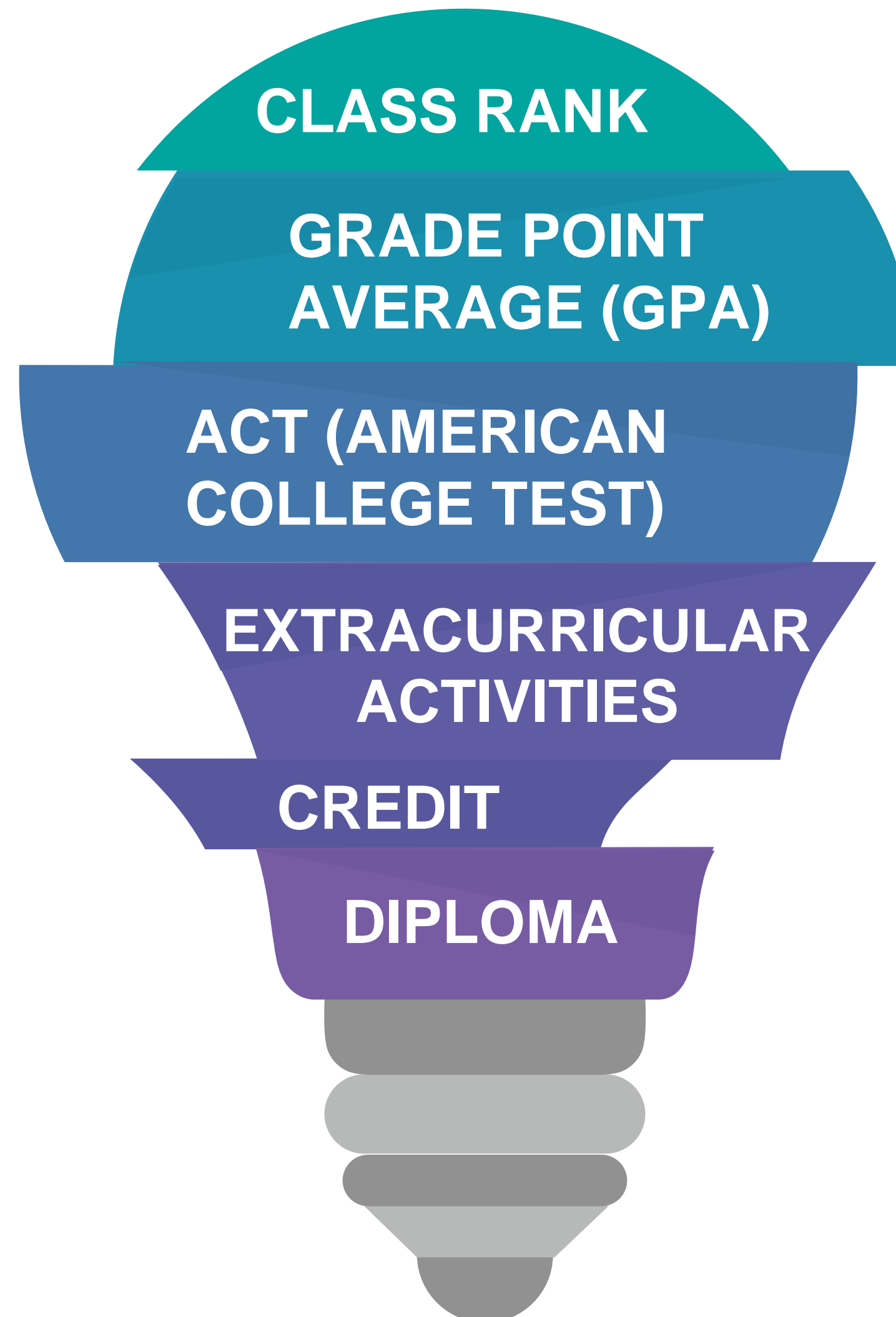


POP QUIZ!

What is the number representing each student's position in their class based on their GPA ?

What is the national college entrance exam taken by all Tennessee students?

What is the unit earned upon successfully completing a high school course?



What is computed based on number of courses taken and grades earned in those courses?

What are activities or programs that may meet outside of the regular school day?

What is a certificate awarded by an educational establishment to show that someone has successfully completed a course of study?

WORDS OF ADVICE

TIPS FROM A FRESHMAN COUNSELOR

1



Organization ...

carries over to the thought process
(cluttered locker, cluttered mind)

2



Time Management ...

(procrastinating/taking on too many
projects/activities)

3



Vision/Planning ...

(always have a plan in the back of
your mind)

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?



Think about you
and what you'd
love to do
forever.



Be realistic –
have to pay bills
and raise a
family.



What are your
skills, hobbies,
subjects in
school in which
you excel?

TENNESSEE COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING SYSTEM

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS GIVE IMMEDIATE RESULTS

- 1 Career Interest Assessment
- 2 Skills Confidence Assessment
- 3 Work Values Assessment

BEGIN YOUR CAREER PORTFOLIO

- 1 www.PlanningYourDreams.org
- 2 Username and Password
- 3 Ask counselor for Activation Code

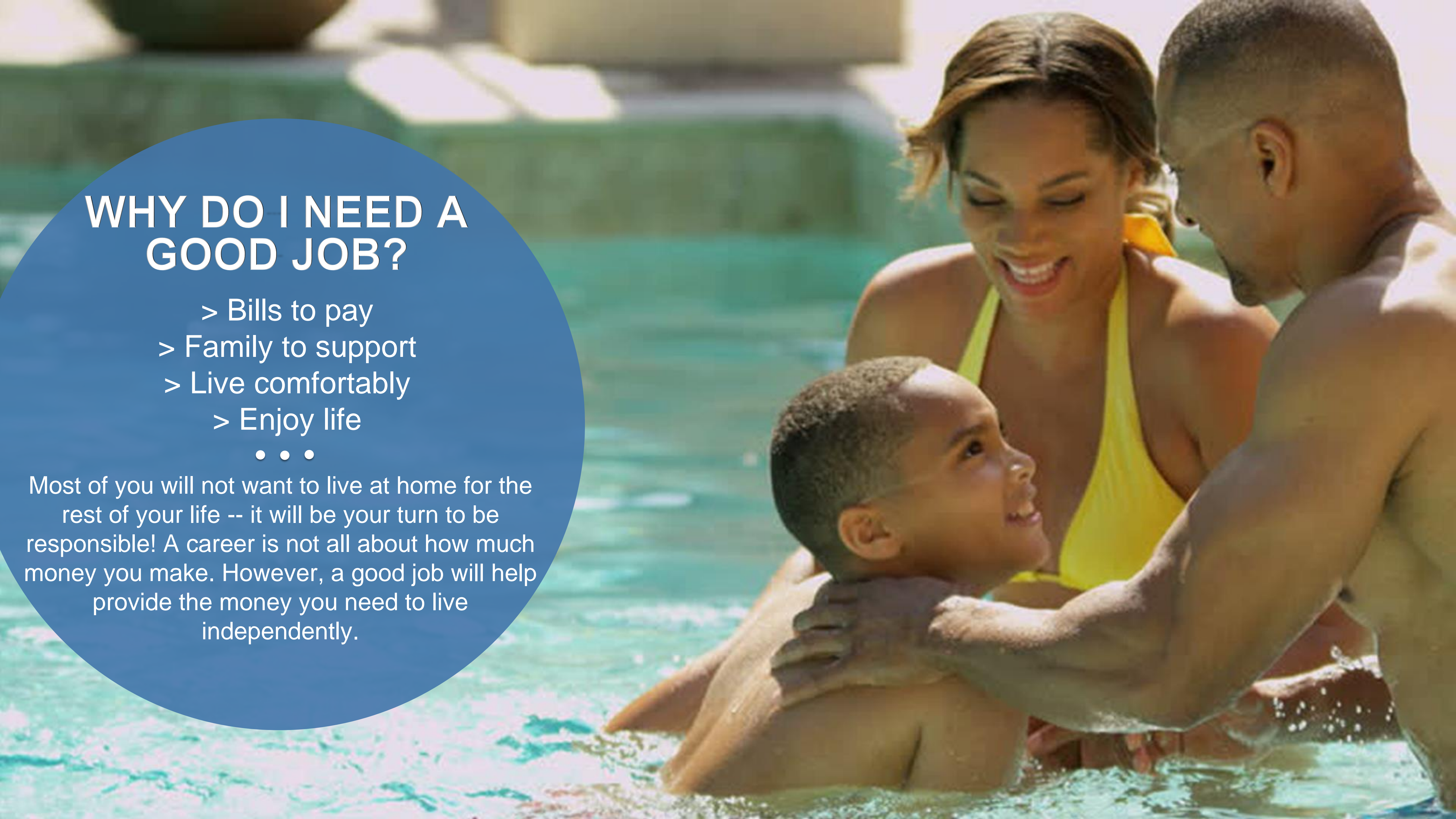


WHY DO I NEED A GOOD JOB?

- > Bills to pay
- > Family to support
- > Live comfortably
- > Enjoy life

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Most of you will not want to live at home for the rest of your life -- it will be your turn to be responsible! A career is not all about how much money you make. However, a good job will help provide the money you need to live independently.



CHOICES FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

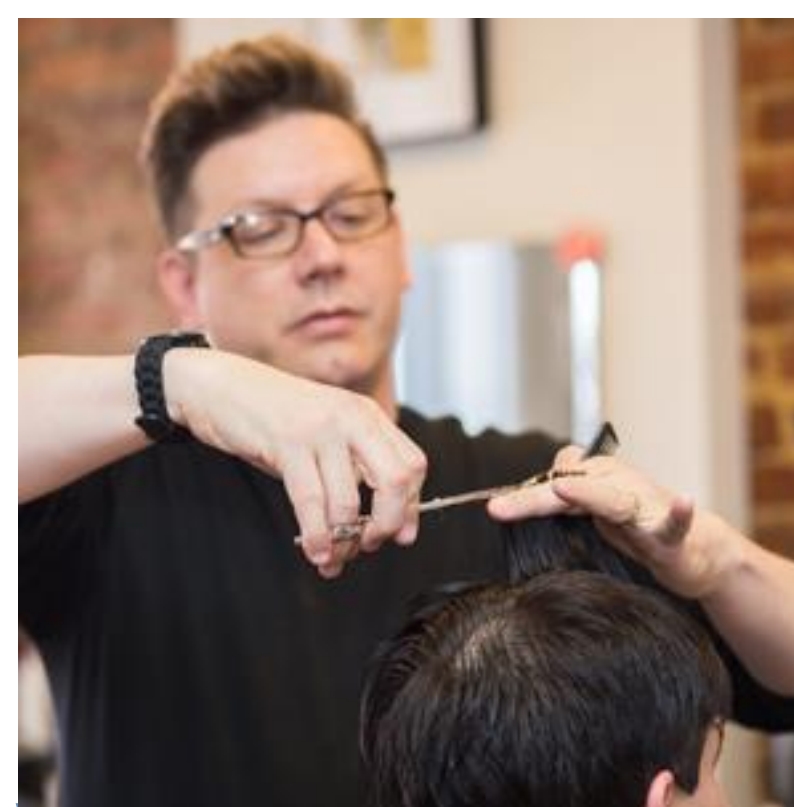
THINK ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS



Work



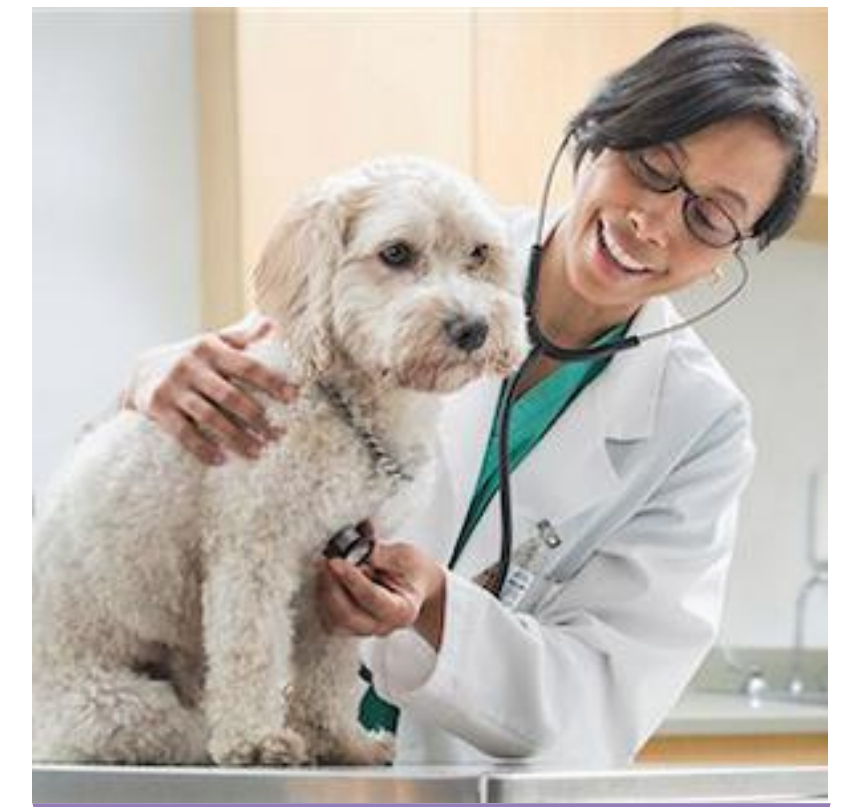
Military



Vocational



Community
College



University

WHAT DO COLLEGES AND BUSINESSES EXPECT?

BUILDING BLOCKS OF A HIGH SCHOOL RESUME





VOCATIONAL SCHOOL/ COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

BENEFITS	CAREER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Hands-on experience> Program shorter in length (18-24 months)> Lottery assistance available> Prepares you for work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Nurse (LPN)> Mechanic> Administrative Assistant> Welder> Security Officer, etc.

COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE

BENEFITS	CAREER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Easy transition from high school> Small in size> Low cost> Close to home> Great place to prepare for a 4-year college	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Manufacturing Machinery Operator> EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)> Early Childhood Education Specialist (Daycare)> Nurse (RN)> Culinary Arts, etc.> Vet Tech> Preschool Teacher> Web Developer





COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (PUBLIC & PRIVATE)

BENEFITS	CAREER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Prepares you for a great career> Larger> More activities (clubs, sports, Greek life)> Internships, co-ops, study abroad> Can continue graduate studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Teacher> Social Worker> Physical Therapist> Computer Programmer> Architect> Scientist> Journalist> Engineer, etc.

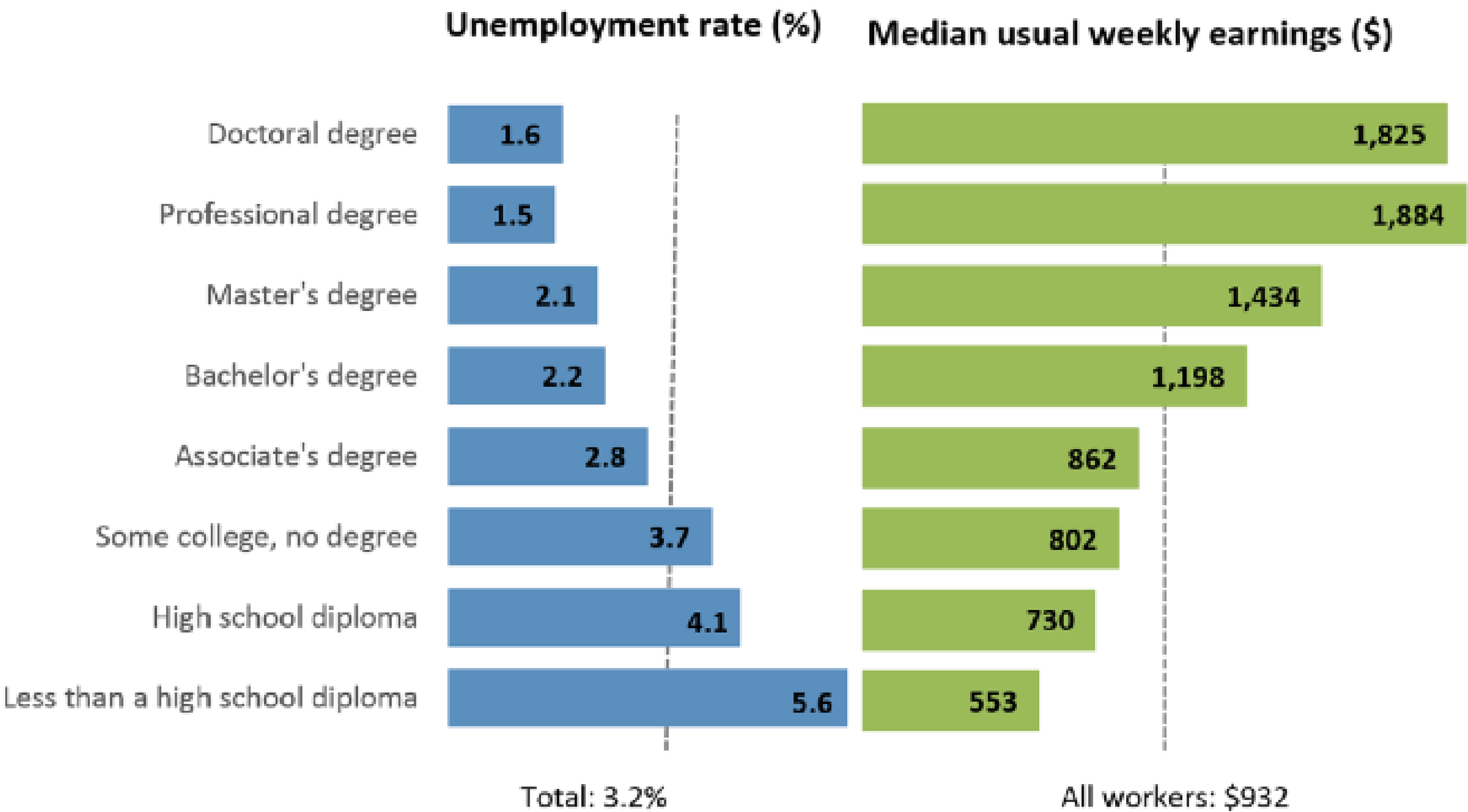
JOIN THE MILITARY

- > Take the ASVAB
- > Talk to a recruiter
- > Need basic skills
- > Learn a useful trade or make a career in the military
- > Ask about educational benefits



IMPORTANCE OF CHOICES AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

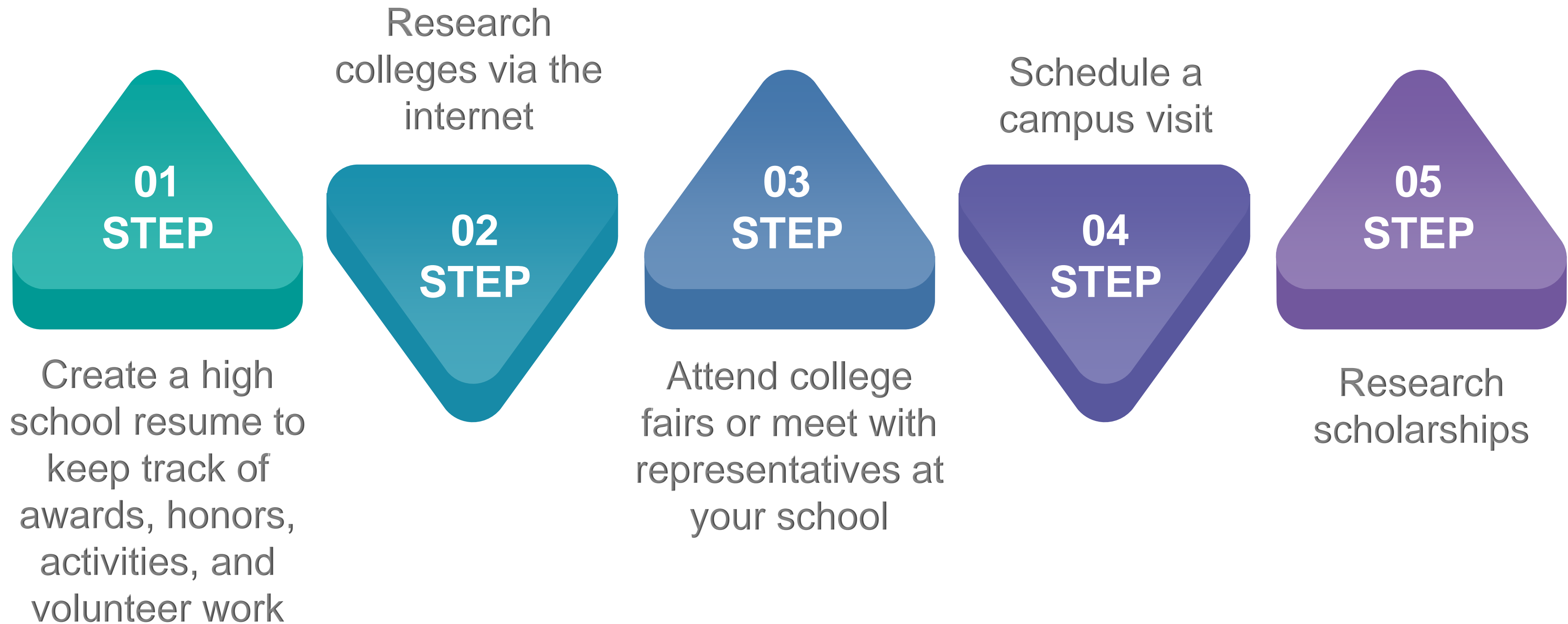
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES AND EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2018



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

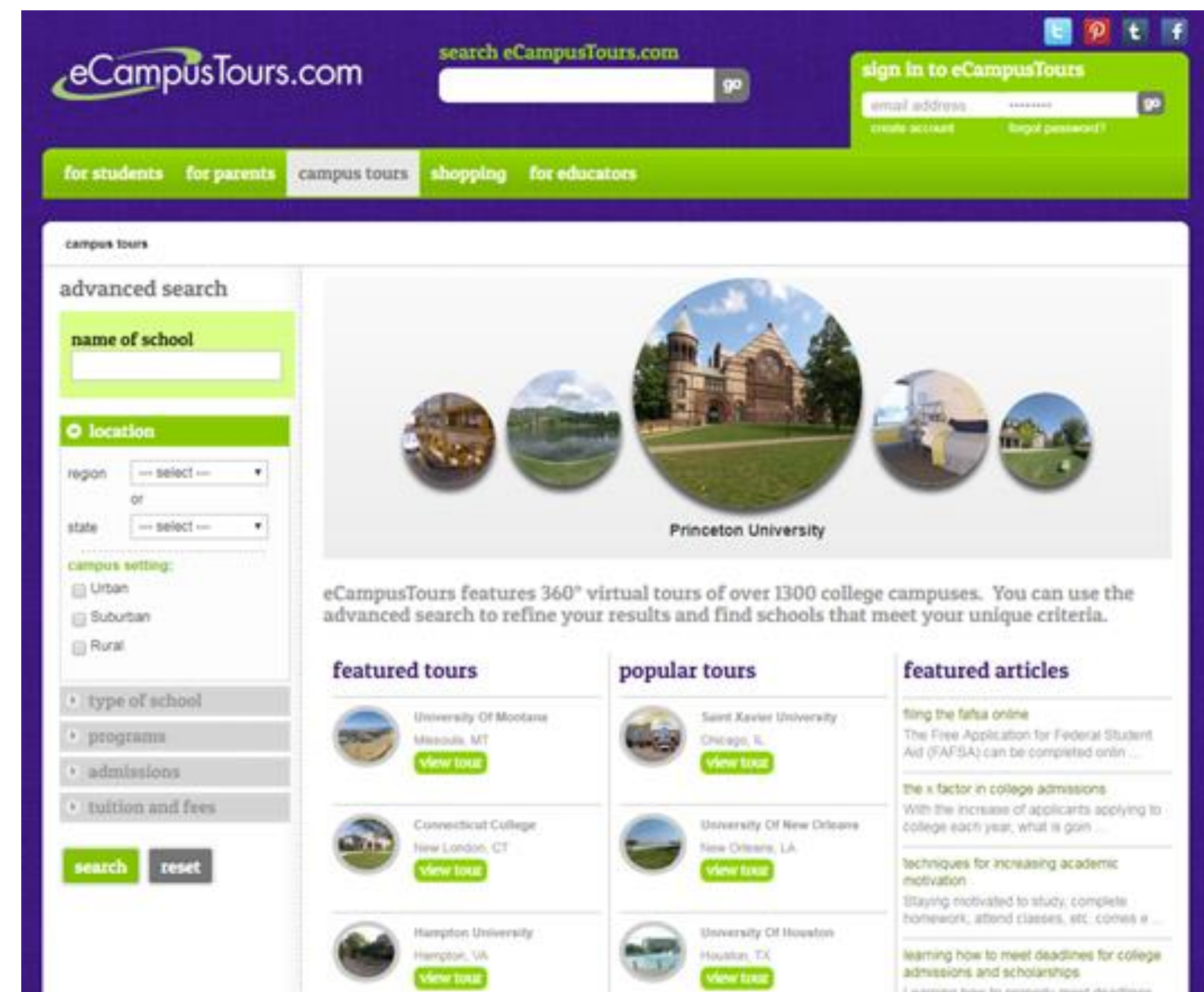
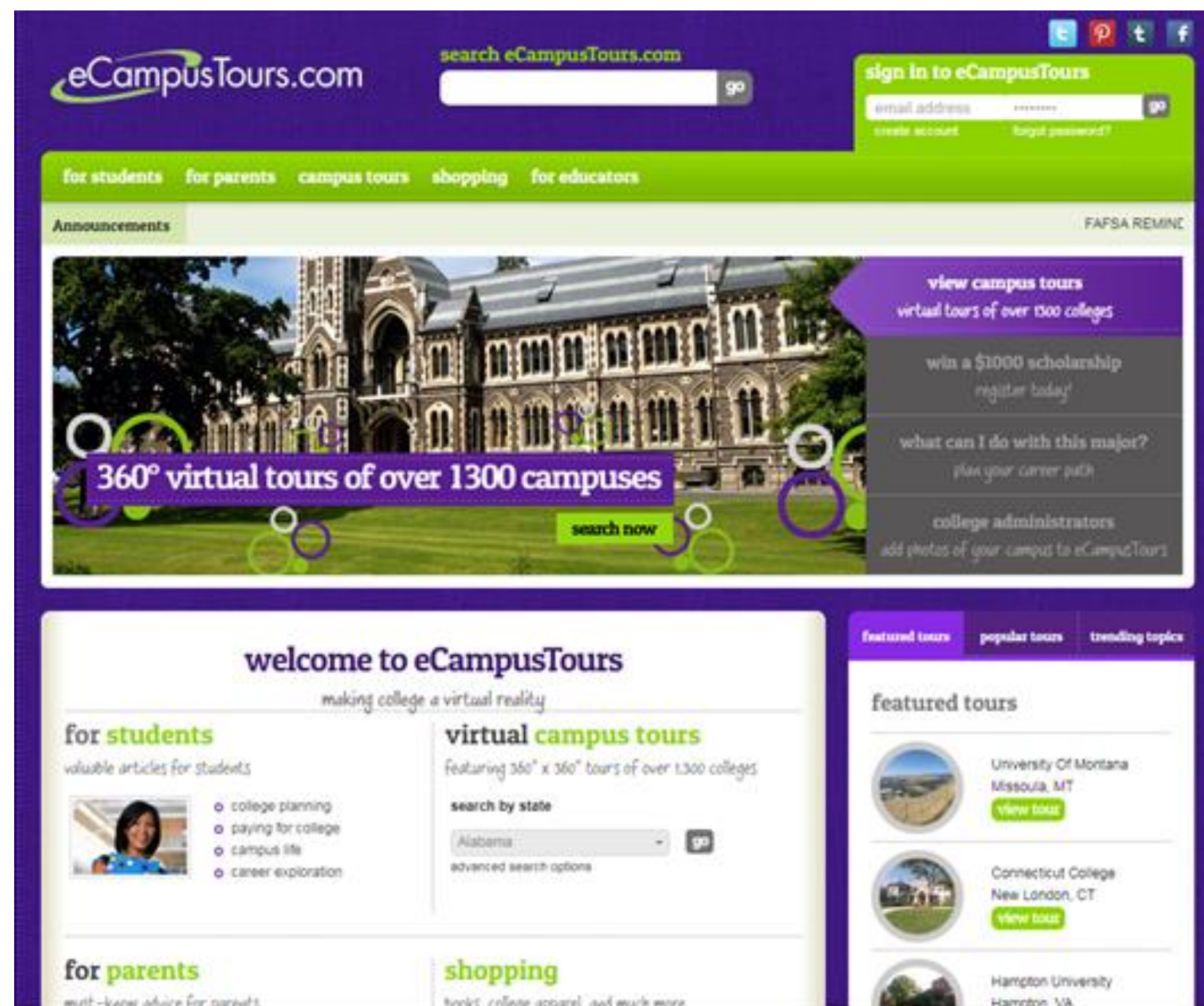
GOING TO COLLEGE

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?




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financial aid 101

Are you clueless about the financial aid process? Here is a brief overview of the financial aid basics you need to know in order to navigate your way through the process.

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COLLEGE PLANNING TIPS

FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

FRESHMEN

- > Keep your grades up.
- > Register for appropriate classes.
- > Understand high school records – a list of a student's final grade and credits earned in each course taken while in high school.

SOPHOMORES

- > Plan your finances.
- > Research colleges and careers.
- > Practice taking college entrance exams.

JUNIORS

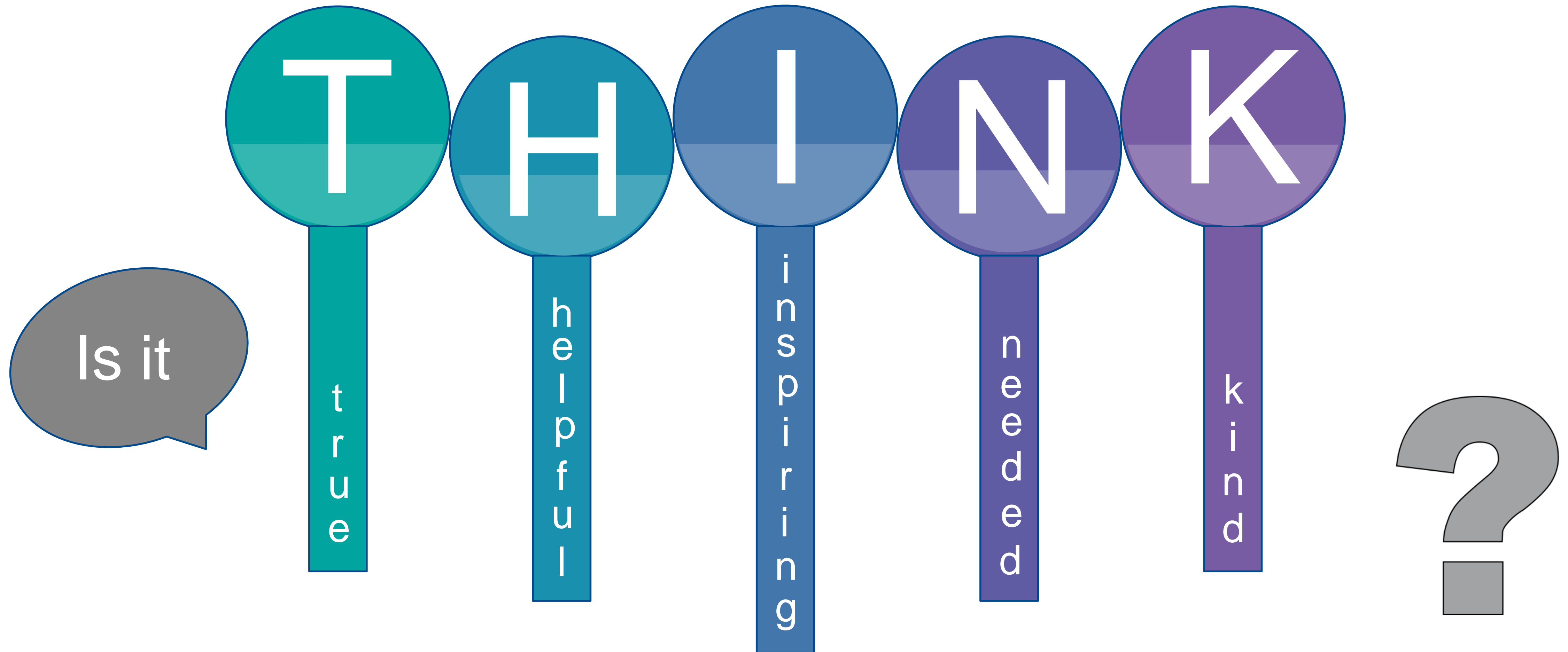
- > Attend college fairs.
- > Take college entrance exams.
- > Visit college campuses.
- > Research/apply for scholarships.

SENIORS

- > Submit college admissions applications. (Watch out for deadlines.)
- > Take or retake the ACT or SAT.
- > Apply for scholarships.
- > Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA.

SOCIAL MEDIA

BEFORE YOU SPEAK, TEXT, OR TWEET,



SOCIAL MEDIA & COLLEGE ADMISSIONS


BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST!

70% of admissions officers agree it's fair game to check students' social media.

- Kaplan Test Prep
July 2018

Social media can positively or negatively affect your goals for the future.

- > Use the about section to your advantage and showcase your individualism.
- > Display appropriate photos/videos.
- > Censor your content.
- > Choose your “likes” and “follows” wisely.



College may seem far
away, but the future can
come at you very fast!



“30 years from now, it won’t matter
what clothes you wore, who your
friends were, or how your hair
looked. What will matter is what you
learned and how you used it.”

FOLLOW US

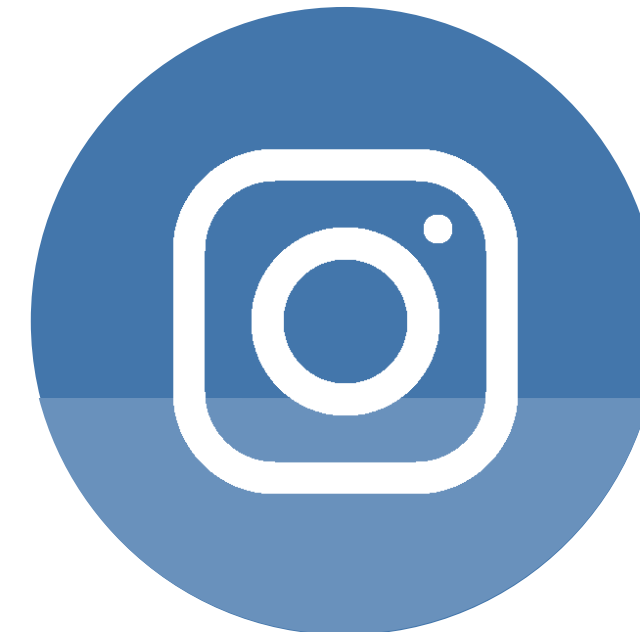
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