



Freshman Checklist

Use this checklist during your freshman year of high school to help you stay on track for college.

Study hard.

Build good study habits to keep your grades in tip-top shape.

Look for scholarships at UCanGo2.org.

Sophomores should begin applying for college scholarships now.

Save money.

Sign up for a college savings account from Oklahoma's 529 College Savings Plan (OK4Saving.org) or continue to add money to an existing account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parent(s)' name.

Apply for Oklahoma's Promise.

If you didn't apply during 8th grade, visit okpromise.org for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program.

Talk about it.

Discuss your future plans with your counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults.

Take the right classes.

To be college-bound, you'll need to take and pass the following classes in high school, as determined by the Achieving Classroom Excellence (ACE) graduation requirements. Plan to take at least four college-preparatory classes per year.

- 4 units of English
- 3 units of math (at or above Algebra I)
- 3 units of laboratory science
- 3 units of history/citizenship skills
- 1 additional unit selected from those above
- 2 units of foreign or non-English language OR computer technology
- 1 unit of fine arts or speech
- At least 6 electives
- Demonstrate knowledge in Personal Financial Literacy

Visit UCanGo2.org for a complete detailed checklist and summary of Oklahoma's ACE curriculum standards and testing requirements.

Track it and file it.

Download the *Tracking My Classes & Achievements* worksheet at UCanGo2.org to plan ahead and keep a record of your accomplishments and volunteer work. Create a "My Future" file to save your tracking worksheet, records of report cards, awards and career assessment results. This information will be helpful when you start scholarship and college applications.

Check it out.

Investigate college entrance requirements at OKcollegestart.org.

Think it through.

Think about the university, college or technology center you'd like to attend. Download *Making the Most of Campus Visits* at UCanGo2.org, which provides a list of ideas to help you set up a successful college tour.

Take it to the next level.

Investigate AP and other honors-level courses to know what's available and if you're eligible to enroll.