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get future ready

with the Idaho Career Information System (CIS)



Get ready for the big time.



Determining your future is a lifelong journey that requires many decisions along the way. Multiple opportunities await you, so prepare yourself for any option. The decisions are yours!

Use CIS to help you find the answer to these important questions:

Who am I?

- Better understand yourself
- Explore your interests
- Discover your talents
- Learn about high demand jobs in careers that interest you
- Identify programs of study that interest you and schools that offer them

Where am I headed?

- Make the connection between school, learning, and your future in the work world
- Get a reality check. Find out which occupations will support your desired lifestyle
- Understand employment skills

How do I get there?

- Better understand yourself
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- » **Know yourself**
- » **Plan for School**
- » **Pay for School**
- » **Explore Careers**

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IdahoCIS.org

Graduation's just around the corner. Then what?

No matter where you are on your path to graduation, we're here to help. We've got the tips, tools, and resources to help make sense of everything—from college applications and financial aid to learning how to channel your interests and hobbies into a rewarding career choice.

Visit us online and learn how we can help make your next step exciting, rewarding, and manageable.

www.NextSteps.Idaho.gov

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THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

It's kind of a big deal. Cliché as it may sound, what you choose to do today may largely determine how it all turns out. If higher pay, financial security, greater opportunity, better health, and employment are things you'd like to have be a part of your next 80 years or so, some type of higher education should be in your future. Maybe get a bachelor's degree in engineering or an associate degree in Nursing. Or why not become a certified motorcycle mechanic or professional massage therapist? Whether you'll be a homemaker, athlete, lawyer or anything in-between, the experiences you'll gain through higher education will open up a world of opportunities and prepare you for life.



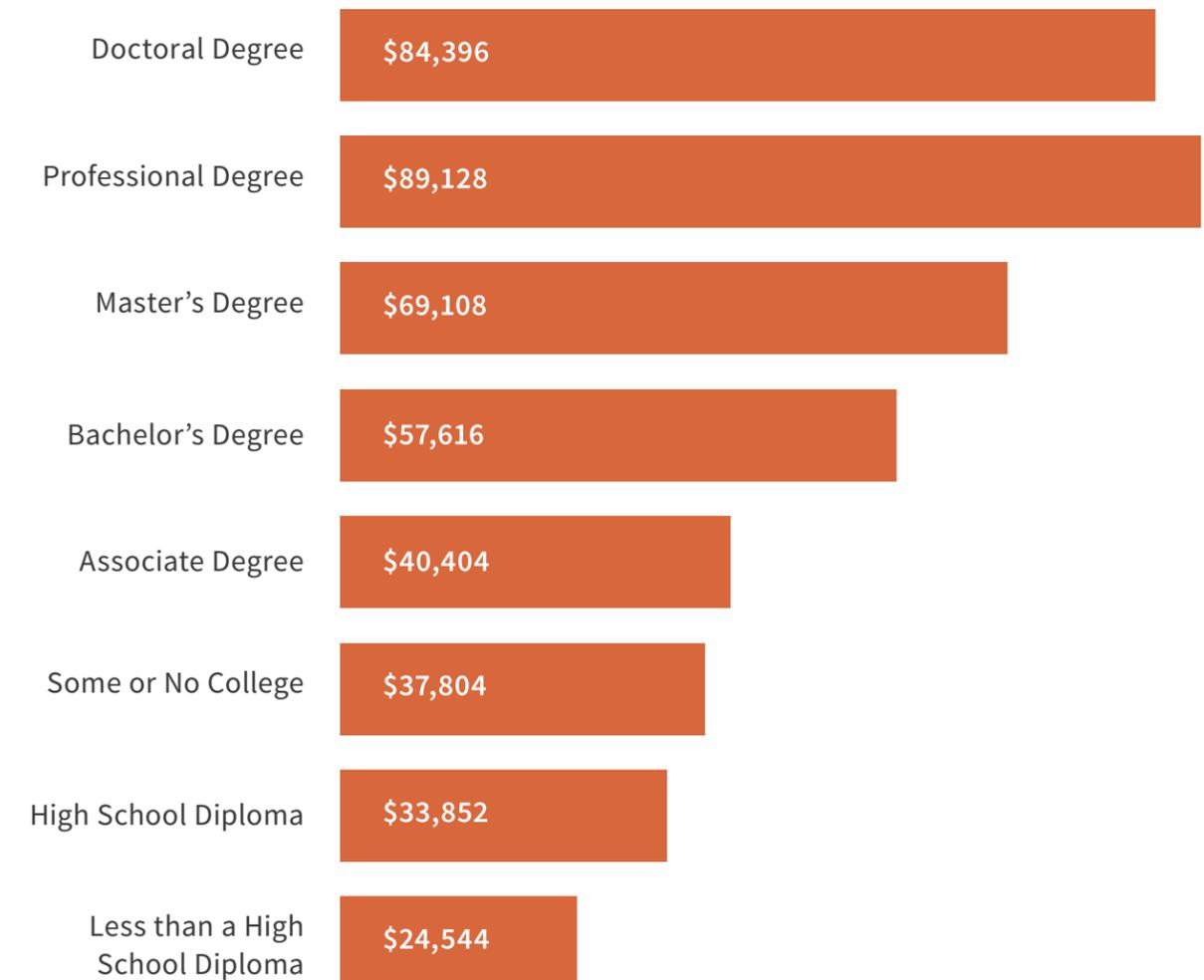
WHY COLLEGE?

College can be a valuable experience and asset to your future. Here are a few reasons why you should consider a college degree.

- 1 Earn More Money** – Those who graduate from college earn more money than those with only a high school diploma. On average, someone with a college degree can earn \$1,100 a week as opposed to just \$638 with a high school diploma. Whatever your dreams are, a college degree can help you get there.
- 2 Better Health** – Studies continue to show that college graduates tend to have a healthier life, both physically and mentally.
- 3 More Opportunity** – Graduating from college increases your choices for future careers and provides you with specialized skills and training that are essential in today’s workforce.
- 4 Build Connections** – College is a great place to meet new people, make friends, and network. The friends you make in college are often friends you will have for life. You also have the opportunity to network through classmates and professors.
- 5 Better Future for your Family** – 71% of students with at least one parent with a bachelor’s degree will apply to college themselves, as opposed to 26% of those who do not. Start a tradition that will be passed to your children by setting the example and earning a bachelor’s degree.

Average Salary Based on Educational Attainment

*Data collected from people ages 25 and over; Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.
Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.





BOISE BIBLE COLLEGE

Boise Bible College's 16-acre campus lies in a suburban neighborhood with easy access to shopping centers, parks, employment, and the Greenbelt along the Boise River. Most students live in a new dormitory, which carefully balances community life and private space. Instructional space is designed for plentiful interaction between students and instructors and the integration of new technology in mind. A new student center opened in 2014; facilitating the community life and spiritual development of the BBC student body.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: boisebible.edu
or call: 208-376-7731

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: boisebible.edu
> apply now
Deadline: July 15

TUITION: (per year)

Resident: \$11,640

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: boisebible.edu for
information.
Deadline: July 15

GET IN TOUCH:

🌐 boisebible.edu
☎ 208-376-7731
@ admissions@boisebible.com



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Maybe it's our central location at the heart of the capital-the hub of government, business, health-care, innovation, or our strong connections with hundreds of companies and organizations in the region. Maybe it's because we're Idaho's metropolitan research university, or perhaps it's our close proximity to the adventures that lie in the foothills along the Greenbelt or down the river. Maybe it's the cutting edge technology and academic success which fuels the University and surrounding community. No matter the reason, coming to Boise state will put you in a culture of innovation with opportunities in all the right places.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: admissions.boisestate.edu/visitus
Call: 208 426-1156

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: admissions.boisestate.edu/apply
Call: 208-426-1156
Email: bsuinfo@boisestate.edu
Deadline: May. 15th

TUITION: (per year)

Resident: \$6,876

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: financialaid.boisestate.edu
Call: 208-426-1664
Deadline: Feb. 15th

GET IN TOUCH:

🌐 boisestate.edu
☎ 208-426-1000
@ bsuinfo@boisestate.edu



BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY-IDAHO

Founded in 1888, BYU-Idaho cultivates a distinctive environment in accordance with the standards of its sponsor, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While most universities are research-focused and faculty-centered, BYU-Idaho is teaching-focused and student-centered. Through hands-on student instruction and leadership opportunities, students are given practical opportunities to build skills that will help them become Disciples of Christ and leaders in the workforce. As students engage in active teaching and learning, they will become a qualified leader in their families, the Church, the workplace, and the community.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: byui.edu/future-students > visiting
campus
Call: 208-496-1300

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: besmart.com
Call: 208-496-1300
Deadline: Dec 1st

TUITION: (per year)

LDS = \$3750
Non LDS = \$7500

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: byui.edu/financial-aid
Deadline: April 15
(also based on FAFSA)

GET IN TOUCH:

🌐 byui.edu/admissions
☎ 208-496-1300
@ admissions@byui.edu



COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

The College of Southern Idaho celebrates its 50th year in 2015. Our latest addition, the Applied Technology and Innovation Center, allows for our 85 technical and 55 academic programs to be located on a 315-acre campus on the north side of Twin Falls. Partnerships with more than 60 school districts across the state allow some 2,000 juniors and seniors to get a head start on their college before graduating. By working closely with Idaho's four-year universities, students can earn more than 30 bachelor's and masters degrees on the Twin Falls campus. Off campus centers provide many students with hometown higher education. Amid rising costs for college, The College of Southern Idaho remains Idaho's most affordable option for higher education.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: whycsi.com
Call: 208-732-6221

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: whycsi.com
Call: 208-732-6221
Deadline: none

TUITION: (per year)

Resident: \$3,600

FINANCIAL AID:

Call: 208-732-6273
Visit: csi.edu/financialaid
Deadline: March 1st

GET IN TOUCH:

🌐 csi.edu
☎ 208-733-9554
@ info@csi.edu



COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO

College of Western Idaho (CWI) is located in Treasure Valley—the state’s cultural and economic hub. Treasure Valley is recognized nationally as a great place to live, work, and get an education. CWI is the largest college community in Idaho and provides students an abundance of opportunities for learning. Whether taking classes at the Boise or the Nampa campus or online, CWI offers affordable education with low cost per credit and access to scholarships and financial aid. With a full range of two-year degrees and professional certificates that transfer to universities or directly to the workforce, the quality of education at CWI competes with any college or university.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: cwidaho.cc/visit
Call: 208-562-3000

FINANCIAL AID:

(based on FAFSA)
Call: 208-562-3000
Deadline: July 13th

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: cwidaho.cc/apply
Call: 208-562-3000
onestop@cwidaho.cc
Deadline: August 7

GET IN TOUCH:

cwidaho.cc/contact
208-562-3000
onestop@cwidaho.cc

TUITION: (per year)

In-District: \$3,264
Out-of-District: \$4,264



EASTERN IDAHO TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Eastern Idaho Technical College provides Professional Technical Education and is located in Idaho Falls. Our programs provide hands-on training to give students real world experience in a specific field to prepare them to enter the workforce. We pride ourselves in our small class sizes and high job placement rates for our graduates. For the fiscal year 2014, EITC had a 95% placement rate which includes graduates continuing their education or in the workforce. We believe in real education and real jobs for real life.

TAKING A TOUR:

Call: 208-524-3000
or 208-535-5337

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: eitc.edu/financial.cfm
Call: 208-535-5374
Deadline: June 1st

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: eitc.edu/admissions.cfm
Call: 208-524-3000
Deadline: none

GET IN TOUCH:

www.eitc.edu
208-524-3000
info@my.eitc.edu

TUITION: (per year)

Resident: \$2,334



IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

Idaho State University is a research university located in Pocatello, with additional locations in Idaho Falls, Meridian and Twin Falls. ISU is the state’s designated leader in the health professions, but with more than 250 academic programs and 150 student clubs and organizations, there are plenty of opportunities to become a part of the Bengal community. Opportunities for undergraduate research, performing in a nationally-acclaimed performing arts center, and personal interaction with faculty members are some of the reasons our students choose ISU. ISU is at the heart of an outdoor-lover’s paradise and a short drive to some of America’s greatest natural wonders and exciting outdoor recreation opportunities.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: isu.edufuture/visit
Call: 208-282-2123

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: isu.edu/finaid
Call: 208-282-2756

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: apply.isu.edu
Call: 208-282-2475
Deadline: August 1

GET IN TOUCH:

isu.edu
208-282-2123
info@isu.edu

TUITION: (per year)

Resident \$6,784

Pocatello: isu.edu
Idaho Falls: isu.edu/ifche
Meridian: isu.edu/meridian
Twin Falls: isu.edu/tfctr



LEWIS CLARK STATE COLLEGE

Students on the trail of a quality, highly personalized education complemented by a distinctive small college environment will want to explore Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC). LCSC’s faculty and staff are truly dedicated to making your college experience unique to your needs. Located in Lewiston, the tree-lined campus blends traditional and modern structures. LCSC students have the opportunity to enjoy wilderness and recreation areas, many of which are just a few miles away. In all regards, LCSC is a quality institution.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: lcsc.edu/visit-campus/
Call: 208.792.2378

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: lcsc.edu/financialaid or
Call: 208.792.2224
Deadline: March 1.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: lcsc.edu/admissions
Deadline: March 1.

GET IN TOUCH:

lcsc.edu
208-792-2210
recruitment@lcsc.edu

TUITION: (per year)

Resident: \$6,000.



NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

Founded in 1933, North Idaho College is a comprehensive community college located on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. NIC offers over 150 degrees and certificates in a wide spectrum of programs. NIC operates with an open-door admissions policy and as one of three community colleges in Idaho, NIC works closely with The University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, Idaho State University, and Boise State University to provide club and organization opportunities for students. North Idaho College also offers a variety of club opportunities for students and is known for its competitive athletic programs.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: nic.edu/admissions/visit
Call: 208-769-3311

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: www.nic.edu/apply
Call: 208-769-3311
 Deadline: varies

TUITION: (per year)
 Resident: \$3,214

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: nic.edu/financialaid
Call: 208-769-3368
 Deadline: March 15

GET IN TOUCH:

nic.edu
 877-404-4536
 @admit@nic.edu



NORTHWEST NAZARENE
UNIVERSITY

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Northwest Nazarene University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to the transformation of the whole person. With more than 60 areas of undergraduate study, graduate and doctoral programs to choose from, you'll never have to settle for less than your true passion. Our grads leave NNU prepared to embark on a career path and to pursue advanced degrees. NNU also places a high value on relationships with our 40 clubs and organizations, international missions, study abroad opportunities and campus events. Opportunities for growth and involvement abound at NNU.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: love.nnu.edu/#visit
Call: 208-467-8640 or
Email: visit@nnu.edu

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: love.nnu.edu
Call: 1-877-NNU-4-YOU
Email: admissions@nnu.edu
 Deadline: none

TUITION: (per year)
 Resident: \$27,750

FINANCIAL AID:

(based on admission application & FAFSA)
Call: 208-467-8638
 Deadline: March 15th

GET IN TOUCH:

love.nnu.edu
 208-467-8000
 @admissions@nnu.edu



THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO

Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho is the state's oldest private liberal arts college. The C of I has a legacy of academic excellence, winning athletics and a history of successful graduates, including seven Rhodes Scholars, 14 Marshall, and Truman and Goldwater Scholars. The College's close-knit, residential campus is located in Caldwell. Its distinctive PEAK Curriculum challenges students to attain competencies in the four knowledge peaks of the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and professional field. In 2014, The C of I was named Idaho's No. 1 college by Forbes, and among the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges by U.S. News & World Report.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: collegeofidaho.edu/admissions/visit/campus

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: commonapp.org and select "The College of Idaho"
 Deadline: May 1st

TUITION: (per year)
 Resident: \$25,400

FINANCIAL AID:

Visit: collegeofidaho.edu/financialaid
Call: 208-459-5307
 Deadline: Feb 15th

GET IN TOUCH:

collegeofidaho.edu/admission
 208-459-5305
 @admission@collegeofidaho.edu



UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

As a student of Idaho's leading research and land-grant university, you will benefit from our innovative academic programs, exceptional student living and learning environment, outstanding research opportunities, and a proven track record for high-achieving graduates. You will study side-by-side with world-class professors, who challenge and encourage you to expand your personal and intellectual boundaries. Our beautiful residential campus, in Moscow, offers intimate learning experiences that attract the best students from the state and nation. Become a part of our 126 year tradition of leadership and excellence.

TAKING A TOUR:

Visit: uidaho.edu/your-visit
Call: 208-885-6163

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: uidaho.edu/apply-now
Call: 208-885-6326
Email: admissions@uidaho.edu
 Deadline: Feb. 15th

TUITION: (per year)
 Resident: \$7,020

FINANCIAL AID:

(based on admission application & FAFSA)
Visit: uidaho.edu/financialaid
Call: 208-885-6312
 Deadline: Feb 15th.

GET IN TOUCH:

uidaho.edu/my-idaho
 208-885-6163
 @futurestudents@uidaho.edu



IDAHO TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Positive Placement:

92% of technical college completers found jobs or continued their education.

61% obtained training-related employment.

81% obtained a training-related job, were in the military, or pursued additional education.



Professional-Technical Education

We believe all Idaho residents deserve the opportunity to experience the dignity of work and the education required to prepare them for it. As Idaho's primary educational delivery system for workforce education, professional-technical education (PTE) in Idaho is critical to the big picture of lifelong learning, ongoing training and education, economic vitality, and success in the workplace.

To learn more visit: www.pte.idaho.gov



3 Technical colleges at community colleges:

College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, and North Idaho College

2 Technical colleges at 4 year institutions:

Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College

1 Stand-alone technical college:

Eastern Idaho Technical College



What programs do you offer?

- ▶ Agriculture & Natural Resources
- ▶ Business Management & Marketing
- ▶ Engineering & Technology
- ▶ Family & Consumer Sciences
- ▶ Health Professions
- ▶ Individualized Occupational Training
- ▶ Skilled & Technical Sciences

Nationally, the ratio of jobs in our economy is:

1:2:7

For every 1 occupation that requires a master's degree or more, 2 professional jobs require a university degree, and there are 7 jobs requiring a 1-year certificate or 2-year degree. Each of these technicians are in very high-skilled, high-demand areas.



COMPARE YOUR OPTIONS

Can't decide what school is best for you? Compare what each school offers and get information at a glance here.

	Fall 2014 Enrollment	DEGREE OFFERINGS					
		Certificates	AAS	AS/ AA	BS/BA	Masters	PhD/Prof.
Boise Bible College	177	X		X	X		
Boise State University	22,259	X		X	X	X	X
Brigham Young University- Idaho	16,193		X	X	X		
College of Southern Idaho	8,357	X	X	X			
College of Western Idaho	10,217	X	X	X			
Eastern Idaho Technical College	730	X	X				
Idaho State University	13,804	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lewis-Clark State College	4,500	X	X	X	X		
North Idaho College	5,779	X	X	X			
Northwest Nazarene University	2,036			X	X	X	X
The College of Idaho	1,200				X	X	
University of Idaho	12,000				X	X	X

Fall Admission Deadline & Fee	Scholarship Application Deadline	Tuition (1 year)	On-Campus Housing (1 year)	On-Campus Meal Plan (1 year)	Financial Aid Priority Deadline
July 15th \$25	July 15th	\$11,640	\$3,150	\$3,300	July 15th
May 15th \$50	February 15th	\$6,876	\$3,159 - \$5,229	\$3,270	February 15th
December 15th \$35	April 15th	LDS=\$3,750 Non LDS=\$7,500	\$750 - \$1,400	\$1,200 - \$2,000	June 1st
No Deadline	March 1st	\$3,600	\$2,500 - \$3,000	\$1,820 - \$3,040	July 20
August 7th \$25	varies	In District=\$3,264 Out of District=\$4,264	N/A	N/A	July 13th
No Deadline \$15	February 15th	\$8,550	N/A	N/A	June 1st
August 1st \$50	February 15th	\$6,784	\$2,660	\$3,001	February 15th
August 8th FREE	March 1st	\$6,000	\$2,560 - \$4,530	\$2,100 - \$3,160	March 1st
August 11th FREE	March 15th	\$3,214	\$4,450 - \$6,710	\$2,200 - \$3,000	March 15th
No Deadline \$40	N/A	\$27,750	\$3,300	\$3,300	March 15th
May 1st FREE	February 15th	\$25,400	\$4,000	\$3,996	February 15th
February 15th \$60	February 15th	\$7,020	\$4,300 - \$6,250	\$3,400 - \$3,800	February 15th

REAL STUDENTS OF IDAHO

Real Idaho college students sharing their real stories



Elisa

Northwestern Nazarene University
from Portland, OR



“I decided to go to college not only because I knew I wanted to be a nurse, but also because I was seeking a solid community that would help in my transformation from a high schooler to an adult.”



Jared

Boise State
from Nampa, ID

“I love college life. My college experience is helping me mature and figure out how I want to live my life.”



Annie

Lewis Clark State College
from Boise, ID

“I wanted to further my educational opportunities at a school with a small campus where I could know more people. So far it has been a great adventure! This semester I plan on applying to the Education program, I’m excited for my future as a teacher.”



Steve

North Idaho College
from Coeur d’Alene, ID



“I am a huge fan of college life. I have found NIC to be an inspiring environment. It can be challenging, and there are definitely times where you want to bang your head against the wall, but we work through it and gain valuable knowledge and experiences.”



Isaac

Boise Bible College
from Eagle, ID



“I decided to go to college so that I could grow in life experience and hopefully figure out what it is in my life I actually wanted to do. I had dreams in music, traveling, art, and ministry. Boise Bible College was a name I was familiar with, so I pursued it.”



Katie

University of Idaho
from Sandpoint, ID

“College is absolutely amazing. I was scared at first that I wouldn’t make new friends, and that I would fail, but so far none of that has been a problem. It’s easy to meet new people, and there is always someone who can help you out if you are struggling in classes.”



Jill

Brigham Young
University-Idaho
from Nampa, ID

“College life is the best: you get to live with your closest friends and be surrounded by experts in multiple fields.”



Ella

College of Southern Idaho
from Mackay, ID

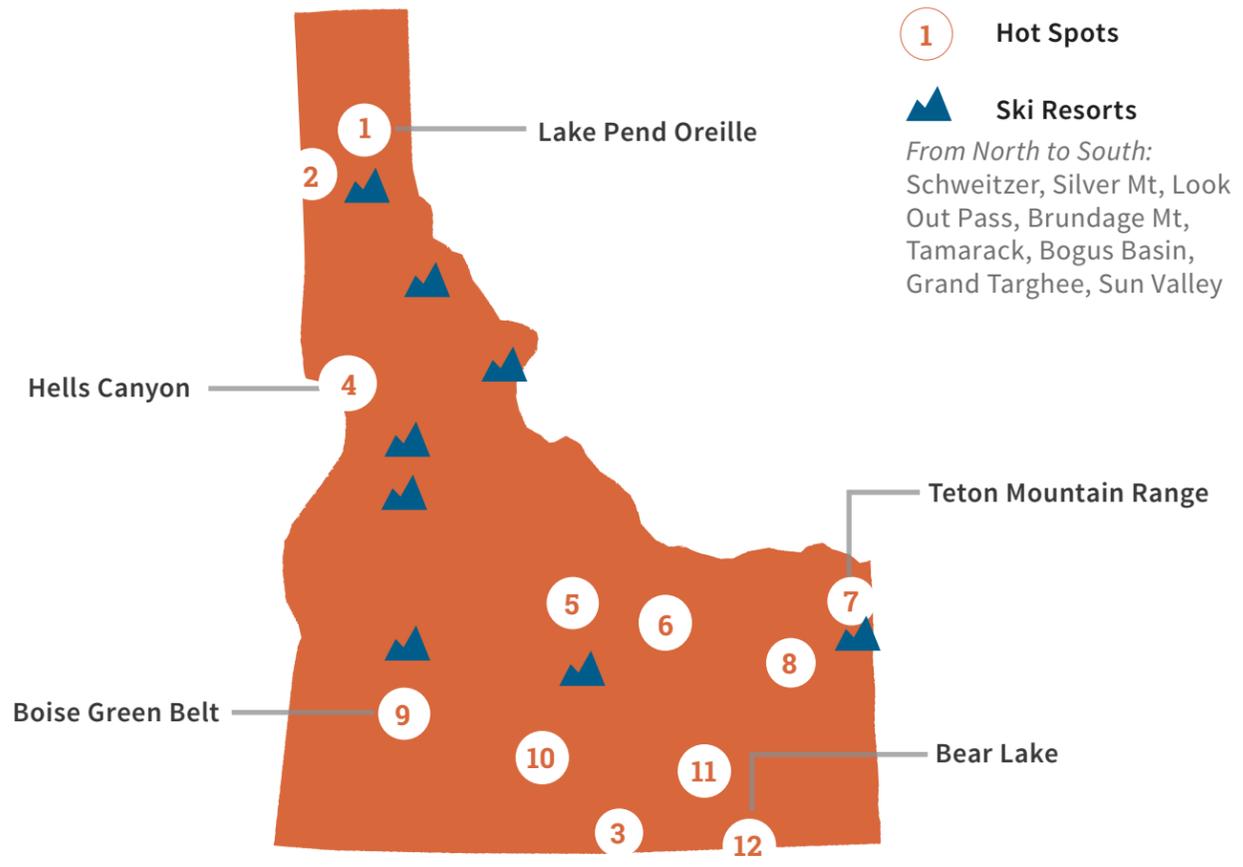


“CSI has been a good transition to a larger city. I have enjoyed my college experience at CSI and have made many great memories here. I like the classes, I love CSI’s environment, and I have made many good friends, even among the staff.”



IDAHO HOT SPOTS

Whether you need a study break or a weekend getaway, there are plenty of Idaho destinations full of adventure.



- 1** **Lake Pend Oreille**
The largest lake in the Idaho panhandle, spanning 43 miles, and the 5th deepest lake in the U.S. at 1,150 ft
- 2** **Lake Coeur d'Alene**
A natural lake in northern Idaho, spanning 25 miles, with 109 miles of shoreline
- 3** **City of Rocks**
Expansive state park with camping, rock-climbing, hiking, and impressive granite rock formations
- 4** **Hells Canyon**
A ten-mile-wide canyon along the border of Idaho and Oregon
- 5** **Sawtooth Mountain Range**
Part of the Rocky Mountains and a great place for hiking in the summer
- 6** **Borah Peak**
The tallest peak in Idaho with an elevation of 12,667 ft. Located in the Lost River Range
- 7** **The Teton Mountain Range**
A mountain range in Wyoming near the Idaho border, known as a destination spot for skiing, snowboarding, and hiking
- 8** **St. Anthony Sand Dunes**
Sand dunes near BYU-Idaho, a popular location for sand surfing and bonfires
- 9** **Boise Green Belt**
A recreation trail along the banks of the Boise river
- 10** **Shoshone Falls**
A waterfall located on the Snake River, east of Twin Falls
- 11** **Craters of the Moon**
A park for camping and hiking with a visitor center amid dormant lava fields
- 12** **Bear Lake**
A freshwater lake on the border of Idaho and Utah

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

Four simple steps to help you prepare

Idaho colleges and universities, along with the Idaho State Board of Education, believe all students should have education and career goals that will prepare them to experience fulfilling lives, actively participate as educated citizens, and thrive in a particularly competitive and global marketplace. A college- and career-ready student is prepared to succeed in college and in postsecondary workforce training programs.

01 Build an Academic Foundation

- ▶ Don't slow down during your senior year. Take challenging classes to develop an understanding of different subjects and a solid academic preparation for college courses.
- ▶ Take Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) classes that lead to college credit and provide direct experience in college-level studies. Select Concurrent Enrollment classes that apply to general education, a certificate, or a degree that fits your educational plans.

02 Develop Intellectual and Career Capacity

- ▶ Select courses in high school that challenge the intellect and develop critical thinking, analysis, and problem-solving strategies.
- ▶ Practice creative problem solving, increase written and oral communication and teamwork skills, and become technology proficient.
- ▶ Establish time management skills and study habits to prepare for the greater amount of independent work required in college.

03 Evaluate Progress for College

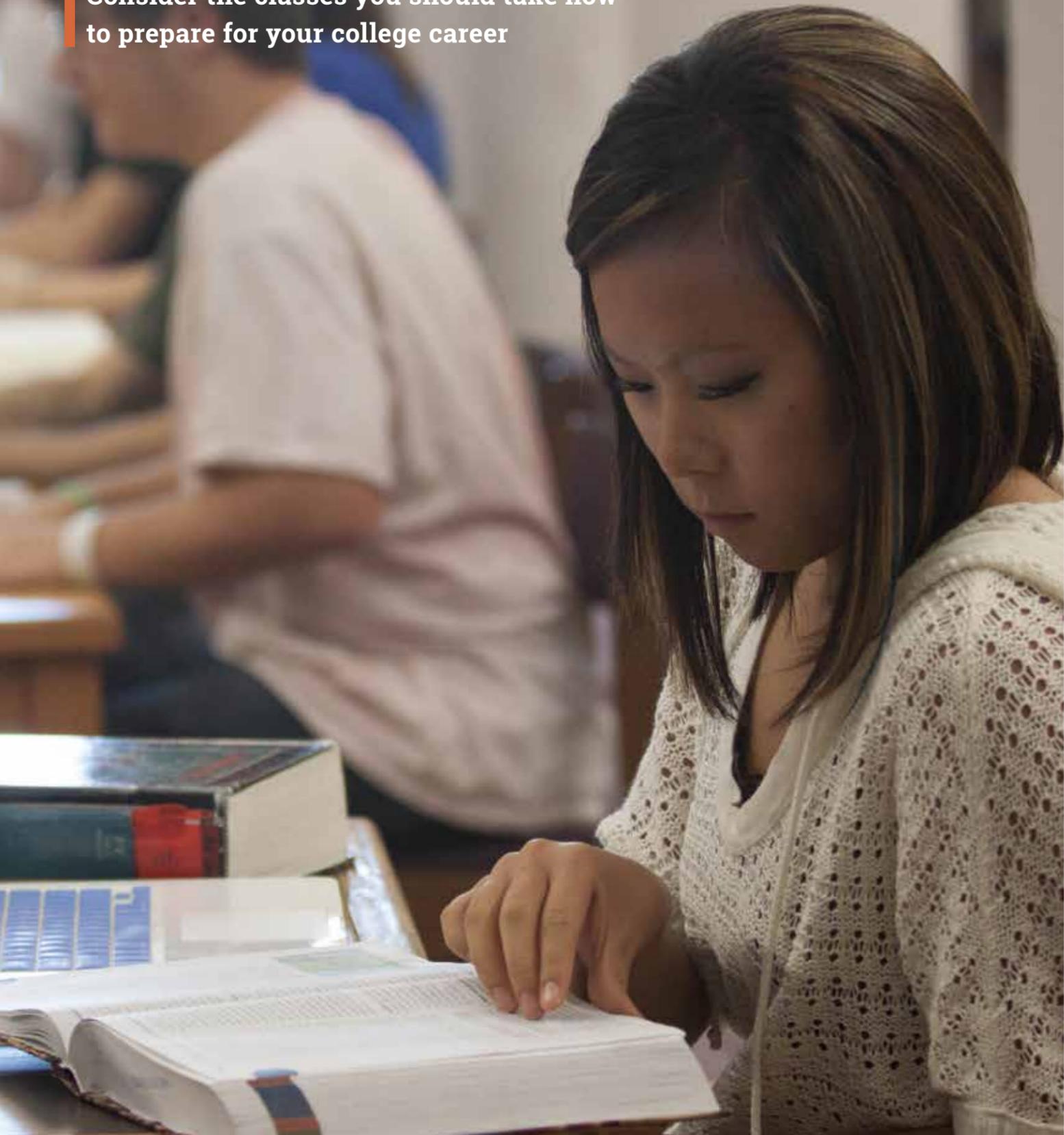
- ▶ Go to class, take notes, and do your homework. Do the very best academic work possible in every class you take from middle school through your senior year of high school.
- ▶ Speak with a counselor about your course choices; ask for advice on enhancing college readiness skills.
- ▶ Throughout middle school and high school years, use external methods (such as the EXPLORE, PLAN, and ACT sequence of tests, or ACCUPLACER) to determine how close you are to being ready for college.
- ▶ Adjust study habits and school course choices appropriately to address your academic weaknesses and stay on track.

04 Explore Postsecondary Options

- ▶ Visit as many college campuses as you can. Take a guided tour and ask questions.
- ▶ Learn how much college costs. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by the priority deadline. Ask a college financial aid advisor about scholarships, grants, loans, and work study.
- ▶ Take a college entrance exam (ACT or SAT) at least twice before applying to colleges.
- ▶ Submit college admission applications by the priority deadline (often in November/December of your senior year).

REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider the classes you should take now to prepare for your college career



	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PATHWAYS	
	Idaho High School Graduation Requirements	1- & 2-Year Certificate and Degree Pathway	2-Year Transfer and 4-Year Degree Pathway
English & Language Arts	9 credits (English: 8 credits and Speech: 1 credit)	Concentrate on developing technical reading, writing, and research skills.	Concentrate on developing reading, writing, and research skills.
Mathematics	6 credits, including Algebra 1 and Geometry standards. Two credits must be taken in the last year of high school.	Take required mathematics courses and focus on the application of math concepts related to your chosen career goal.	Students interested in the STEM degrees should take at least one mathematics course beyond Algebra II, ideally as much math as possible including calculus.
Science	6 credits (including 4 laboratory)	Choose science courses aligned with your occupational goals and personal interests.	Students interested in STEM degrees are encouraged to explore coursework in physics, chemistry, biology, and other core sciences.
Social Science & Social Studies	5 credits	Choose social sciences classes that provide a strong academic foundation but also enable you to explore a variety of career paths.	Choose social sciences classes that provide a strong academic foundation but also enable you to explore a variety of career paths.
Health	1 credit	Build a foundation for a healthy lifestyle that is key to college and career success.	Build a foundation for a healthy lifestyle that is key to college and career success.
Required Electives	17 credits	Choose challenging electives that match your career interests and other educational goals.	Choose challenging electives that match your career interests and other educational goals.
World Languages	N/A	Consider taking a foreign language class as a pathway to developing employable skills.	Take 2+ years of the same language (other than English) in a progressive manner during high school.
District Requirements	Senior Project	Complete a project related to your career interests and educational goals.	Complete a project related to your career interests and educational goals.
College Entrance Exam	Take either the ACT, SAT, or COMPASS exam before the end of the 11th grade (starting 2014-2015 school year).	Take the ACT or SAT at least twice for best results. Schedule the test early in your senior year in order to meet college application deadlines.	Take the ACT or SAT at least twice for best results. Schedule the test early in your senior year in order to meet college application deadlines.
ISAT Exam	ISAT: Pass ISAT with a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, Math, and Language Usage.	This step is usually completed in middle school/junior high. See your high school counselor with questions.	This step is usually completed in middle school/junior high. See your high school counselor with questions.

FINANCIAL AID

College can be expensive, but there are resources available to help.

Financial-Aid

One of the first things students think of when it comes to getting a college education is the cost. Getting a college education is an investment that will pay you back many times over for the rest of your life. Don't be intimidated by the price tag of an education. There are many resources available to help you afford higher education. The first step is to become informed about the options available to you, and to get comfortable speaking higher education's financial language.

Here are some suggestions that will help as you explore your options:

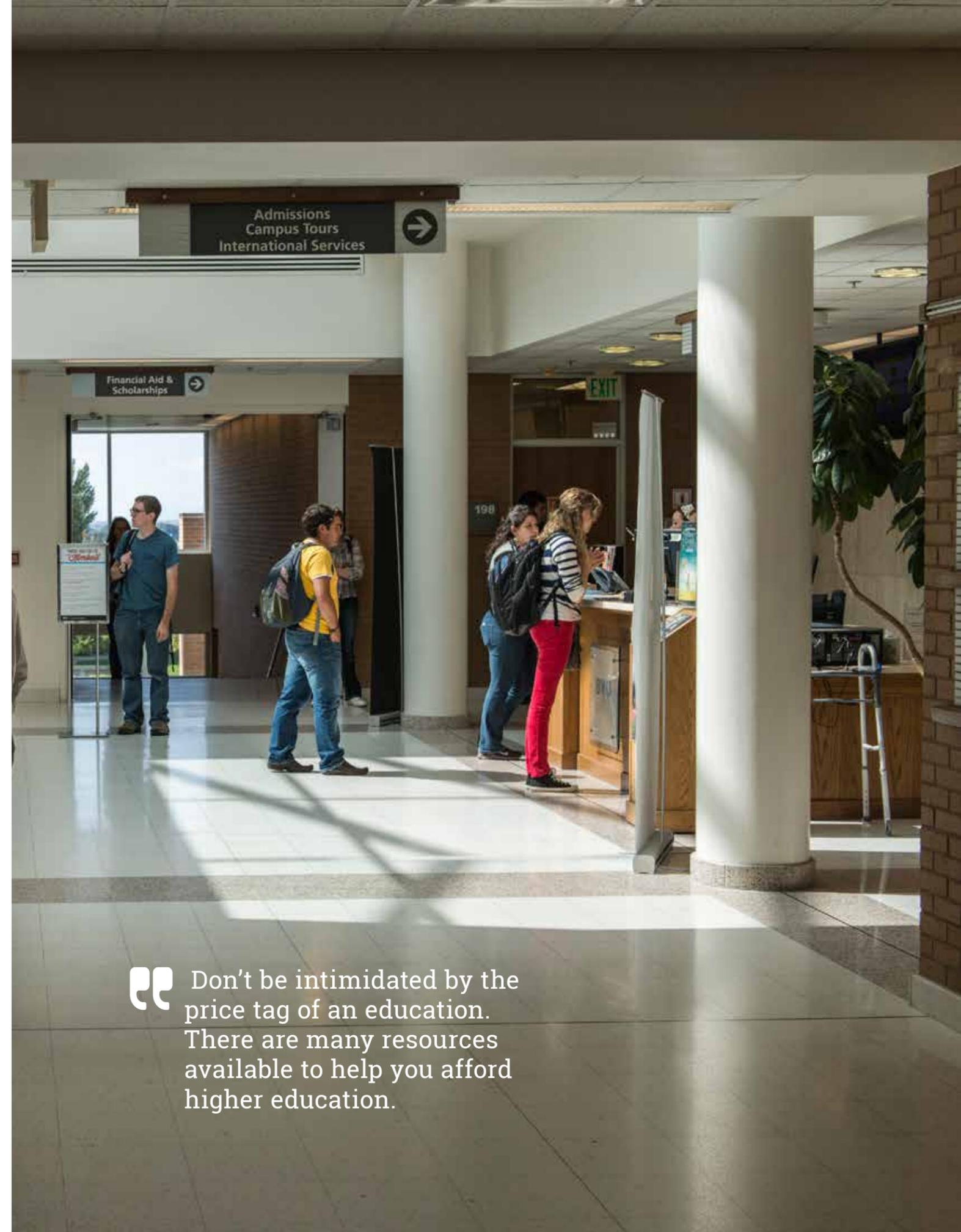
- ▶ Pay attention to the financial literacy course you take during your junior or senior year.
- ▶ Set up an appointment with your high school counseling center to learn about financial options.
- ▶ Actively listen and take part in college presentations and events at your high school.
- ▶ Visit the colleges that interest you. Schedule an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor and with a financial aid counselor when you go to visit the campuses. Ask them to explain as much as they can about the help that might be available to you should you decide to attend.
- ▶ Have a conversation with your parents or guardians about the cost of higher education. There may be scholarship opportunities based on where your parents or guardians work.
- ▶ Review the resources available to you at studentaid.ed.gov. Find the "FAFSA4caster" tool on this website and use it to help you see what aid you might be eligible to receive.

FAFSA

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step to obtaining financial assistance to help you pay for college. Many schools require that a student complete the FAFSA as part of the scholarship application process. The FAFSA is used to determine the amount of federal financial aid (grants, work study, and student loans) you might be eligible for.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a form of financial assistance that do not need to be repaid once a student graduates from college. There are thousands of scholarships available. Scholarships can be awarded for leadership, academic merit, financial need, talent, and more. Colleges have their own scholarships that you need to apply for and many organizations offer scholarships to students no matter which college they choose to attend. Students who attend college in Idaho can visit the Idaho State Board of Education website at www.boardofed.idaho.gov for information on available scholarships.



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COLLEGE TERMS TO KNOW

■ Know the lingo before you head to college.

Accreditation : Accreditation is the recognition that an institution maintains standard requisites for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice. The goal of accreditations is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meet acceptable levels of quality.

Accuplacer: The purpose of Accuplacer tests is to provide you with useful information about your academic skills in math, English, and reading. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. You cannot “pass” or “fail” the placement tests, but it is very important that you do your very best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skills.

ACT Aspire: The ACT Aspire (formerly called pre-ACT, ACT Plan, or ACT Explore) is an online testing system for students in grades 3-8 as well as early high school. These tests assess English, math, reading, science and writing contents for all grades. The assessment is used to highlight progress towards ACT College Readiness Standards and Benchmarks and is aligned to what students are learning in school.

Admissions & Scholarship Index: Admissions and scholarship decisions can be based on an index of GPA and ACT scores at some of our institutions of higher education. The score may also be used for placement. For more information please contact the institution of your choice to determine if this is applicable.

Advanced Placement Program (AP): The advanced placement program is a service of the College Board that provides high schools with course descriptions in college subjects and Advanced Placement Examinations in those subjects. High schools teach the courses and give the examinations to interested students. Those who pass the exams are eligible for advanced placement or college credit.

Applied Associate Degree (A.A.S.): An A.A.S. is a two-year program that provides broader knowledge in fields ranging from Biomanufacturing and Computer Information Systems to Dental Hygiene and Digital Media. The in-depth knowledge and skills acquired in an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree prepare students for employment in a career track with advancement opportunities.

Associate Degree (A.A., A.S.): An associate degree is a two-year program that provides the academic foundation for transfer to a four-year bachelor’s degree program. The associate of Arts (A.A.) and the associate of Science (A.S.) cover the curriculum taught in the first two years of a four-year program of study.

Bachelor’s Degree/baccalaureate (B.A., B.S.): A bachelor’s degree is achieved through a four-year program that provides in-depth, specialized knowledge in a major field of study. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees prepare students for employment in fields from Accounting to Theatre, or for further studies.

Certificate: A certificate is generally a one-year program that leads directly to entry level employment in a specific occupation such as aviation pilot, diesel mechanic, or respiratory therapist.

Community College: A community college is a two-year college that serves the residents of a local or regional area. Most of these colleges admit all or most of the students who apply. Some programs, such as Nursing, may be more selective. Students receive an associate degree after two years of successful full-time study. Additionally, many technical programs of study are taught at these colleges. Many students who enter general education programs (equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor’s degree program) transfer to a four-year college or university.

Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Enrollment (CE, DE): The concurrent enrollment/dual enrollment program makes college courses available to eligible high school students during their junior and senior years. Students earn both high school credit and regular college credit which is recorded on a college transcript.

Credit Hour: A credit hour is a unit used to measure the amount of school work a student has enrolled for or completed.

FERPA: The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act is a federal privacy law that gives parents certain protections with regard to their children’s education records, such as report cards, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact and family information, and class schedules. Parents have the right to review their child’s education records and to request changes under limited circumstances. To protect a child’s privacy, the law generally requires schools to ask for written consent before disclosing their personally identifiable information to individuals other than the child.

When a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, all rights afforded to the parents under FERPA transfer to the student (“eligible student”). However, FERPA provides ways in which a school may – but is not required to – share information from an eligible student’s education records with parents, without the student’s consent.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is money awarded to students to help them pay for education. Aid is given as loans, grants, scholarships, or work-study. Some forms of financial aid are required to be repaid after graduation.

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a free financial aid application form used to determine eligibility for need-based federal financial aid. Applications are accepted after January 1. Early application is strongly encouraged. Students should apply during their senior year. Visit www.FAFSA.gov.

Grant: A grant is a form of financial aid that does not have to be repaid or earned by working. Grants are usually based on financial need; however, academic merit may also be considered.

International Baccalaureate (IB): An international baccalaureate is a program offered in some schools that provides academically challenging courses. IB Diploma students take courses in six subjects and complete a “core” that includes community service and an extended essay. High schools teach the courses, but the broad curriculum is provided by International Baccalaureate and students around the world take the same final exams. Courses can last one or two years, and a passing grade on the final exams or the attainment of an IB diploma can make a student eligible for college credit, advanced placement in college classes, or other benefits.

Higher Education: Higher education, also called postsecondary education, is a term that refers to colleges, universities, and any education beyond high school that leads to a certificate or a college degree.

Loan: A loan is money you borrow and must pay back with interest, so be sure you understand your options and responsibilities.

Merit-based Aid: Merit-based aid is financial aid that is dependent on academic, artistic, or athletic merit. This type of aid does not require demonstration of financial need.

Need-based Aid: Need-based aid is financial aid that is dependent on demonstration of financial need. Most sources of financial aid that are provided by the government are need-based.

Open Admissions: Open admission is a college admissions policy of admitting virtually all applicants with high school diplomas or its equivalent. Conventional academic qualifications, such as high school subjects taken, high school grades, and admissions test scores are not used to limit enrollment, but can affect placement.

Pell Grant: A pell grant is money awarded directly to students by the federal government. Only undergraduate students may receive federal Pell Grants. To apply for a federal Pell Grant and other federal financial aid, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.gov.

PSAT: The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It’s a standardized test that provides first-hand practice for the SAT. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access and career planning tools.

Rolling Admissions : Rolling admissions is a procedure by which the college evaluates applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants are screened as soon as they submit all application materials. The college may consider applications on a weekly or monthly schedule. Applicants receive a notice of the decision a short time after application.

Scholarship : A scholarship is a form of financial aid that does not have to be repaid or earned through employment. Scholarship usually refers to an award based on academic merit; however, scholarships are also awarded for performing community service, leadership, talent, etc. Financial need may also be required.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) : The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how they can apply that knowledge. It tests knowledge in reading, writing and math subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school. Colleges and universities require students to take this test or the ACT prior to applying for admission.

Semester : A semester is a term used for an academic calendar period of about 16-18 weeks that makes up half or the usual academic year for schools that use that system.

Subsidized Loan: A subsidized loan is a need-based loan, such as a Direct Subsidized Stafford. The federal government pays the interest on subsidized loans during the borrower’s in-school, grace, and deferment periods.

Technical College: Technical colleges prepare skilled workers in specific occupations that generally do not require a bachelor’s or more advanced degree. Technical college students can earn certificates that prepare them directly for employment in a few months to a little more than a year.

Transcript : A transcript is an official copy of a student’s educational record.

Tuition: Tuition is the charge for attending a college or university class.

University: A university is an institution of higher learning that offers both undergraduate (associate and bachelor’s) and graduate (master’s and doctoral) programs. Universities vary considerably in programs offered and in size. Compared to colleges, universities are usually larger, offer more courses and majors, and have more research facilities. Universities may be divided into a number of “colleges,” such as the College of Education or the College of Business. Each college has several departments and offers different majors.

Work Study: Work study is a federally funded part-time employment program for undergraduate and graduate students. Eligibility is based on financial need. The earnings help students meet a portion of their educational expenses. The federal government subsidizes a portion of the student’s salary. This makes it cheaper for employers to hire students who have demonstrated financial need.



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