



Getting Into College Readiness Checklist



UNCF can help fund your college education.

Step 1: Visit
[UNCF.org/Scholarships](https://www.uncf.org/Scholarships)

Step 2: Click "Apply for a Scholarship"

Step 3: Click Log on or Register

Once registered, you can begin to search nearly 400 scholarships



UNCF IS SECOND ONLY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL NEEDS. THROUGH ALMOST 400 SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS, UNCF ANNUALLY PROVIDES SUPPORT TO ALMOST 10,000 STUDENTS GOING TO AND THROUGH COLLEGE



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

PLAN /BE ENROLLED FULL
MINIMUM GPA IS 2.5
COMPLETE AND SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE
DEADLINE



Helpful Links

UNCF: UNCF.org

Know How to Go:
www.knowhowtogo.com

ACT:
www.actstudent.org/college

CollegeBoard:
bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Federal
StudentAid:studentaid.ed.gov/sa

Fastweb:www.fastweb.com/registration/step_1

The Posse Foundation:
www.possefoundation.org

College Goal Sunday:
www.collegegoalsundayuse.org

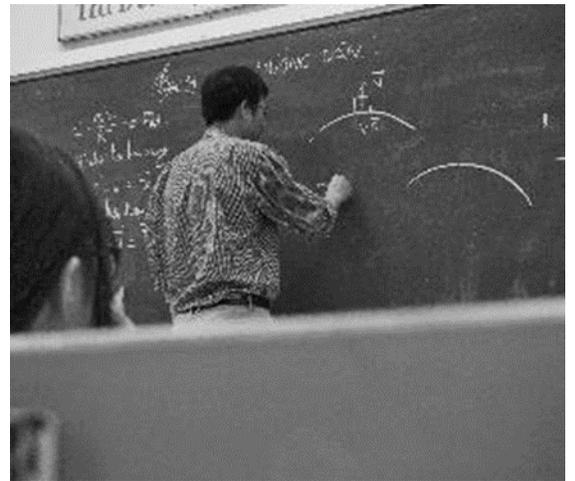
College Navigator:
nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator



WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INTO COLLEGE

The 10 Steps Rule

1. Take challenging courses including AP, IB and honors if offered
2. Stay in contact with your school guidance counselor about resources for college. Be persistent in the effort
3. Colleges often want to see that a student is well-rounded. Volunteer and become involved with extracurricular activities during high school
4. Develop relationships with teachers, coaches, mentors or other adults, as they will provide recommendation letters when applicable
5. Do Your Homework – Thoroughly research colleges and majors to find the right fit for you and your future career goals
6. Talk to your guidance counselor about any college fairs or universities visiting your high school;
7. Thoroughly review all admissions applications and complete all parts, including essays





College Readiness Checklist

Check off Once Completed

- Ensure you have taken all necessary courses to graduate on time
- Sign up to take college placement exams, if necessary
- Take ACT/ SAT, seek waiver if eligible via your high school and of through ACT or SAT website
- Set up appointment(s) with your guidance counselor to discuss college choices and potential majors
- Research college and majors. Set up tours and visits if able to do so
- Complete the FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) as soon as possible. It is posted annually starting October 1st. Many states and colleges have specific deadlines for applying for state and institutional

aid. You can find your state's deadline at <http://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm> and check with your college about other deadlines

- Search for scholarships and financial aid
- Request high school transcripts to be sent to colleges
- Request letters of recommendation for scholarships and college applications that require them. Try to do this at least one month in advance
- Draft COLLEGE ESSAYS. Have at least one person review the draft
- Complete and send off applications. Start early in the process and submit before the deadline. Apply by the fall of your senior year at the latest
- Avoid the summer melt. Stay on top of important information college may request, such as forms related to on-campus housing, immunizations, financial aid and new student orientations

