

College & Career Planning

Maplewood Career Center Counseling Department

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First Steps to Career-Tech School or College:

TO DO:

- Work with a parent to estimate your potential financial aid using FAFSA4caster at fafsa.gov and save for college.
- Take challenging classes in core academic subjects. Most colleges require four years of English, at least three years of social studies (history, civics, geography, economics, etc.), three years of math, and three years of science. Many require two years of a foreign language. Round out your course load with classes in computer science and the arts.
- Stay involved in school- or community-based activities that interest you or let you explore career interests. Consider working or volunteering. Remember that it's quality—not quantity—that counts.
- Talk to your Maplewood and home school counselor and other mentors about education after high school. Your counselors can answer questions about what classes to take in high school, how to sign up for standardized tests, and where to get money for college.

TO EXPLORE:

- Check out **KnowHow2Go**: The Four Steps to College, at www.knowhow2go.org for more advice on actions you can take as you start thinking about education beyond high school.
- Get answers to common questions about college by watching our videos on the “**Prepare for College**” playlist at www.YouTube.com/FederalStudentAid.
- Learn about managing your money in the “**High School Youth**” section of www.mymoney.gov/Pages/for-youth.aspx.

Retrieved from: <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/college-prep-checklist.pdf> 11/10/2020



FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID)

<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

The FSA ID allows students and parents (both are required) to identify themselves electronically to access FSA Web sites. An FSA ID is made up of a username and password and can be used to log into *FAFSA on the Web*. While you are not required to have an FSA ID to complete and submit a *FAFSA on the Web* application, it is the fastest way to sign your application and have it processed. It is also the only way to access or correct your information online, or to pre-fill a *FAFSA on the Web* application with information from your previous year's FAFSA. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create your FSA ID here: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.gov

Completing and submitting the FAFSA® form is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid. For the 2020-2021 year, you can apply between Oct. 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. **However**, there are a few *federal student aid programs* that have limited funds, so be sure to *apply as soon as you can once the FAFSA form is available* for the year you'll be attending school.

Before starting to complete the FAFSA make sure you have the following:

- ◆ FSA ID (see below) to sign in.
- ◆ Your Social Security number.
- ◆ Your Alien Registration number (if you are not a US citizen).
- ◆ Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned. (Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)
- ◆ Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable).
- ◆ Records of untaxed income (if applicable).

State Deadline

Ohio - October 1, 2022, by midnight, Central Time.

College Deadline

Check with the colleges you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed.

More information and links to the FAFSA application are available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

College Entrance Exams

ACT

<https://www.act.org>

SAT

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

Please see Mrs. Czeck or Mr. Miller for additional information regarding the ACT and SAT. Visit the websites above to register to take the tests, check test dates, and more.

Apply to college and complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!



Scholarship Search Engines

<https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships> Register for a free account and find the money you need for college!

<https://www.scholarships.com/> Check this site to begin your college and scholarship searches. You can also find information about student loans, tips for successful scholarship applications, and more.

<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/> No essay scholarships, first generation college student scholarships, and more.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs. This site will match you to scholarships you may qualify for.

<http://www.studentscholarships.org> This website has many scholarships that are available to Ohio students.

[Top 175 Scholarships](#) This site provides a list of scholarships for current high school seniors and undergraduate college students.

<https://www.college-scholarships.com/> This site provides a list of scholarships for current high school seniors and undergraduate college students.

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/goals-going-to-college/find-scholarships/> Find out how to find money for college or career tech schools as well as personal finance tips, scholarship scams (yes, they ARE out there), opening bank accounts, and saving money.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID DEPARTMENTS!

Check your college/tech school financial aid website for more information.

Note: It is not possible to list links to all colleges/tech schools.

Kent State University Main Campus: <https://www.kent.edu/scholarships>

Kent Trumbull Campus: <https://www.kent.edu/trumbull/campus-scholarships>

Kent Stark Campus: <https://www.kent.edu/stark/financial-aid>

Kent Geauga/Twinsburg Campus: <https://www.kent.edu/geauga/financial-aid>

University of Akron: <http://www.uakron.edu/finaid/>

Youngstown State University: <http://www.ysu.edu/tuition-financial-aid>

Cleveland State University: <http://www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-office>

Stark State University: <https://www.starkstate.edu/admissions/finaid/>

Ohio Technical College: <http://ohiotech.edu/financial-aid/>

Stautzenberger College: http://sctoday.edu/student_resources/financial_aid

University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH): <http://www.unoh.edu/offices/financial-aid/index.html>

Shawnee State University: <http://www.shawnee.edu/offices/financial-aid/merit-scholarships/>

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C): <https://www.tri-c.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid-and-scholarships/index.html>

Eastern Gateway Community College: <https://egcc.edu/admission/financial-aid/>

Hocking College: <https://www.hocking.edu/financial-aid>

Terra State Community College: http://www.terra.edu/apply_aid/paying_for_college/index.php

***CHECK YOUR HOMESCHOOL WEBSITE AND EMAIL OR SEE YOUR HOME SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR
ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!***

ALWAYS list your home school as your high school when applying to college or tech schools.

Apprenticeships

Western Reserve Building Trades (Columbiana—Mahoning— Trumbull County)

<http://www.wrbctc.org/home/apprentice-programs>

Boilermakers, bricklayers & tile setters, electricians, elevator constructors, insulators, ironworkers, Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program, Ohio Laborers Training & Apprenticeship, operating engineers, painters, plaster & cement masons, plumbers & pipefitters, roofers, sheet metal workers, and teamsters.

The Builders Association of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania allows you to "learn while you earn" in many building trades related career paths. Visit their website or speak to your program instructor for additional information. <https://thebuildersonline.com/apprenticeship/>

International Union of Painters and Allied Trades www.IUPAT.org/joinus

The IUPAT represents men & women in the finishing trades: industrial & commercial painting, drywall finishing, glazing & glasswork, sign & display, and many more careers in the construction industry. Apprenticeships are available (usually 3 years) and if you have experience in a craft and it can be shorter.



Did you know?

Did you know that those who work the hardest at searching and applying for scholarships tend to receive the most scholarship awards? Start your scholarship search today! Don't know where to start? See your school counselor for tips.

Ohio Means Jobs Portage County

<https://www.co.portage.oh.us/ohiomeansjobs>

- Resume writing
- Job searches
- Mock interviews
- Job readiness workshops



Check your home school counselor website and email for additional scholarship information.

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RaiseMe.com At RaiseMe students can earn micro-scholarships for some colleges. Micro-scholarships are "mini" scholarships awarded for activities such as completing the FAFSA, earning good grades, volunteer activities, perfect attendance, playing a sport or participating in extracurricular activities, taking the ACT or SAT, and even for having a job! Join RaiseMe to begin earning micro-scholarship today at <https://www.raise.me/join/maplewood-career-center>

Burger King Scholarships: <https://www.burgerkingscholarship.com/> The Burger King Scholarships are awarded to eligible students, student employees of Burger King, and their families throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. High school students and Burger King employees who are considering financial aid for college should apply for the Burger King Scholarship! **Application deadline: December 15, 2021.**

Ohio Technical College

Please call, text or email Laura Pronti [216-704-4477](tel:216-704-4477) lpronit@ohiotech.edu or John Austin at jaustin@ohiotech.edu for additional details.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6pm Virtual Information Sessions with Admissions - [Register here!](#)

Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Award - \$1,000 – 1 Award (Deadline: December 30, 2021)

To be eligible for the scholarship a student must:

- A) Possess a GPA of 2.5 or higher in his/her last academic year.
- B) Have contributed at least 50 hours of volunteer service within his/her community over the last 12 months.

Applications can be found by going to:

<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships/28146/odenza-marketing-group-volunteer-award>

The Shelly Company Scholarship

One Maplewood senior will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. Apply online at <https://www.shellyco.com/the-shelly-company-community-scholarship/> **Application deadline March 1, 2022.**

**Apply to college/tech school and complete your FAFSA
as soon as possible!**

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