



College Readiness & Scholarship Toolkit

Your guide to planning, preparing, and paying for college.

Step 1:

Get Ready for College

Junior Year of High School

- Research colleges and programs.
- Take SAT/ACT and prep for exams.
- Start building your resume and volunteer experience.

Senior Year of High School

- Complete FAFSA early, <https://studentaid.gov>.
- Finalize your college list and submit applications.
- Apply for scholarships—don't wait until the last minute!

Step 2:

Find Scholarships

Scholarship Search Tools

- <https://www.fastweb.com> – Personalized scholarship matches.
- <https://myscholly.com> – Quick and easy scholarship finder.
- <https://www.scholarships.com> – Free search and financial aid info.
- <https://www.cappex.com> – Scholarships + college acceptance insights.

Idaho-Specific Resources

- <https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/scholarships> – Scholarships for Idaho students.
- <https://www.idahocf.org/students.php> – Opportunities for Idaho students.



Specialized Support

- <https://www.collegegreenlight.com> – For first-gen and underrepresented students.
- <http://www.latinocollegedollars.org> – Scholarships for Latinx students.
- <https://www.tmcf.org/students-alumni/scholarships/> – For students attending HBCUs.

Step 3:

Plan Your Finances

- <https://www.cashcourse.org> – Financial literacy for college students.
- Create a **scholarship calendar** to track deadlines.
- Apply early—many scholarships are first-come, first-served.

Quick Tips

- ✓ Tailor your essays to each scholarship.
- ✓ Keep copies of transcripts and recommendation letters handy.
- ✓ Apply for multiple scholarships – small awards add up!



TEMPLATE: College Readiness Deadline Tracker

Stay on Track. Make More Possible!

Task / Scholarship	Deadline	Status
FAFSA	June 30	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Submitted
SAT Registration	Varies	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Submitted
IdahoCF Statewide Opportunities	March 1 or 15 (varies)	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Submitted
IdahoCF Regional Opportunities	March 1 or 15 (varies)	☐ Not Started ☐ In Progress ☐ Submitted

Plan ahead. Apply early. Succeed big!