

What does your future hold?

More students than ever before are choosing to attend college after high school. That's a good thing, because Missouri needs more degrees to meet future workforce demands. You can earn an associate degree in just two years, or go on to get a bachelor's degree in four. Right now, 42 percent of Missourians ages 25-34 have a degree. No matter what you do, look to the future and choose wisely. Planning starts now!

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SAT Test Date

October 3

SAT Registration

October 9

ACT Test Date

October 24

SAT Registration

November 5

ACT Registration

November 6

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High School Students

- Sometimes being in high school becomes more about the extra-curricular activities than the academics. Be involved, but don't let the year slip by without focusing on your grades too. Learn how to make the most of your year with the [ABCs of being a good student](#).
- Start exploring your options for after high school now. [Continuing your education](#) can mean earning a high quality certificate, an associate degree or a bachelor's degree.
- Explore colleges early so you can get an idea of where you will want to attend. You should eventually visit your top choices, but until then, check out these 10 ways you can [learn about colleges online](#).

High School Seniors

- Midterms are just around the corner! That means you are already a quarter of the way through your senior year! Stay on top of your grades to be eligible for the most scholarships.
- Is your school planning a college fair? Take time to meet with school representatives when they visit. A college fair is a great way to learn about multiple schools at once.
- If your high school is participating in [Apply Missouri](#), take advantage of the designated time to apply to several colleges. Your school will provide the help and resources you need.
- Even if your school isn't participating, [find resources](#) to help you complete those applications this month. Early in your senior year is the best time to apply!
- Find out what it means to be [college and career ready](#) and which high school courses are recommended to meet most colleges' standards. Think about these courses and how you can be more prepared as you plan your last semester of high school.
- Don't miss out on other college tips and information about scholarship opportunities. Follow *Journey to College* on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

College Students

- Your first semester of the year is half over. How are your grades? Be sure you're meeting your school's satisfactory academic progress and don't be afraid to take advantage of free tutoring services.
- If you currently attend a two-year college and plan to transfer to a four-year school, make the transition smooth with these [tips](#).
- Did you know that working students actually make better grades? Having a part-time job will not only help your wallet, but your time management skills and grade point average as well. Learn more about [banking at college](#).
- If you received the [Bright Flight Scholarship](#), keep in mind that as a renewal student, a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.

Parents

- Help your kids get a jump start on [preparing for college](#). Talk about possible careers and encourage them to research what type of education will be needed. Use [Missouri Connections](#) to help research potential careers.
- Questions about planning and paying for college? [The Missouri Source](#) has your answers.
- Set up your [FSA ID](#) now, to be ahead of the game for financial aid. The FSA ID is new, so you and your college student and/or high school senior will each need to set one up before completing the [FAFSA](#) for the 2016-17 school year.