

THE COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST

How to get on track

Freshmen

- ✓ **Make a plan.** Find out which classes colleges require and sign up for the prerequisites.
- ✓ **Branch out.** Join clubs, sports, or specialty activities that excite you.

57% of students ages 6-17 participated in at least one after-school extracurricular activity, according to a 2014 US Census Bureau report.

Juniors

- ✓ **Start looking into colleges.** Get a feel for the school culture, the city or town, and the academic areas that the school specializes in.
- ✓ **Check out community colleges too!** They're affordable, close to home, and often have open admission.
- ✓ **Take the PSAT™ (Preliminary SAT™),** a practice version of the SAT™, which is one of the two tests required to apply to many colleges (the other option is the ACT™).
- ✓ **Practice, practice, practice!** Take short, online practice tests on the SAT™ and ACT™ websites.
- ✓ **Take the SAT®, ACT®, or both.** You'll have a chance to retake the test(s) if you aren't happy with your score.

49% of all students who completed four-year college degrees in 2016 had also attended community college at some point.

The year a student takes the SAT® or ACT® for the first time can vary—though junior year is the norm. According to a recent Student Health 101 survey, here's when students say they took them:

- 10% freshman year
- 13% sophomore year
- 74% junior year

Did you know? Over 1,000 accredited 4-year colleges are **now test-optional**.

Sophomores

- ✓ **Look into taking the SAT Subject Tests™.** Choose those that match your strengths and the areas that interest you. These show colleges which fields you specialize in.
- ✓ **Make an appointment with your school counselor** to discuss course options and colleges that interest you, as well as to do some planning.
- ✓ **Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP®) or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes** in any areas you excel in.
- ✓ **Keep a record** of your extracurricular accomplishments so you can easily discuss them in application essays or interviews.

94% of the Student Health 101 readers we surveyed said they either plan to take the SAT® or ACT® or they've already taken it.



Seniors

- ✓ **Apply** to your top-choice schools first, then work your way down the list.
- ✓ **Get recommendations early.** Ask teachers, school counselors, or coaches for recommendation letters at least one month before application deadlines.
- ✓ **Create a brag sheet,** a list of your academic achievements, work experience, and extracurricular activities.
- ✓ **Prepare for interviews.** Reread your essays, brush up on your talking points, and learn everything you can about the school.

In 2018, nearly 69% of recent high school graduates were enrolled in colleges or universities, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

- ### 1 Basic Hurdle For Homeschoolers

The biggest issue that homeschool students face when applying to colleges is supplying the necessary paperwork and records. Record keeping is the biggest stumbling block for students.
- ### 2 Transcripts

In general, you will likely need to provide one of the following:

 - Compiled high school transcript (organized and submitted by parents)
 - Detailed course descriptions with the transcript record
- ### 3 GED / High School Diploma

All you should need diploma-wise is a parent-issued certificate once all required coursework has been successfully completed.

 - A Co-op
 - Private tutor sessions
 - College dual enrollment courses
- ### 4 Recommendation Letters

Normally, admissions officials want to see at least one non-familiar academic reference. Thankfully, you can accomplish this by taking some outside classes through:
- ### 5 Standardized Test Results

Master these tests with at-home preparation.
- ### 6 Extracurriculars

Common non-traditional extracurriculars for homeschoolers include:

 - Nonprofit organizations
 - Part-time job
 - Local sports teams
 - Internship

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SAT vs. ACT

Colleges typically accept both the SAT and ACT scores equally. Help students evaluate the characteristics of each exam to determine which best fits their needs.



Scores



Structure



Time



Questions



Test Prep

SAT	ACT
The SAT is scored on a scale of 400 - 1600	The ACT is scored on a scale of 1 - 36
3 tests + optional essay	4 tests + optional essay
3 hours + 50-minute optional essay	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute optional essay
154	215
Free online test prep for all students through Khan Academy	Free online test prep for fee waiver students through Kaplan

HOW THE TYPICAL FAMILY PAYS FOR COLLEGE

Understand college costs. Add up your tuition, room and board, fees, books and any other personal or travel expenses to get the true costs.

Save up. It's never too early or late to start saving. Do your part by putting away money from a job, allowance or birthday gifts to save for your education.

Don't forget FAFSA. The Free Application for Student Aid must be filled out each April 15 for you to be considered for federal aid. The FAFSA also can be required by colleges, state agencies and some scholarships.

Find extra money. Find the scholarships that are right for you. Good sources are the internet, books and your school guidance counselor. You also can sign up for Upromise, a service that gives back a percentage of your qualified spending on groceries, gasoline, online purchases and more. Visit upromise.com for more information.

Look up loans. After considering savings, working at school and applying for student aid and scholarships, you may find it still not be enough. A loan might be needed to cover the remaining costs. Check out your state's Department of Higher Education website; it can be a great resource.

PARENTS GUIDE TO COLLEGE PREP NEED HIGH RES. COPY

FEDERAL STUDENT AID 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 education expenses at a college, career school or graduate school.

Federal student aid covers such expenses as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. Aid also can help pay for a computer and for dependent care.

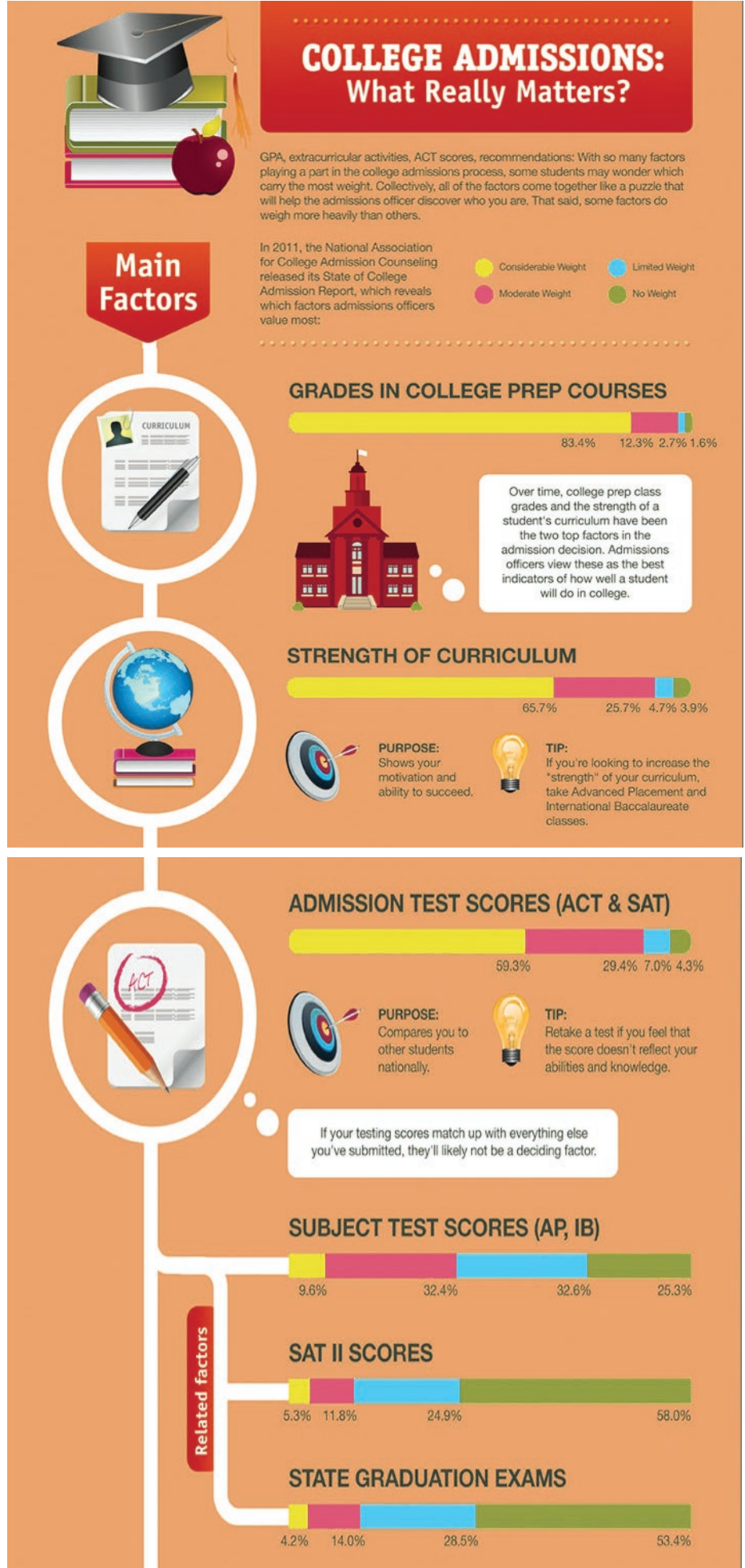
There are three main categories of federal student aid:

- **Grant** — Grant money usually doesn't have to be repaid. Most U.S. Department of Education grants are based on a student's financial need.
- **Work-study** — Work-study money is earned by a student through a job on or near campus while attending school and does not have to be repaid.
- **Loan** — Loan money must be repaid with interest.

For details about the federal student aid programs, including maximum annual amounts and loan interest rates, visit StudentAid.gov/types.

WHY GET A FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN?

Federal student loans offer low fixed-interest rates, income-based repayment plans, loan forgiveness and deferment (postponement of repayment) options, including deferment of loan payments when a student returns to school. Generally, repayment of a federal loan does not begin until after the student leaves school. And did you know that a student receiving a federal loan does not need a credit history or a cosigner? Private loans from banks often do not offer such benefits. So, if you need to borrow money to pay for college or career school, start with federal student loans. More information is available at StudentAid.gov/federal-vs-private.



Scholarship Information



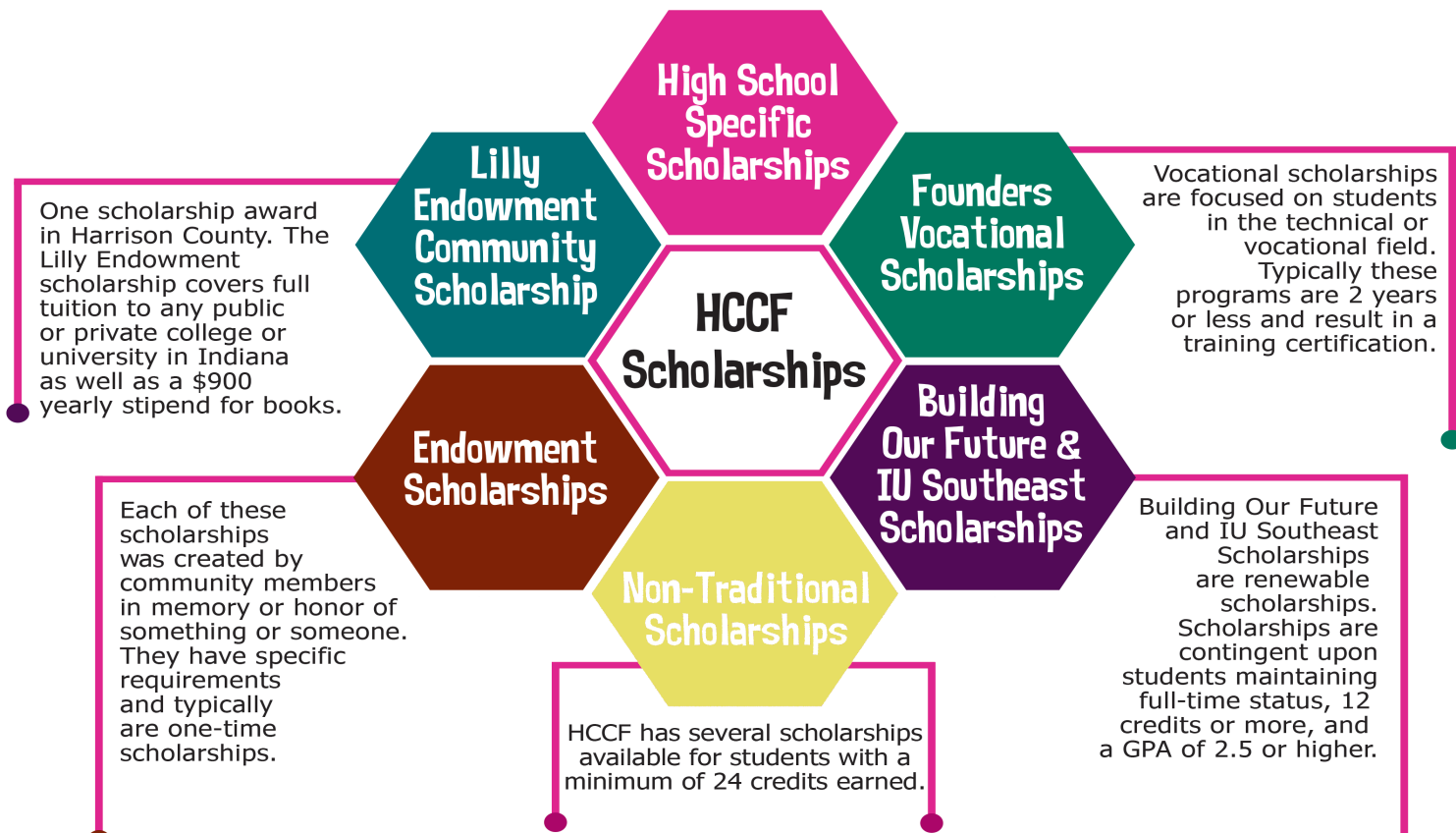
HCCF has scholarships available for students who have participated in the following in high school:

Community Service
4-H **FFA**
Athletics **Prosser**



Scholarships are available for high school students interested in majoring in the following:

Arts **Education**
Nursing **Pre-Med**
Agriculture



IRS Regulations

HCCF follows the IRS publication 970 rules and regulations in regard to scholarships. Publication 970 defines the legal standards for a scholarship as "qualified education expenses"; therefore, scholarship awards can only be used for tuition, books and course-related fees.

Scholarship Help

HCCF scholarships were created to assist students. They are not intended to pay for all college expenses.

\$500 - \$20,000

Scholarships typically range from \$500 to \$20,000.

Residents

Applicants must be graduating seniors and residents of Harrison County to be eligible.

Bachelor's Degree

Scholarships can be used to obtain one bachelor's degree.

"Blind" Selection

All scholarship applications are reviewed in a "blind" selection process. All applicant names are removed and a student number is assigned.

One-time or Renewable

Scholarships can be one-time awards or renewable awards.

Aug. 15

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application available online

October

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship interviews

Jan. 20

Universal application submission deadline by 4 p.m.

April 14

Harrison County Hospital Foundation Scholarship deadline

May/June

High school award ceremonies

2 Years

Students must enroll in college courses within two years of the date on the scholarship agreement

Sept. 30

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application submission deadline by 4 p.m.

November

Universal application available online

Jan./Feb.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship recipient announcement

April 15

FAFSA deadline

Aug. 1

Scholarship agreements due, signed by student and parent

5 Years

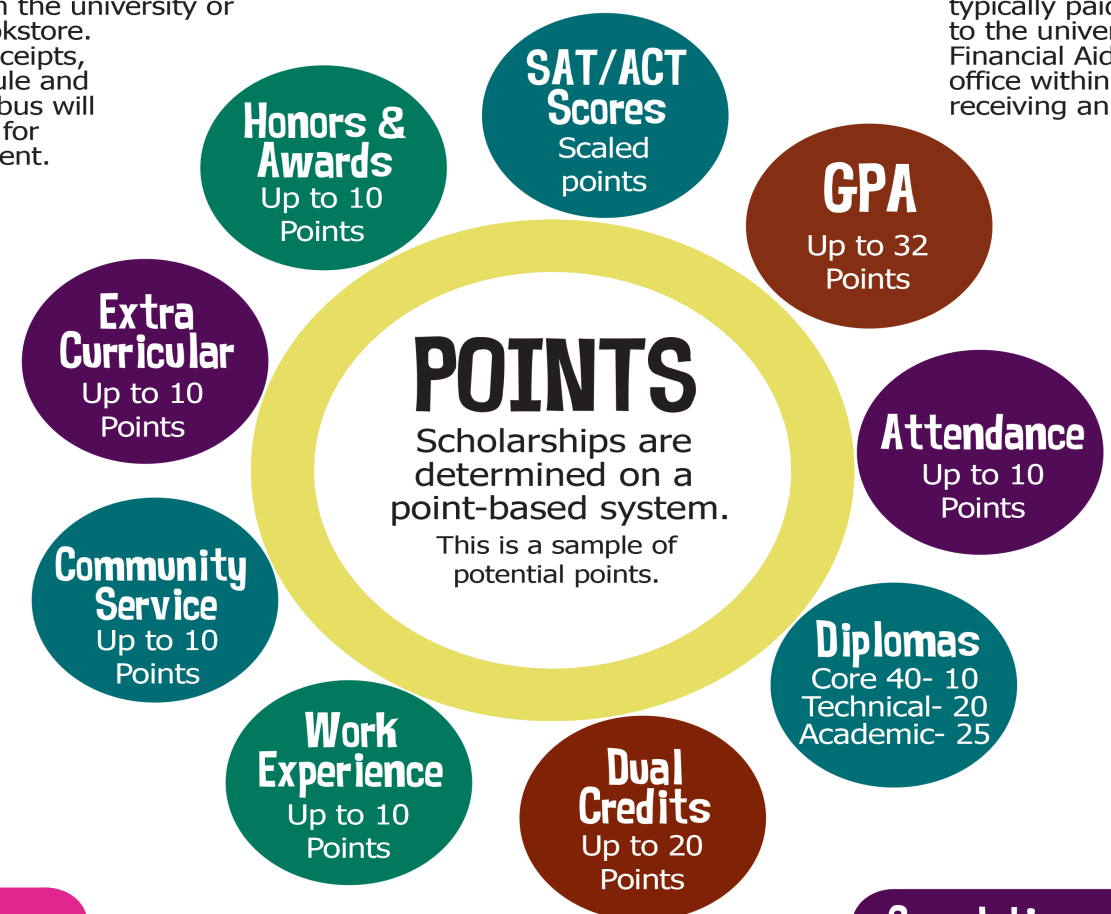
Students have five years from the date of the scholarship agreement to utilize funds

Books and Receipts

Books should be purchased directly from the university or campus bookstore. Copies of receipts, class schedule and course syllabus will be required for reimbursement.

Payment

Scholarships are typically paid directly to the university's Financial Aid or Bursar's office within 14 days of receiving an itemized bill.



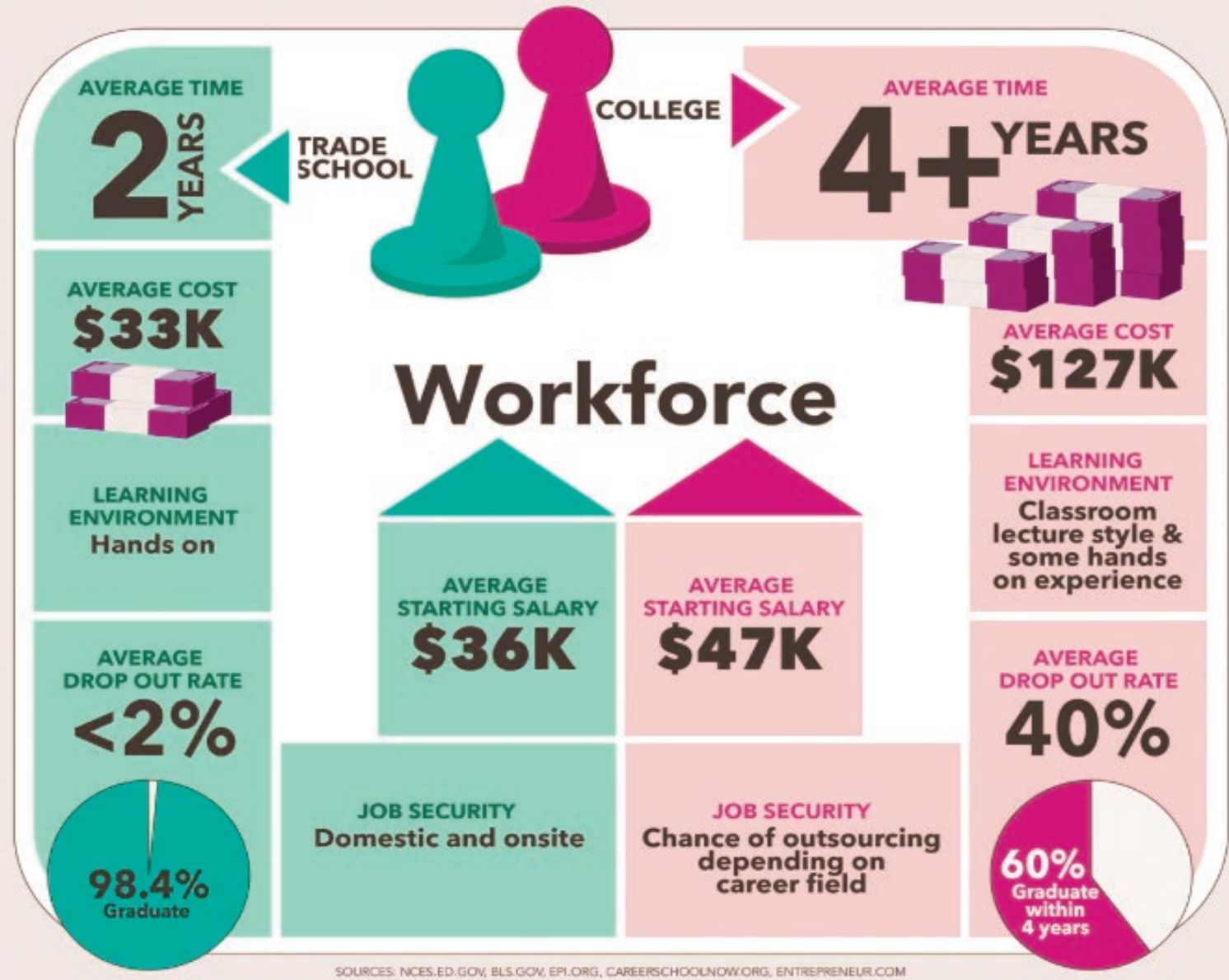
Process

Students are responsible for submitting bills to HCCF for payment. Colleges and universities will not notify HCCF of outstanding bills.

Completion

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Trade School vs Traditional College CHOOSE YOUR PATH



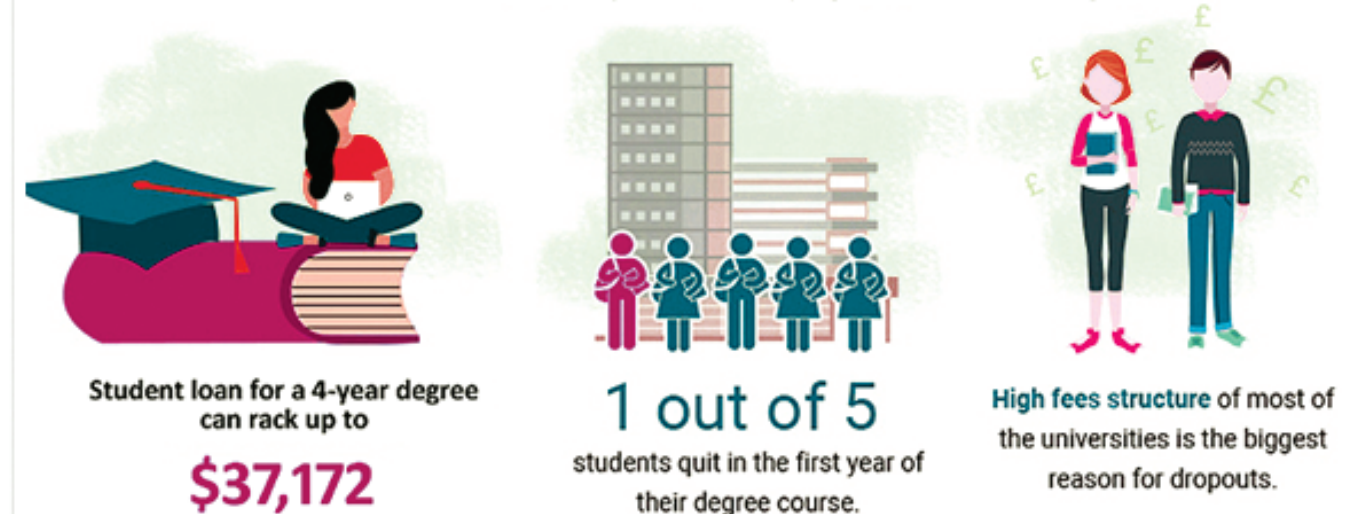
TOP 7 TRADE CAREERS That DON'T REQUIRE A DEGREE

Having a high-paying job is all we look for. But for that we need a degree, right? Wrong! Not all jobs require a university education. Here are top 7 'trade' careers that don't really require a degree.

IS GOING TO UNIVERSITY THE BEST OPTION?

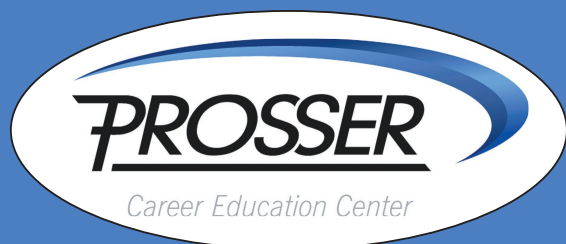
Of course a degree is always a useful thing to have on your resume, but it isn't always the best option. Getting a degree and finding a suitable job afterwards can still be difficult.

Here are issues people commonly face while trying to achieve their degree:



The unemployment rate of graduates or equivalent level has increased to **3%** in 2017.

All things considered, going to university is not always the best route to go down. There are other avenues that are equally rewarding, both personally and financially.



"Ensuring all students are college and career-ready"

Indiana's Best Career Center

- 8,257 = College credits earned (#1 in Indiana)
- 1,330 = Student enrollment
- 1,190 = Student work-based learning experiences
- 1,183 = Industry certifications earned
- 67 = SkillsUSA State qualifiers

TRADE CAREERS TO LOOK OUT FOR

If you're someone who loves to work with your hands and learn new skills, a trade career might be for you. We've found 7 of the best trade careers that are very rewarding and do not require you to have a degree.

1 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Planning, organising and handling the coordination of construction projects within budget and on time.
- ◆ Making sure the work is done maintaining the safety standards.
- ◆ Overseeing and supervising the workers as per the instructions of the engineers.



Average salary:
\$89,300



Minimum qualifications:
Level 2. Start off a site supervisor and work your way up!



2 OFFSHORE OIL RIG OPERATOR



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Extracting oil or natural gas from underground sources.
- ◆ Setting up and maintaining large drilling equipment.
- ◆ Looking after rig operation and administration.



Average salary:
\$47,000



Minimum qualifications:
Level 2 or 3. An apprenticeship can be helpful.

3 MECHANIC



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Maintaining and repairing light to heavy automobiles.



Average salary:
\$38,621



Minimum qualifications:
Level 2. A training or apprenticeship is required.

ELECTRICIAN 4



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Assessing and planning layout of wiring, equipment and fittings.
- ◆ Installing, testing and maintaining electrical wiring, equipment, appliances and fixtures.
- ◆ Detecting and fixing any faults or malfunctioning in any electrical system.



Average salary:
\$52,720



Minimum qualifications:

Electrotechnical NVQs Level 2-3 is required to become a fully qualified electrician.

5 PLUMBER



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Assembling, installing and maintaining piping for a variety of systems.
- ◆ Planning, cutting, bending and fixing pipes and fittings.



Average salary:
\$50,000



Minimum qualifications:

NVQs Level 2-3 in Plumbing.

7 LANDSCAPE GARDENER



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Growing various plants from seeds and maintaining them by providing them nutrients and watering them.
- ◆ Managing and preserving flower beds and borders.
- ◆ Using machinery to maintain and beautify the presentation in public parks and gardens.



Average salary:
\$30,477



Minimum qualifications:

Knowledge in horticulture and an apprenticeship will do the job. Experience also matters in some cases.

JOINER 6



Responsibilities:

- ◆ Measuring, cutting and fitting furniture and fittings.
- ◆ Assembling doors, door frames, windows, staircases,
- ◆ Working with other tradesman like plasterers to complete the project.



Average salary:
\$30,640



Minimum qualifications:

On-site experience would be enough although an apprenticeship is preferred.



BUILD UP YOUR RESUME

Your resume is useful for college applications, after-school jobs, internships, professional employment and more, so it's important to get it perfect. Follow these steps to write a resume that stands out. For step-by-step tips for crafting your resume and example resumes for you to base your own on, visit **Indiana Career Explorer** and navigate Home> My job Search Tools> My Resumes where you can create and edit resumes and print when complete.

STEP 1: GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

Consider your work experience, volunteer work, skills, accomplishments and education. Keep a running list, as you may use certain information on some resumes and other information on others.

STEP 2: PRACTICE.

Make sure that nothing that comes your way during the Interview is going to come as a surprise or totally catch you off guard. Having a practice interview with a trusted friend, family member or advisor, where you anticipate questions an Interviewer might have and come up with answers, can help you stay focused and answer questions well.

STEP 3: BE PREPARED FOR THE INTERVIEW.

Dress professionally and make sure to arrive on time. These things really show you care about the position and respect the employer. Many people are nervous when interviewing. But remember, you have been asked to interview for the job because the employer believes you could be right for it. The interview Is your chance to confirm that belief. Stay comfortable and confident. Smile warmly and shake hands, make eye contact and maintain good posture. These small things will make you feel more confident, and impress those you meet.

STEP 4: FOLLOW UP!

Don't forget to send a "thank you" to the interviewer for meeting with you. It's a thoughtful gesture and can show how much you care about the position. A handwritten note or a professional and concise email can make all the difference.

NAIL YOUR INTERVIEW

You've sent in your resume and you've gotten called for an interview. Now what? Follow these Steps to ace your meeting and land the position.

STEP 1: RESEARCH THE COMPANY.

One of the best ways to show enthusiasm fer a job is to research both the company and the position fer which you are being interviewed. Employers are impressed by wel-informed job seekers. Before arriving for an interview, you should know what the company does, how large it is, and what role you could play in its organization. With these facts, you can show how your qualifications match the company's needs. The company's website is usually the best place to begin. If you know other employees at the company, ask them about It

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GETTING INVOLVED ON CAMPUS & CREATING A SUPPORT NETWORK

The more involved you are in your campus community, the more meaningful and fun your college experience will be. Make the most of your time outside t he classroom by building a community for yourself. You have an opportunity to create new circles of friends and feel a sense of belonging at your school. You'll also get a chance to find new interests and boost your resume by joining clubs and developing interpersonal skills.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Join a school club. College websites usually have pages for student activities and organizations, and many colleges also have extracurricular fairs for student groups to advertise to potential new members. Go to one and see what feels right for you.

- Look for volunteer opportunities. Community service activities are great experiences, and you could even get college credit in some cases.

- Participate in recreational sports. Many colleges have intramural team sports, fitness classes and more. Look for flyers on campus or information on the school's website to find when these classes or clubs meet.

- Attend special events. Throughout the year, college campuses host theatrical performances, special speakers, symposiums, and more. Many of these events are free or discounted for students. Check your campus calendar for a schedule.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is perfect for busy students. Volunteering opportunities usually let you set your own schedule. Nonprofit organizations often rely on help from volunteers, which is perfect if you're interested in a similar career. Also, as a volunteer, you not only get an experience that looks great to employers - you also get personal satisfaction from helping a good cause or an organization!

Not sure what kind of volunteer opportunity is right for you? Think about looking for a volunteer position related to your future career goals. Here are a few examples to get you started:

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VETERINARIAN OR VET TECH?

Animal shelters and zoos are always looking for volunteers. You could also offer to help a local farmer care for his or her animals.

WANT TO EXPERIENCE BEING A FIREMAN OR POLICE OFFICER?

See if your local fire department or police department has a junior volunteer program or offers ride-alongs.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A TEACHER?

Look for opportunit ies to volunteer at a summer camp, a daycare, in a religious school classroom or as a tutor.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN MEDICINE?

Help out at a blood drive or volunteer to visit patients in a children's hospital or nursing home.

INTERESTED IN EVENT MANAGEMENT?

Many not-for-profits need help organizing and staffing events such as fundrlsing galas, pledge drives and run/walks.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER IN POLITICS?

Choose a candidate you would like to support in a local election and help run his or her campaign or join a political action committee.

GET AN INTERNSHIP WITH A COMPANY

With an internship, you'll actually experience working for a company or organization. They usually last a set amount of time - like a semester or a summer - and are typically available for college students. but more organizations are creating internships for high school students, too.

Some internships are full-time, and some may only be a few hours a week. Some may offer stipends or payment. but even if they don't. it can definitely pay off in experience and networking. It may even land you a job later.

Most colleges or universities have a career services office or department that can help you find internship opportunities in your field. Another good way to search Is by going directly to the companies you're interested In working for - many will post internship openings on a careers page of their website.

INDIANA INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

INDIANAINTERN.NET

Indiana**INTERN.net** provides a searchable database of internship opportunities in Indiana.

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INTERNSHIPS

Internships with Indiana's state government are available. Learn more about opportunities **here**.

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