

Find Your College



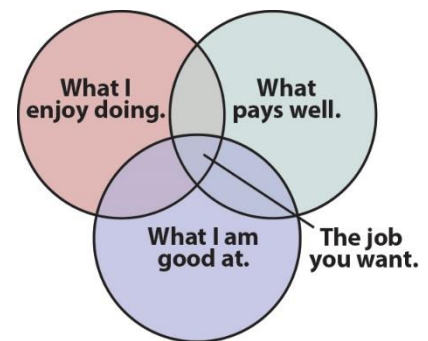
The college that fits you best will:

- **Be strong in your Areas of Study**
- **Be Affordable**
- **Be a Social Fit** – offering a sport, activity, events or social group that appeals to you

Determine Your Area of Study

What subject/career are you planning to pursue that has all 3 of the following characteristics?

1. **Genuinely interests you**
2. **You have an aptitude for**
3. **And offers a living wage and benefits?**



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- ❖ Verify your career with actionable activities like internships, job shadowing or interviews. Ask people in these careers to describe a typical day in their job.

If possible, intern or job shadow to confirm you will enjoy this career before investing the time and money pursuing the subject in college.

Best Practices

- **Visit colleges** in your Junior year in High School or as soon as possible.
- Fall in love with the college you **can afford**.
- Fill out a detailed budget (available on collegeknowledgeonline.com) for each college by using the **net price calculator on the college's website**.
- Have a **transparent conversation** about paying for college with your parents or guardians. Understand how much money, if any, they are willing and able to contribute. Divide this number by the amount of years you need to attend school.
- **Do not overestimate what you will receive from scholarships** nor underestimate what you can earn on your own.
- **Focus on applying to 3 colleges** or less - one of which is a safety school. A safety school is one that you meet the admissions requirements and that you can afford - usually an in-state 4 -year school or community college.

- **Do not discount community colleges** or technical or trade colleges – they can offer an amazing education that can lead to great earning careers and/or provide an opportunity to transfer to a four year later. The Oregon Promise may cover your tuition.
- **Apply to colleges before the deadline and with all your energies.** Some colleges award scholarships directly off the quality of your application.
- Apply to the **college’s specific scholarships by the deadline** and with all your energies. This can lead to the biggest amount of money!!

Top 10 Ways to Find the Most Money for College

1. Work and save as much money as possible while in High School
2. Apply to FAFSA if you are eligible for need
3. Apply to College Specific Scholarships (scholarships listed on the website of a specific college) well ahead of time and with all your energies.
4. Apply to Local Scholarships available through your High School, Rotary, Elks Lodge
5. Apply to State sponsored Scholarships that you meet the requirements
6. Become a Resident Assistant at college as soon as possible. RA jobs can provide free housing and sometimes free food and a stipend.
7. Work through college at a job with multiple revenue streams – such as a job that pays an hourly rate, and additional tips, or free meals or a discount on rent.
8. Make lifestyle choices to eat in, use public transportation and pursue free entertainment
9. Pass all your college classes and meet with your college advisor regularly to graduate as soon as possible.
10. Work side hustles in college such as: DoorDash, house sit, dog walk, be a paid note taker at school for classes you have to take anyways, get compensation for participation in research at your college, get a paid internship with the help of your college career office, pursue jobs with companies that offer employer tuition reimbursement like Starbucks.

Prepare a College Resume to drop off NOW for fall jobs at your college of choice.

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OBJECTIVE

Experienced barista seeking a position at Starbucks.

EXPERIENCE

Barista/Cashier/Cook - Doppio Espresso

March 2022 - Oct 2022

- Greeted all customers and maintained cash register
- Made hand crafted coffee drinks in a fast-paced environment
- Made a variety of gourmet made-to-order sandwiches

Sales Associate - Lucky Littles

January 2019 – February 2022

- Opened and closed the retail shop
- Created unique retail clothing displays
- Tracked sales and made sure register was even daily
- Assisted customers in selecting items

EDUCATION

Hood River Valley High School, Honor Roll

CERTIFICATION/QUALIFICATION

Food Handlers card

First Aid/CPR Certificate

Proficient in point-of-sale software

Willing to work early mornings and weekends