



# COLLEGE FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

Use this checklist during your first year of college to help you stay on track.

- Complete the FAFSA.** Students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) each year of college. You're encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as it becomes available each year. Contact the financial aid office at your institution to make sure they have your FAFSA results. Check on your financial aid. Many schools have an online portal to help you monitor your financial aid, including scholarships and grants. Talk to your financial aid office if you don't see a scholarship you're expecting or if you have questions on how to monitor this information.
- Maintain good study habits.** In college, it's important to schedule adequate study time. Download [The Perfect 10 Study Habits](#) at [UCanGo2.org](#) for some great tips.
- Use a planner.** Marking test dates and other class deadlines will make coursework more manageable.
- Consider your interests.** How could your interests, skills and values connect you to potential careers? Take the "Learn About Yourself" assessments at [OKcollegestart.org](#) to review career options that may be right for you.
- Look for opportunities.** Most campuses post job shadow and internship opportunities on their websites and in campus bulletins. Find out who you can contact on campus to learn about these options.
- Participation is key.** You can meet new people and gain great experience by getting involved with campus clubs and organizations.
- Remember your resume.** Keep track of your awards and volunteer work. Add them to your resume with the Resume Builder on [OKcollegestart.org](#).
- Search for money.** Continue looking for scholarships. Check out [UCanGo2's Scholarships page](#) and [OKcollegestart's Find Scholarships section](#) for upcoming deadlines. Also, see if your school offers any department-specific or major-specific scholarships.

