



College Knowledge Night

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Agenda

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- Types of Colleges
- Finding the Right Fit
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Getting Prepared

What you've done so far...

- Earning C's or above in core classes
- Volunteering/participating in extracurriculars
- Career Education class
- Career Assessments
- Education Plans and Profiles
- Working and saving money
- Creating resumes
- Junior Action Plans
- Oregon Public University Tour

What you can still do...

- Visit colleges/universities of interest (in-person or [virtual](#))
 - Make a [list](#) of top colleges
- Talk to admissions representatives
 - [Questions](#) to ask an admissions counselor
- [NCAA Webinar for College-Bound Student Athletes](#) (May 13th @ 6:30pm Eastern)
- Explore Oregon Goes to College website
 - Oregon Goes to College [Virtual College Night](#)
- Take the SAT or ACT (if needed)
- Plan to apply for scholarships
- Take College Now classes, or classes through Campus High School Programs.



Types of Colleges



Licenses, Certificates, and Associate Degrees

Trade Schools

- Examples:
 - Central Electrical Training Center
 - Northwest Lineman College
 - VOLTA Line School
 - Northwest College of Construction
 - WW NDT Services Weld School
 - Phagans Beauty College
 - IBS School of Cosmetology and Massage
- Length of program varies
- Federal Financial Aid and grants may or may not be accepted
- [Willamette Valley Trades Notebook](#)

Community Colleges

- Examples:
 - Linn-Benton Community College
 - Lane Community College
 - Chemeketa Community College
 - Central Oregon Community College
 - Portland Community College
- Programs range from several months - 2 year Associate or Transfer degrees
- Federal Financial Aid, grants, and scholarships are accepted
- Sometimes have “trade school programs”
 - Ex. Culinary Arts, NDT, Welding, etc.

Bachelor Degrees and Beyond

Public 4 Year Universities

- Examples:
 - Oregon State University
 - University of Oregon
 - Western Oregon University
 - Portland State University
 - Oregon Tech
- Offer Bachelor degrees, Masters Degrees, and Doctorates (programs last 4 or more years)
- Federal Financial Aid, Grants, and Scholarships are accepted

Private 4 Year Universities

- Examples:
 - Willamette University
 - George Fox University
 - Pacific University
 - Corban University
 - Reed College
- Offer Bachelor degrees, Masters Degrees, and Doctorates (programs last 4 or more years)
- Federal Financial Aid, Grants, and Scholarships are accepted

Typical Entrance Requirements

Community Colleges/Trade Schools

- High School Diploma or GED
- Algebra 1 (C or higher) - Electrician

4 Year Universities

- Varies
- Usually 15 Core Course Requirements
 - "C" or better in core courses
- 2 years of the same foreign language
 - Sometimes more
- 3.0 GPA or better (OPU)
- SAT or ACT scores (may or may not be required)
- Private Universities sometimes have more strict requirements

Finding the Right Fit

There are approximately 5,300 colleges and universities in the U.S.
Which one is right for you?

[Explore Oregon Colleges](#)

[College Board - National College Search](#)

[Making Your College List](#)

Admissions - What's Important?



Factors Influencing Admissions Decisions:

- Courses taken
- Grades earned
- Standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)
- Personal statements and essays
- Recommendations: [Letter of Recommendation Request Form](#)
- Essays
- Interviews

It's important to remember that colleges and universities look at the *whole* student and their goal is to admit rather than deny students.

Admissions Tests

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Testing - ACT/SAT

The ACT and SAT are standardized tests typically used in conjunction with your college application to aid in admissions decisions for 4 year universities, and sometimes for awarding merit based scholarships.

Due to COVID-19 many colleges and universities and the NCAA have gone “Test optional” or “Test Blind” for admissions requirements. ***Please check with each individual college or university of interest to you, to confirm their policy regarding standardized testing for admissions.***

All Oregon Public Universities have indicated that they are Test Optional for the 2022-2023 school year.

ACT vs. SAT

If you would like to take the ACT or SAT and submit scores to a college, university, NCAA, or scholarship program, you should plan to take the test in the Spring of your Junior year or Fall of your Senior year (October at the latest).

ACT - <https://www.act.org/>

- Test time: 3 hours (3hrs 40min w/writing)
- Sections include:
 - English
 - Math (can use calculator on all problems)
 - Reading
 - Science
 - Writing (optional)
- Cost: \$55 or \$70 w/writing
 - Fee waivers available - see school counselor for eligibility.
- Free [ACT Test Prep](#)
- Next ACT test dates - Register [HERE](#)
 - June 12th, 2021
 - July 17th, 2021

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

- Test time: 3 hours (3hrs 50min w/writing)
- Sections include:
 - Reading
 - Writing & Language
 - Math (cannot use calculator on some sections)
 - Essay (optional) - not offered after June 2021
- Cost: \$52 or \$68 w/Essay
 - Fee Waivers available - see school counselor for eligibility.
- Free [SAT Test Prep](#)
- Next SAT test dates - Register [HERE](#)
 - May 8th, 2021
 - June 5th, 2021

College Applications



Types of Applications

1. Stand-alone [applications](#)

- a. The college or university provides their own application via their website.

2. Common App

- a. The “Common App” is an application that includes over 900 colleges and universities.
- b. [Fill out](#) this one application to apply to multiple schools.
- c. Includes 11 schools in Oregon:
 - i. Bushnell, George Fox, Linfield, Lewis and Clark, Oregon State, Pacific, Reed, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Warner Pacific, and Willamette.
 - ii. Go [here](#) to view out-of-state colleges who accept the Common App

Early Action vs. Early Decision

Early Action

- Non-binding
- Can apply Early Action to more than one college.
- Admissions decision by January
- Don't have to commit until May 1st (usually) which gives you more time to compare financial aid offers.

Early Decision

- Binding
- Can apply Early Decision to only one college.
- Admissions decision by December
- You agree to attend that college if they accept you and offer an adequate financial aid package.

[Early Action/Early Decision Calendar](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)



Paying for College

Six ways to pay for college...

1. Grants

- a. Money that does not need to be paid back.
- b. Need to fill out the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [Oregon Student Aid Application \(ORSAA\)](#) to qualify.
- c. Examples include:
 - i. Oregon Opportunity Grant (automatically awarded)
 - ii. [Oregon Promise](#)

2. Scholarships

- a. Money that does not need to be paid back.
- b. Can start looking for scholarships now
 - i. [Big Future Scholarship Search](#)
 - ii. [Fastweb's Scholarships for HS Juniors](#)
 - iii. [Monroe High School Scholarship Blog](#)
 - iv. [Office of Student Access and Completion Scholarship \(OSAC\)](#)
 - v. Don't forget about institutional scholarships at the college/university you plan to attend!

Six ways to pay (continued)

3. Work Study

- a. Money that is earned by working part-time (usually on campus)
- b. Automatically awarded based on financial information from the FAFSA.
- c. Find a job on campus and your paycheck goes towards expenses (tuition, room and board, textbooks, etc.)

4. Loans

- a. Money that needs to be paid back
- b. Federal loans are awarded by filling out the FAFSA.
 - i. Federal loans are preferred over private - lower interest rates.
- c. Subsidized (preferred) vs. Unsubsidized
 - i. Subsidized loans - Federal government pays the interest while you're in school.
 - ii. Unsubsidized - You pay interest while you're in school.

Six ways to pay (continued)

5. College Savings Plan

- a. Anyone with a Social Security number can open an [Oregon College Savings Plan](#) or be the beneficiary.
- b. Anyone can contribute.
- c. Grows tax-free and can be used for qualified education expenses.
- d. Can be used at any post-secondary institution in the U.S. (university, college, community college, trade schools, and graduate schools).

6. Other Resources

- a. Earnings from part-time or full-time jobs.
- b. Family contributions.
- c. Personal savings.
- d. Employer Tuition Reimbursement programs.

Check-out the [Oregon Goes to College](#) and [Federal Student Aid](#) websites for more information about paying for college!

Getting Organized



Tips to help you get organized for next year:

1. Create a [“College Workbook”](#) to keep track of due dates/other materials for scholarships and college applications.
 - a. Start your activity chart [now](#) to insure you don't forget anything.
2. Create a professional e-mail to use for applications
 - a. Good: sam.smith@email.com
 - b. Bad: pizzalover07@email.com
3. Review the [11th](#) and [12th](#) grade college checklists
4. Check-in with your school counselor if you have any questions.
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GETTING
ORGANIZED
DOESN'T
TAKE TIME,
IT MAKES TIME



Resources

Links from the presentation:

- Virtual College Tours: <http://oregongoestocollege.org/colleges/explore>
- Questions to ask an admissions counselor:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11QqkErSR3E1XJT3GXFAWV7mPsQ6UjUlsnRW6yzvwnZA/edit?usp=sparing>
- Willamette Valley Trades Notebook: <https://www.lblesd.k12.or.us/media/2019/10/Trades-Notebook.pdf>
- NCAA Webinar for College-Bound Student Athletes:
http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Webinar/PSA/2021/Promo_05132021.pdf
- Virtual College Night: http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Webinar/PSA/2021/Promo_05132021.pdf
- College Board National College Search: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>
- Making Your College List:
http://oregongoestocollege.org/sites/default/files/itsaplan/collegelist.pdf?utm_source=Oregon+Goes+To+Colge&utm_campaign=e4bc457aaf-OGTCNews_4_14_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4a14912286-e4bc457aaf-119257041
- Letter of Recommendation Request Form:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11hhY8S2V54QfXD-84cNeKtdb20iBSUbB3INQWd7vtDk/edit>

Links from the presentation (continued)

- ACT Info: <https://www.act.org/>
- ACT Test Prep:
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>
- ACT-Registration:
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>
- SAT Info: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
- SAT Test Prep: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>
- SAT-Registration: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>
- Individual Oregon College/University Applications: <http://oregongonestocollege.org/apply>
- Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/apply>
- Early Action/Early Decision Calendar (scroll to bottom of page):
<https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/early#:~:text=Early%20decision%20plans%20are%20binding,reply%20date%20of%20May%201.>

Links from the presentation (continued)

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA): <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/fafsa-orsaa.aspx>
- Oregon Promise Application: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx>
- BigFuture Scholarship Search: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- Fastweb Scholarships for Juniors: <https://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-high-school-juniors>
- Monroe High School Scholarship Blog: <https://scholarshipsmhs.wordpress.com/>
- OSAC Scholarship Application: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships.aspx>
- Oregon College Savings Plan: <https://www.oregoncollegesavings.com/what-is-the-oregon-college-savings-plan>
- Pay for College (Oregon Goes to College): <http://oregongoestocollege.org/pay>
- How Financial Aid Works: <https://studentaid.gov/h/understand-aid/how-aid-works>

Links from the presentation (continued)

- “It’s a Plan” - College Workbook:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RDamnywuG95SLTPffKSweyRT-5RxdkL3us3EByXPbFM/edit?usp=sharing>
- 11th Grade College Checklist:
<http://oregongoestocollege.org/itsaplan/students-11>
- 12th Grade College Checklist:
<http://oregongoestocollege.org/itsaplan/students-12>