



# Sophomore Checklist

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

**Keep it up.**

Study hard to keep your grades up.

**Look for scholarships at [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org).**

Freshmen 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](http://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—It's your last chance!**

Don't miss out on Oklahoma's Promise! If you didn't sign up in the 8th or 9th grade, visit [okpromise.org](http://okpromise.org) for program requirements and to sign up for this scholarship program.

**Talk about it.**

Continue your conversations with your guidance counselor, teachers, family members or other trusted adults about your plans after high school. Talk with family and friends about their educational choices.

**Know what you need.**

Review the courses you'll need to take to satisfy the requirements of the school you're interested in attending. Visit [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) to download a list of courses you'll need to pass in order to meet Oklahoma's ACE college-preparatory curriculum standards.

**Take it to the next level.**

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

**Track it and file it.**

Use your *Tracking My Classes & Achievements* worksheet from [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) to continue to plan ahead and keep a record of your accomplishments. Update your "My Future" file to save records of report cards, awards and career assessment results.

**Be active.**

Continue participating in extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Many admissions officers and scholarship providers look for students who are actively involved in their school and community.

**Make summer count.**

Stay involved in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with a special focus such as music, arts, science, etc. Check out the free Summer Academies offered to 8th-12th grade students, which allow you to spend time at an Oklahoma college or university and learn about aeronautics, engineering, forensic science and much more. Visit [OKhighered.org/Summer-Academies](http://OKhighered.org/Summer-Academies) or call 800.858.1840 for more information.

**Practice.**

Go to [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org) to create a student account and access a free student testing preparation booklet, practice tests, tutorials and other helpful resources. You can also find sample questions at [ACTstudent.org/plan](http://ACTstudent.org/plan) to help you prepare for the ACT, which you can take during your junior year. Ask your school counselor for more information.

**Jot it down.**

Write a pros and cons list of schools you're interested in attending. Be sure to evaluate degree program options, location, cost and other factors. Learn more about Oklahoma colleges and universities at [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org).