

UTAH COLLEGE GUIDE

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE
EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL • TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES • GRADE-BY-GRADE CHECKLISTS

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DO HIGH SCHOOL RIGHT

Use high school to prepare for college.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most colleges in Utah are open admission, meaning if you have a high school diploma and submit an application, you'll be accepted. With open-admission colleges, you don't have to worry about getting in—but you should do all you can in high school to prepare academically for college. Taking the right classes in high school can help you save money on future tuition costs and may help you earn scholarships.

Admissions requirements: Some colleges have specific admissions requirements. They will ask you to take classes beyond what you need for high school graduation. You may even need a certain ACT/SAT score or GPA to be admitted.

For more information on college admissions, see the Utah college information, beginning on pg. 20.

What college is right for you?

DREAM

What is your dream job?

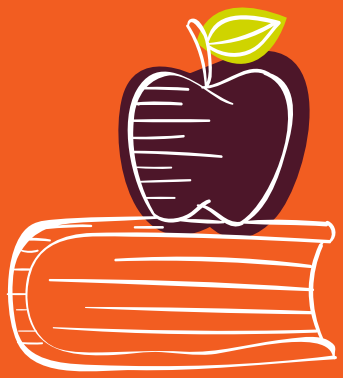
Find out what interests you most by taking the Sokanu Career Explorer Assessment at **ktsutah.org/resources**.

DEGREE

What kind of certificate or degree will get you to your dream job?

Visit **UtahMajors.org** to figure out which colleges offer the program to get you where you want to go.





CAMPUS

What type of college campus is best for you?

- Close to home or far away
- Big city or small town
- Small college or large university
- Live in the dorms or off campus

The best way to know if a college campus is right for you is to visit colleges you're interested in. Use the college directory information starting on pg. 29 to find how to schedule a tour.

What advice do your family, friends, and community have for you about college?

ADVICE

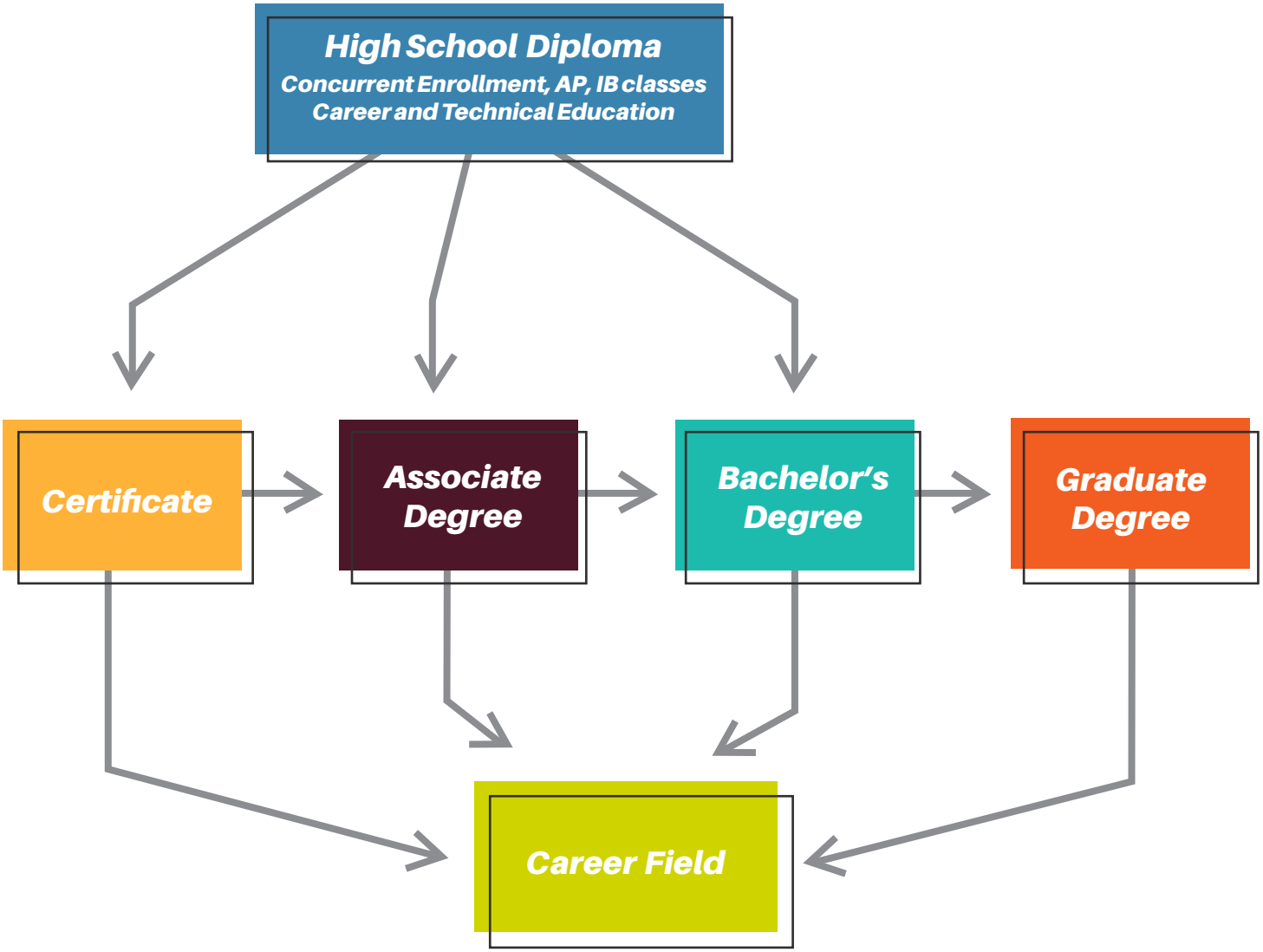


COLLEGE = OPPORTUNITY

WHAT IS COLLEGE?

Certificates, Associate Degrees, Bachelor's Degrees

Most jobs today require college education beyond high school. Think of college as one year, two years, four years, or more: college certificates can be earned in one year or less, associate degrees in two years, bachelor's degrees in four years, and graduate degrees in more than four years. The chart below shows how college credentials can build on each another to get you where you want to go.



High School Diploma

Provides foundational skills for success in life, college, and the workplace.

Examples:
- High school Career and Technical Education
- College-prep classes
- Work-based learning

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Certificates and other Credentials

1 year or less

Provides basic preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to one year of full-time attendance.

Examples:
- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

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Associate Degrees

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:*
- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

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Bachelor's Degrees

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

+

Graduate and Professional Degrees and Credentials

Typically 1–6 years beyond a bachelor's degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:
- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates

*** There are two types of associate degrees:**

Associate of Applied Science
This degree provides basic preparation and related instruction for career development and entry into the job market, and in some cases for bachelor's degrees.

Associate of Science and Associate of Arts
This degree provides the first two years of a bachelor's degree and can be earned at a community college and then transferred to a university.





CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are great ways to earn a college certificate or degree and prepare for a good career. Colleges offer CTE certificate and associate programs in all regions of the state, so you won't have to go far to earn a college credential.

Many certificates or associate degrees that you can earn through CTE programs build into and count toward bachelor's degree programs if you decide to go further in your education.

CTE can fast-track your career and help you earn more money sooner as you progress through college or your career.

There are CTE programs in health care, business, computer technology, engineering design, multi-media, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, homeland security, and many other fields.

CTE courses and programs are offered at Utah State University, Weber State University, Salt Lake Community College, Utah Valley University, Snow College, Southern Utah University, Dixie State University, and at tech colleges across the state (see the map on pg. 29-30).

Contact the colleges' admissions offices to learn more.





PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

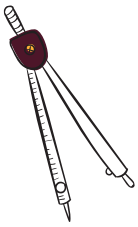
Take the right classes.

You can go to college no matter which classes you take in high school. But, to be best prepared for college, try to take the following classes in grades 9-12. They can help you earn better grades in college and can increase your score on the ACT (which helps with college admissions and scholarships).

If you are interested in playing college sports, be sure to check out NCAA guidelines at **ncaa.org**. You will have to take specific classes in high school to be eligible.



ENGLISH: 4 credits



MATH: 4 credits

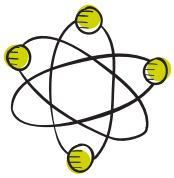
Math I, II, and III, plus one class beyond Math III



SOCIAL SCIENCE: 3 credits

SCIENCE: 3 credits

Lab-based, specifically biology, chemistry, and physics





FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 credits

of the same language

Take the right classes to double your odds of completing college, get better scores on the ACT, and prepare for scholarships.

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL

There are three ways to earn college credit in high school. This is a great way to get a head start on your college education, plus it'll save you time and money. Talk with your counselor to see which classes your high school offers.

When earning college credit in high school, talk with your counselor to make sure you're earning credit that counts for either general education or toward your major at the college you plan to attend.

	CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (CE)	ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)	INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)
What is it?	CE classes earn high school and college credit at the same time.	AP classes are writing- and research-intensive and emphasize study and test-taking skills.	IB classes are writing- and research-intensive. IB students also perform community service and write an extended essay.
Where is it available?	Available at most Utah high schools	Available at most Utah high schools	Only offered at certain Utah high schools
College credit earned through:	Passing the class	Exam score	Exam score
Cost:* *based on costs for the 2019-20 school year; costs may vary by high school	• $15-20 per class ($5 per credit) • One-time application fee (varies by college) • Possible book costs	• $93 per exam • Possible book costs	• $116 per exam • Possible book costs
What college credit will I earn?	Many CE classes fulfill general education requirements. CE also offers introductory classes in college-level career and technical education.	Varies with each college—check with your college's academic advisor	Varies with each college—check with your college's academic advisor



What is a major?

When you're in college, you will select a college major, which is the specific subject area that you specialize in. Typically, between one-third to one-half of your college classes will be in your major or related to it. Some careers require a particular major, while others just ask for a college degree (like an associate or a bachelor's), so you can choose a major that interests you the most.

Visit **ktsutah.org/resources** to explore your interests and identify possible majors.

What is general education?

If you're earning an associate or bachelor's degree, you will be required to take several general education classes. General education allows you to explore a variety of subjects while developing critical thinking, writing, and problem-solving skills. No matter what major you decide, you'll have to take one or two classes in each of the academic disciplines like math, science, English, and history. You may also need to take general education courses in religion, intercultural/global, or a foreign language, depending on the college you attend.



TAKE MATH YOUR SENIOR YEAR

If you decide not to take math as a senior, you may be behind once you enter college because all college programs, except for some certificate programs, require at least one math class. The good news? You might be able to fulfill that math requirement while you are still in high school through AP, IB, or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) classes.

Depending on your major, a general education math class may be the last math class you ever need to take. Taking college-level math in high school can save money on future tuition costs. And it is easier to complete college-level math and get a good grade when the math concepts you just learned in high school are still fresh in your mind. Check with your high school counselor to see if CE, AP, or IB math classes are options for you.

A good way to earn your college math credit and save money is to take a CE class. These classes transfer from one Utah college to another, and most Utah high schools offer CE math classes. Meet with your counselor to see which classes are available at your school and which class fits best with your future plans.

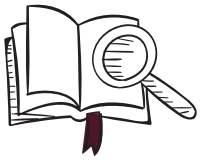
Which CE math class should I take?

Are you interested in ...



- English/languages
- Fine arts
- Humanities
- Performing arts

Take CE Math 1030
Intro to Quantitative Reasoning



- History
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Social Sciences

Take CE Math 1040/STAT 1040
Intro to Statistics



- Business
- Biology & physical sciences
- Engineering
- Education

Take CE Math 1050
College Algebra



Interested in something else?

Talk with your counselor about the right CE math for you.

GRADE-BY-GRADE CHECKLISTS

Whether you're considering a certificate, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or a professional/graduate degree, these grade-by-grade checklists will help you prepare to be successful after high school graduation!





8TH GRADE

For more information, visit ***ktsutah.org/resources***

Start the conversation now.

- [ ] Talk to a parent or other adult about what you like to do, what you're good at, and what you want for your future.

Learn about yourself.

- [ ] Explore careers through Sokanu on ktsutah.org/resources to learn where your strengths and interests lie.
- [ ] Take the Reality Check at ktsutah.org/resources.

Make your high school plan.

- [ ] Meet with your school counselor to develop a four-year high school plan. Try to fit in the recommended classes on pg. 9.

Prepare for high school classes.

- [ ] Research the admissions requirements at some of the colleges you're considering, including GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and specific high school classes they may require.

Start saving for college.

- [ ] With the help of a parent or other adult, open a college savings account to save for your future. Consider a savings account through a bank, credit union, or a my529 account. Learn more at my529.org.

What are the grade-by-grade checklists?

These grade-by-grade checklists are designed to help you prepare for college during grades 8–12.

We recommend spreading these tasks out over your junior high and high school years, but you can complete most of these tasks at any time.



9TH GRADE

*For more information, visit **ktsutah.org/resources***

Do high school right.

- [ ] Meet with your school counselor and develop a four-year high school plan.

Explore college options.

- [ ] Use the College Guide to research colleges in Utah and discover which colleges may be right for you.
- [ ] Talk with your parents, friends, and community members about their college experience, and start thinking about what you want out of yours.

Get involved in your school and community.

Volunteer experience and after-school activities boost your resume and may help you qualify for scholarships.

- [ ] Volunteer in your community. Find volunteer opportunities with U Serve Utah (**userve.utah.gov**) and United Way 2-1-1 (**uw.org/211/volunteer**).
- [ ] Sign up for at least one school club or after school program. Talk to your school counselor or a teacher about what opportunities are available.

Learn about the different ways to pay for college.

- [ ] Read about the various ways to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, work-study, and student loans on **ktsutah.org**.
- [ ] Make a plan to pay for college with your parents. For example, part-time work in high school and college can help you pay for college costs and start building your resume.
- [ ] Start to build a scholarship and college admissions resume to track your achievements. Use the scholarship toolkit at **ktsutah.org** to get you started.
- [ ] With the help of an adult, open a college savings account. Learn more at **my529.org**. If you already have a savings account, contribute what you can to it.



10TH GRADE

*For more information, visit **ktsutah.org/resources***

Stay involved and continue to explore your interests.

Volunteer experience and after-school activities boost your resume and may help you qualify for scholarships.

- [ ] Continue to be involved in school clubs, after school programs, and volunteering. Track your volunteer hours using a spreadsheet.

Look into support and mentoring programs.

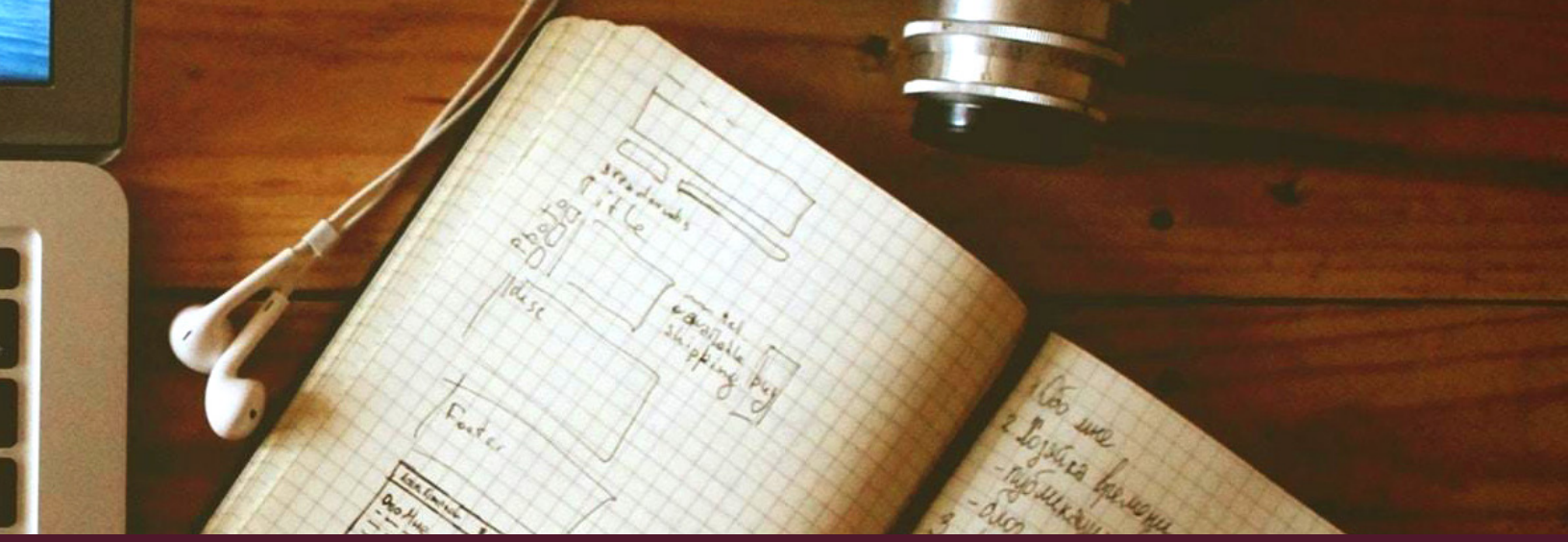
- [ ] Check with United Way 2-1-1 (**211utah.org**) to see what college prep support you might be eligible for in your area, like AVID, TRIO, or GearUP programs.

Think about what certificate or degree you will need for your future career.

- [ ] Read about the differences between a certificate, associate, bachelor's, and other advanced degrees on **ktsutah.org**.
- [ ] Use your Sokanu results from **ktsutah.org** to see what college majors you might be interested in.
- [ ] Find those majors and the certificates and degrees Utah colleges offer by exploring **UtahMajors.org**.

Take the right classes.

- [ ] Meet with your school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete Math III no later than the end of 11th grade.
- [ ] Ask your counselor about Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE) classes available at your high school.



Start preparing for the ACT.

- [ ] Study! Your ACT score will help determine your eligibility for some scholarships and acceptance into some colleges. Get free ACT test prep materials at **ktsutah.org**.
- [ ] Download the free ACT app to get daily ACT test prep questions.

Research and apply for scholarships—yes, even before senior year!

- [ ] Use **ktsutah.org** to find scholarships and apply to at least one this year. Keep your scholarship resume updated.

Learn how much college costs.

- [ ] Estimate college costs by looking up the net price calulator at your top college choices.

Keep saving for college.

- [ ] Add funds to your credit union, bank, or my529 savings account. Learn more at **my529.org**.



11TH GRADE

*For more information, visit **ktsutah.com/resources***

Focus on your classes.

- [ ] Sign up for classes that stretch your mind, like Honors classes and classes that can earn you college credit, such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE). Talk to your school counselor for more information.
- [ ] Verify with your counselor that you are taking classes that will help you succeed in college.

Align your CTE pathway with your college plans.

- [ ] See how your high school CTE classes could apply to college-level CTE career pathways. Talk to your school counselor for ideas.

Think about what math class you'll take your senior year.

- [ ] Meet with your counselor to make sure you pick the right math class for your future. It's best to complete your college math requirements through Concurrent Enrollment while still in high school.
- [ ] Read on pg. 9 about what CE math class best fits with your future plans.

Take the ACT.

- [ ] Take the ACT in the spring. Get free ACT test preparation materials at ktsutah.org or download the free ACT app to get daily ACT test prep questions. A good ACT score can help you earn scholarship money for college and determine your acceptance into some colleges.

Consider your college options.

- [ ] Make a list of your top college choices. If you're thinking about going to college in Utah, check out the information on Utah colleges on pg. 20-30 to learn more.



Learn about the many ways to pay for college.

- [ ] Forecast how much financial aid you could qualify for by using the FAFSA4Caster at fafsa.gov.

Get organized for your final year.

- [ ] Some colleges (and scholarships) require one or more letters of recommendation. Decide which teachers might be willing to write letters of recommendation next year and ask them in advance.
- [ ] Get a job over the summer to set aside money for college and gain valuable experience you can add to your resume.

Research possible careers.

- [ ] Review your career interest profiles on Sokanu or take them again at ktsutah.org.
- [ ] Job shadow at a business/organization that interests you, and ask about internship opportunities.
- [ ] Talk to professionals currently working in your area of interest. Ask your school counselor or parents/guardians to help you find them.

Keep applying for scholarships.

- [ ] Learn about scholarships offered by the State of Utah on ktsutah.org.
- [ ] Apply for as many scholarships as you can. See if your high school has a scholarship coordinator to help you find scholarships and look on ktsutah.org.



12TH GRADE

*For more information, visit **ktsutah.org/resources***

Stay focused.

- [ ] Check in with your counselor.
- [ ] Ask for letters of recommendation. Some colleges (and scholarships) require one or more letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year.

Take math during your senior year.

- [ ] Be sure to take the right math for your future career. Use the guide on pg. 9 to help you figure out which math class is right for you.

Apply to college in the fall.

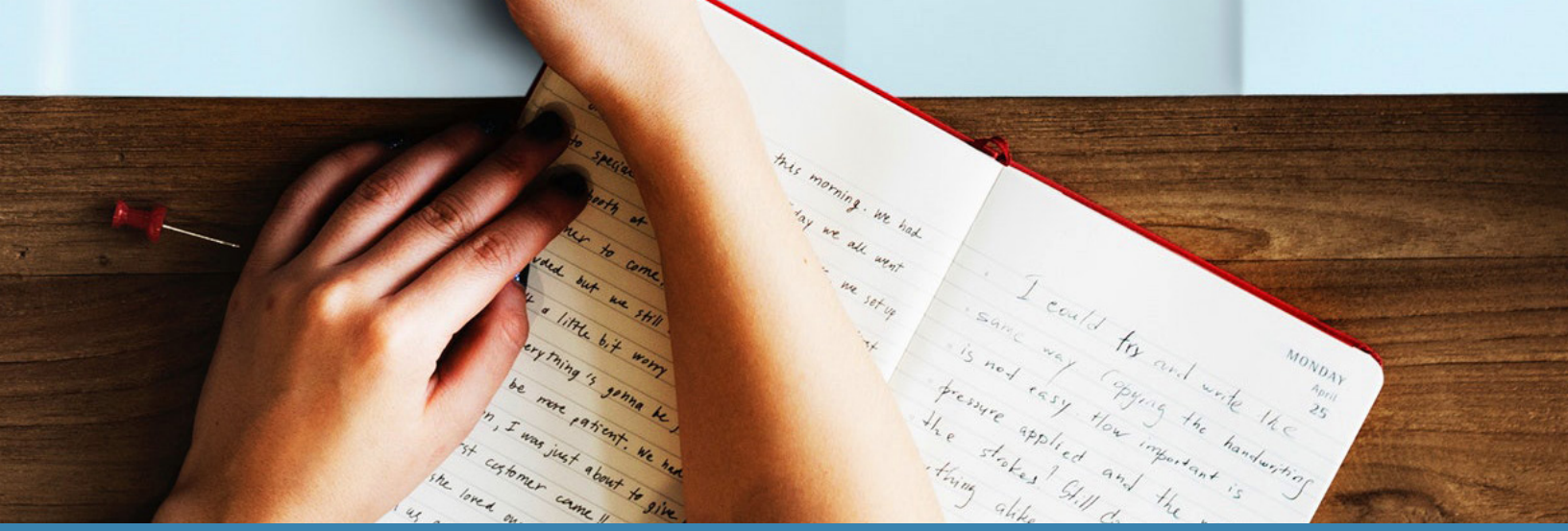
- [ ] Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Participate in Utah College Application Week at your school. Ask your counselor for more information.
- [ ] Apply to more than one college so you can compare the colleges' financial aid offers as well as their class size, location, programs, and more. For help comparing colleges, see the Facts at a Glance at **ktsutah.org**.
- [ ] Check with the colleges you're applying to and see what ACT scores you should be aiming for. If you want to improve your score, study, study, study, and retake the ACT the fall of your senior year. Check college admissions deadlines to make sure your new ACT scores will be ready in time.

Fill out your FAFSA.

- [ ] Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October at **fafsa.gov**.

  *** Even if you don't think you will qualify for federal grants, you should still fill out the FAFSA. The State of Utah and many colleges require it for scholarships and other aid. ***

- [ ] Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA Completion Open House during the school year. Check with your counselor to find an event at your school or nearby.
- [ ] If you are a student with undocumented citizenship status, see what scholarship options might be available for you at **educate-utah.org** and review the information on pg. 43.



Continue applying for scholarships.

- [ ] Research what scholarships are offered by the colleges you've applied to and check deadlines.
- [ ] Learn about scholarships offered by the State of Utah on ktsutah.org.
- [ ] Apply for as many scholarships as you can during your senior year. Use the resources at ktsutah.org to help you find scholarships.

Check on disabilities services.

- [ ] If you have an IEP/504 or a disability that will need accommodation, start making arrangements now by contacting colleges' disabilities resource centers.

Narrow it down.

- [ ] Visit the websites or call any colleges you've been accepted to and ask about their first-year experience programs and summer bridge programs.
- [ ] Send in your final high school transcripts to your college once you graduate.
- [ ] Be sure to accept any financial aid you might have received. Talk with your college's financial aid office to make sure you're good to go.

Be proud. Celebrate!

- [ ] Participate in your school's College Decision Day activities to celebrate your accomplishments. Ask your counselor for more information.



What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

If you're planning on serving a religious mission, joining the military, or taking a break between high school and college, you should still complete your college and FAFSA applications.

Once you have been accepted to college, you can defer (postpone) enrolling for classes and put a hold on any scholarships you have been offered until you return.

Find more information about the deferment process by visiting the admissions page on the college's website.

Tips for getting college application fees waived

MOST COLLEGES WILL CHARGE AN APPLICATION FEE, USUALLY AROUND $35-$50.

- **ASK!** Your school counselor or other administrators and teachers may know about opportunities for college application fee waivers. Ask them early in the fall.
- **SEARCH:** Some Utah colleges offer open houses in the fall and may offer fee waivers for students who attend. These are hosted at different locations across the state. Search potential colleges you are interested in and mark these events on your calendar early. Your high school may even host one.
- **PARTICIPATE:** High schools across the state host Utah College Application Week (UCAW) in the fall. During UCAW, some colleges will provide fee waivers for participating high schools.

To learn more about UCAW visit **ktsutah.org/resources**.

UTAH COLLEGES

From community colleges to research universities, there's a college in Utah that's right for you. Think about what you want out of your college experience, and find out which college offers the programs you're interested in.

University of Utah



The University of Utah is the state's flagship university. As a leader in global research and innovation, the U provides students with exciting ways to discover and nurture their interests.

4,256 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: admissions.utah.edu/visit

Call: 801-581-8761

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: admissions.utah.edu/apply

Call: 801-581-8761

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@utahadmissions

Academic programs: Engineering, Architecture, Business, Fine Arts, Sciences, Health/Medicine

Special programs offered: Study Abroad, Lassonde Institute, Hinckley Institute of Politics, Bennion Center, Utah Asia Campus, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

39
75% of classes have 39 or fewer students

17:1
Student/faculty ratio

Utah State University



It's easy to find your place at USU with residential campuses in Logan, Blanding, and Price, as well as 30 regional campuses and centers. We are Utah's state university. Choose from 159 undergraduate programs and come join us.

4,391 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: usu.edu/campustour
Call: 800-488-8108

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: applynow.usu.edu
Call: 800-488-8108

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@usuaggielife & @usueastern

Academic programs: Agriculture, Business, Education, Humanities, Arts, Natural Resources, Engineering, Science, Career & Technical Education

Special programs offered: Study Abroad, Online, Honors, Research Fellows, Huntsman Scholars, Research, Ambassadors, Val R. Christensen Service Center

29 Average class size is 20-29 depending on the campus

21:1 Student/faculty ratio

Weber State University



Weber State University is Utah's hidden gem, offering great programs and great opportunities, all at a great value.

2,600 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: weber.edu/visit
Call: 801-626-6050
Email: campusvisit@weber.edu

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: weber.edu/apply
Call: 801-626-6050
Email: admissions@weber.edu

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@getintoweber

Academic programs: Nursing, Radiologic Sciences, Business Administration, Computer Science, Professional Sales, Medical Laboratory Sciences

Special programs offered: Study Abroad, Undergraduate Research, Community Engaged Learning, Alternative Spring Break, Honors program

29 74% of undergraduate classes have 29 or fewer students

21:1 Student/faculty ratio

Southern Utah University



A safe, residential campus of more than 10,000 students, Southern Utah University proudly offers hands-on learning opportunities where students gain professional experience giving them a competitive advantage before entering the job market. SUU is the most caring, personalized campus in the state where you can customize your education from start to finish.

1,888 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: suu.edu/visit

SUU SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: suu.edu/apply
Call: 435-586-7741

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@SUUTBirds

Academic programs: Nursing, Aviation, Business, Accounting, Psychology, Elementary Education, Criminal Justice, Biology, Outdoor Recreation, Theatre, Pre-Med

Special programs offered: 3-Year Degree, Jumpstart, Semester in the Parks, Internships, Online and Bridge Program, Study Abroad

21 Average class size

19:1 Student/faculty ratio

Dixie State University



Located in scenic St. George, Dixie State is Utah's most affordable university and offers a personalized "active learning. active life." education. DSU's 200 academic programs, small class sizes, and unbeatable student life prepare students for successful careers and enriched lives.

2,086 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: explore.dixie.edu
Call: 435-652-7590

DSU DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY ST. GEORGE, UTAH

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: apply.dixie.edu
Call: 435-652-7777

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@dixiestate

Academic programs: Computer Science and Computer & Information Technology, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Medical Radiography, and Respiratory Therapy; Accounting, Business Administration, and Finance

Special programs offered: Experiential Learning, Study Abroad, Booth Honors Program, Undergraduate Research, Concurrent Enrollment, Service Learning

20 Average class size

21:1 Student/faculty ratio

Utah Valley University



UVU provides engaged learning experiences where students take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real-world situations. With exciting NCAA Division I athletics, award-winning arts programs, and an involved student body, there's a place for you at UVU.

4,803 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: uvu.edu/admissions
Call: 801-863-8811

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: apply.uvu.edu
Call: 801-863-8706
Email: admissions@uvu.edu

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@uvulife

Academic programs: Business, Communication, Dance, Aviation, Nursing, Computer Science, Culinary Arts, Biology, Education, Dental Hygiene, Honors Program, and many more.

Special programs offered: Utah Valley University offers a variety of services for student success. This includes a First-Year Advising Center, Multicultural Center, Women's Success Center, and Veteran Success Center.

23 Average class size

25:1 Student/faculty ratio

Salt Lake Community College



As Utah's most diverse institution of higher education, SLCC is an open access, comprehensive community college and one of the top 10 institutions in the country for associate degrees awarded. SLCC specializes in fully-transferable general education courses and job training programs.

6,757 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: slcc.edu/admissions/tours.aspx
Call: 801-957-3391

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: slcc.edu
Call: 801-957-4073

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@saltlakecc

Academic programs: SLCC Student Association, Study Abroad, Washington D.C. Internships, Alternative Break, 60 Clubs and Organizations to choose from.

19 Average class size

18:1 Student/faculty ratio

Snow College



Consistently ranked as a top institution, Snow College is for students looking to achieve academic success in a fun residential campus environment at an affordable cost. With campuses located in Ephraim and Richfield, students can complete bachelor's and associate degrees and vocational training certificates.

1,550 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: snow.edu/admissions/visit.html

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: snow.edu/admissions/apply.html

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@Snow_College

Academic programs: Music, Software Engineering, Nursing, Visual Arts, Physical Science, and Career and Techincal Education

16 Average class size

19:1 Student/faculty ratio

Brigham Young University



Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, BYU offers 181 undergraduate degree programs and 88 graduate programs. Our purpose is to develop students of faith, intellect, and character who have the skills and the desire to continue learning and to serve others throughout their lives.

5,686 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: tours.byu.edu

Call: 801-422-4431

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: apply.byu.edu

Call: 801-422-4104

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@brighamyounguniversity

Academic programs: Animation, Accounting, Education, Business, Nursing, Foreign Languages (62 languages taught regularly, another 30 available with sufficient interest), Advertising

Special programs offered: Study Abroad (206 programs in 75 countries), Intramurals (51 sports/activities), Center for Language Studies (offers certification in 14 languages), Independent Study

47 Average class size

20:1 Student/faculty ratio

Westminster College



Westminster College has been evolving the liberal arts tradition since 1875. Our historic campus is in the heart of Salt Lake City's vibrant Sugar House neighborhood. At Westminster, self-reliant students from all backgrounds seek lives of consequence and opportunities to explore. Westminster is a place for expanding your worldview, innovating for the future, and launching a meaningful life.

400 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: westminstercollege.edu/visit

Call: 801-832-2200

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: westminstercollege.edu/apply

Call: 801-832-2200

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@westminsterSLC

Academic programs: Nursing, Performing Arts, Outdoor Education & Leadership, Biology, Psychology, Communication.

Special programs offered: Custom Majors, Study Abroad, May Term, Field Semesters, Honors

15 Average class size

8:1 Student/faculty ratio

LDS Business College



Founded in 1886 and located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City, the mission of LDS Business College is to develop capable and trusted disciples of Jesus Christ. LDS Business College provides an environment where students learn marketable skills, prepare for additional education, and develop spiritually and professionally.

650 Average first-year class size

TAKE A TOUR:

Visit: ldsbc.edu/campus-tours

Call: 801-524-8159

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit: ldsbc.edu/how-to-apply

Call: 801-524-8145

SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:

@ldsbc

Academic programs: Interior Design, Business Degrees, Digital Marketing

Special programs offered: Online Class Options

21 Average class size

21:1 Student/faculty ratio

Utah System of Technical Colleges







Bridgerland Technical College
Logan/Brigham City

btech.edu
435-753-6780
1301 N 600 W, Logan

Davis Technical College
Kaysville

davistech.edu
801-593-2500
550 E 300 S, Kaysville

Dixie Technical College
St. George

dixietech.edu
435-674-8400
610 South Tech Ridge Drive, St. George

Mountainland Technical College
Lehi/Orem/Spanish Fork

mtec.edu
801-753-6282
2301 W Ashton Blvd, Lehi

Ogden-Weber Technical College
Ogden/Weber

otech.edu
801-627-8300
200 North Washington Blvd, Ogden

Southwest Technical College
Cedar City/Kanab

stech.edu
435-586-2899
757 W 800 S, Cedar City

Tooele Technical College
Tooele

tooeletech.edu
435-248-1800
88 S Tooele Blvd, Tooele

Uintah Basin Technical College
Roosevelt/Vernal

ubtech.edu
435-722-6900
1100 East Lagoon Street, Roosevelt

TYPES OF COLLEGES

In Utah, different colleges serve different purposes. Depending on your future career plans, some colleges may be a better fit than others for you.

Technical colleges

Technical colleges offer shorter certificate programs designed to qualify students to work in a variety of occupational fields. If you're looking to quickly start a job in a competitive and in-demand industry or skilled trade, a technical college may be the right fit for you. A technical college may be a separate institution or may be part of a larger community college or university.

Community colleges

Community colleges offer certificates and associate degrees at a lower cost than universities. They often have smaller class sizes as well. Community colleges offer job training programs that can get you quickly into the workforce, and general education and major courses that you can later transfer to a university for your bachelor's degree.

Regional universities

Regional universities offer associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Some regional universities offer career and technical education programs such as certificates and applied associate degrees as well.

Research universities

The primary mission of private and state research universities is to generate research and produce graduate students. While they still offer the same programs many other types of universities and colleges do, their ultimate goal as an institution is to research specialized fields and offer graduate degrees, like master's and doctorate degrees.

* Public versus Private colleges

Public colleges and universities are owned and supported by the State of Utah. Private, not-for-profit colleges and universities are not owned by the state but are regionally accredited. **For-profit schools may charge more in tuition, offer fewer degree programs, and are sometimes unaccredited, meaning they are not approved by a national or regional accrediting association.** Making sure a school is accredited and that credits may be transferred to other institutions is another way students can make sure they are getting an education worth their money and a credential that will attract potential employers.

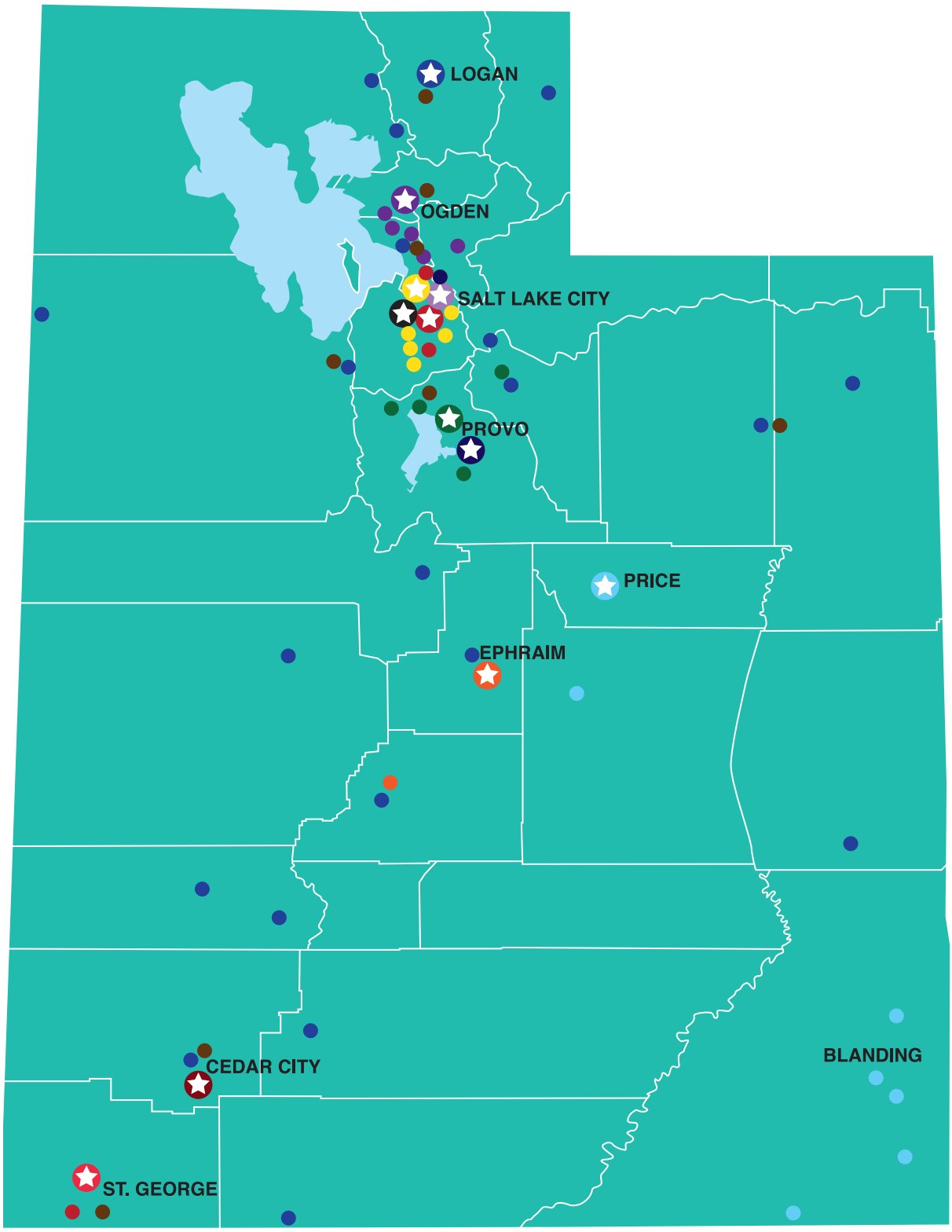
Quick tip: all of the colleges and universities included by name in this guide are accredited and not-for-profit.

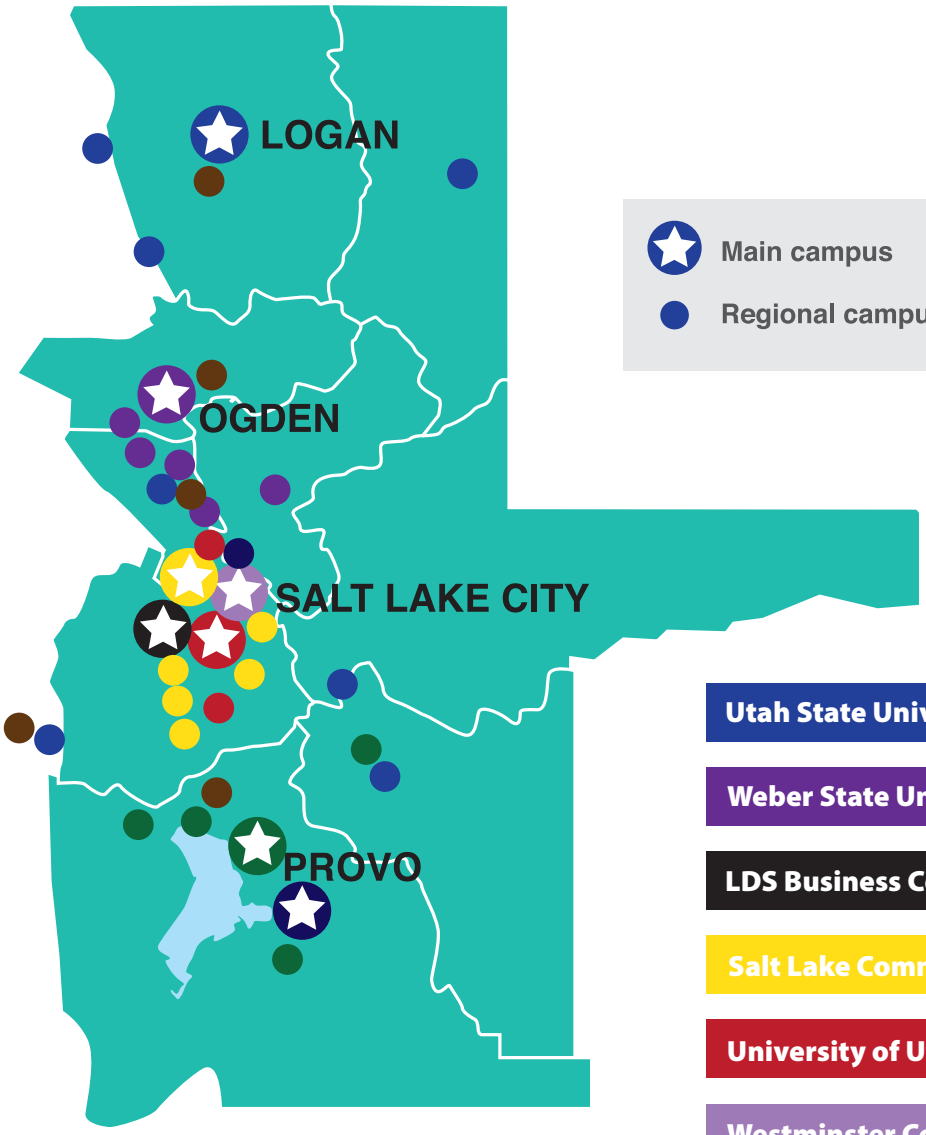
COLLEGE NAME	CERTIFICATES	ASSOCIATE DEGREES	BACHELOR'S DEGREES	GRADUATE DEGREES
Bridgerland Technical College	■			
Brigham Young University*			■	■
Davis Technical College	■			
Dixie State University	■	■	■	■
Dixie Technical College	■			
LDS Business College*	■	■		
Mountainland Technical College	■			
Ogden Technical College	■			
Salt Lake Community College	■	■		
Snow College	■	■	■	
Southern Utah University	■	■	■	■
Southwest Technical College	■			
Tooele Technical College	■			
Uintah Basin Technical College	■			
University of Utah			■	■
Utah State University	■	■	■	■
Utah Valley University	■	■	■	■
Weber State University	■	■	■	■
Westminster College*			■	■

*PRIVATE COLLEGES

COLLEGES IN UTAH

No matter where you are in Utah, there's a college nearby.





Main campus

Regional campuses and sites

- Utah State University · Logan
- Weber State University · Ogden
- LDS Business College · Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake Community College · Salt Lake City
- University of Utah · Salt Lake City
- Westminster College · Salt Lake City
- Utah Valley University · Orem
- Brigham Young University · Provo
- USU Eastern · Price & Blanding
- Snow College · Ephraim
- Southern Utah University · Cedar City
- Dixie State University · St. George
- Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH)

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

College can be expensive and figuring out how you're going to pay for it can seem like an overwhelming task. Luckily, there are resources to help you prepare and many different ways to get the money you need.

With many funding options available—from scholarships and grants to work-study and student loans—you can pay for college.

No matter what grade you're in, there are things you can do right now to get started.



College comparison worksheet

Use this worksheet to compare colleges you'd like to go to. Search online, get a Facts at a Glance booklet from your counselor, or use the Utah colleges information starting on pg. 20 in this guide to help you.

College							
Majors the college offers I'm interested in							
Special programs I'm interested in							
Tuition							
Fees							
Housing or commuting costs							
Total costs per year (add tuition, fees, housing, commuting, and $1000-1500 for books)							
Special admissions requirements							
GPA and ACT requirements for academic scholarships							
Application fee							
Application deadline							
Notes							



SAVING FOR COLLEGE

Start saving as much as you can, as early as you can.

Saving money is an important part of college affordability. Start saving as much as you can, as early as you can. Here are a few tips to help you get started.

Bank/credit union savings and cash deposit (CD) accounts

Research terms and conditions for a savings account that meets your needs. Find more information at your bank/credit union and on websites such as **americasaves.org** to compare options before making your decision.

my529

my529, Utah's official 529 educational savings plan, is a tax-advantaged 529 plan designed to encourage investing for future qualified higher education expenses.

Family and friends can even contribute money to your account for special occasions like birthdays and holidays. Learn more at **my529.org**.

Part-time work

Part-time work in high school and college can help you build your resume and pay for college costs.

Put as much of your paycheck as you can into your college savings account.

Scholarships

Scholarships are not just for students with good grades or an impressive list of accomplishments. You can get scholarships for volunteer service, leadership, talent, financial need, and more.

TIPS FOR FINDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Beware of scholarship scams!
You should never pay money to apply for a scholarship.

1. **Explore options at your school.** Talk with your college access advisor and/or counselor, scholarship coordinator, and athletics coach. Ask about scholarships through your employer, your parent's employer, or any clubs or organizations you're involved with.

2. **Create profiles** on trustworthy national scholarship search websites such as:
   - **chegg.com/scholarships**
   - **bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search**
   - **cappex.com**
   - **fastweb.com**

3. **Use the scholarship toolkit at ktsutah.org** to get started.

4. If you're an **undocumented student**, you can find additional information on applying for scholarships at **educate-utah.org**. See pg. 43 for more info.

5. **Check with the financial aid offices** at the colleges you plan to attend. Many colleges have scholarships posted on their financial aid and department websites. If you know what you want to study, check for scholarships through your major or department.

6. **In 12th grade, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA)—sometimes scholarships require this as part of their application process.

7. **Apply. Apply. Apply.** Don't count on only one scholarship to fund your education.

8. **Apply for scholarships even if you don't plan to go to college right away**—like if you plan to serve a religious mission or join the military. See pg. 42 for more info.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, four major scholarships offered by the State of Utah have been updated. These scholarships include two academic scholarships, one new need-based scholarship, and one teaching scholarship. Talk to your college's financial aid office to see if you qualify for these scholarships.

REGENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

The Regents' Scholarship is for students who take the right courses in high school to help them be college-ready and successfully apply.

Scholarship Facts:

1. The Regents' Scholarship is an academic scholarship that you can earn by taking required classes in high school to prepare for college.
2. The Regents' Scholarship can be used at public colleges in Utah, including technical colleges, and at these private institutions: Brigham Young University, LDS Business College, Westminster College, and Western Governors University.
3. You apply for the Regents' Scholarship during your senior year, but you need to start planning now to take the right classes in 9-12 grade. To learn about the scholarship requirements, visit **RegentsScholarship.org**.
4. To apply, you will be required to submit a completed FAFSA application, but you are NOT required to qualify for federal grants or loans.
5. The Regents' Scholarship can be used to help cover the cost of tuition and fees for a total of four semesters, subject to meeting renewal requirements. Each student's award amount will vary based on individual circumstances. Visit **RegentsScholarship.org** for more information.

NEW CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP

The New Century Scholarship is for students who accelerate their college education by earning an associate degree or taking a specific academic track while in high school.

The New Century Scholarship can be used at any four-year public college or university in Utah.

Awards can be used to help cover the cost of tuition and fees for a total of four semesters, subject to meeting renewal requirements. Each student's award amount will vary based on individual circumstances. Visit **NewCenturyScholarship.org** for more information.

UTAH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Utah Promise Scholarship is for students who need financial assistance to pay for college and is available at all public colleges and universities in Utah, including technical colleges.

The Utah Promise Scholarship will cover up to full tuition and fees for up to two years.

Talk to the financial aid office at your college to see if you qualify for the Utah Promise Scholarship.

T.H. BELL SCHOLARSHIP

The T.H. Bell Scholarship is for those students who study education and intend to work in a Utah public school.

The T.H. Bell Scholarship can be used at all public or private colleges in Utah that offer an approved program. Talk to the financial aid office at your college to see if you qualify.

To be eligible for this scholarship, recipients must study in an approved teacher preparation program or in an approved program that prepares an individual to become a speech-language pathologist or another licensed professional providing services in a public school to students with disabilities



★ **Tip: Use the FAFSA4caster at fafsa.gov to estimate how much you might get in grants, work-study, and loans**

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at **fafsa.gov** is the only way to receive federal financial aid for college.

Who should submit the FAFSA?

Everyone should submit, even if you think you make too much money to qualify for financial aid. You never know what you'll be awarded unless you apply.

What does the FAFSA do?

The FAFSA determines your eligibility for federal financial aid—grants, work-study, and student loans—as well as aid from the State of Utah (like the Regents' Scholarship) and your college.

When should I submit my FAFSA?

It's best to submit the FAFSA the same time you apply to college in the fall of your senior year. The FAFSA application opens October 1 of your 12th grade year. You can complete the application at any point in your senior year, but for the following school year you should apply as soon as you can. However, you can still submit your FAFSA later than that if needed. Check the priority deadline at the colleges you're applying to so you know when you should complete the FAFSA. **Remember: You need to resubmit the FAFSA every year you're in college.**

Where do I go to submit the FAFSA?

Submit the FAFSA at **fafsa.gov** or use the official myStudentAid mobile app from Federal Student Aid. Never use any other website to file. If you need help submitting your FAFSA, talk to your counselor or use the FAFSA resources found at **ktsutah.org**.



Even if you don't think you'll qualify for financial aid, it's worth taking a few minutes to submit the FAFSA. You may be surprised!



What kinds of financial aid are there?

- Grants
- Work-study
- Student loans

	What is it?	What do I need to know?
GRANTS	A grant is money for college that you don't have to pay back, as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress. A grant is usually provided by the state or federal government.	Grants don't have to be repaid. They're based on financial need (determined by the FAFSA). One of the most common grants is the Federal Pell Grant. The maximum award is more than $6,000 per year. Ask the financial aid office at your college for more info about available grants.
WORK-STUDY	Work-study is a part-time job for students that is usually on campus and has flexible hours that generally work around your class schedule.	Work-study jobs are usually on campus and offer flexible hours. Work-study jobs come with financial aid benefits. They can give you work experience related to your college major (such as working in a chemistry lab, tutoring center, or campus business office).
STUDENT LOANS	Student loans are money you borrow for college that you have to pay back—even if you don't graduate.	If you're eligible to receive grants or take part in the work-study program, always use those funds first. Apply for as many scholarships as possible and use college savings before deciding to borrow student loans. Explore federal student loans first (through submitting your FAFSA), as they often have lower interest rates and more flexible repayment options compared to private loans.



Should I take out a student loan?

When you file the FAFSA and send it to your college, the financial aid office will send you a financial aid offer letter that includes the cost of attendance (tuition, room and board, etc.) and what scholarships, grants, loans, or work-study you are eligible for.

Sometimes the cost of attendance will be more than you have in college savings, scholarships, grants, or work-study funds. If you've filed the FAFSA, you are eligible for federal student loans, which are a good option to cover those additional remaining college costs.

What to consider before taking out a student loan:

1. **Create a budget with help from your college's financial wellness center.** Many colleges have a financial wellness center that will answer your questions about budgeting, loans, and ways to pay for college.
2. **Explore ways to save, such as using student discounts or renting textbooks.**
3. **Borrow only what you need and understand the loan.** Remember, you are not required to borrow the maximum amount you've been offered. Any money that you borrow must be repaid with interest, so only borrow what you need! Read the terms and conditions of the federal student loan carefully when you accept your loan.
4. **Borrow federal before private.** Federal student loans have advantages over private loans, including fixed interest rates and flexible repayment options. Learn more about the benefits of federal student loans at **studentaid.gov**.

What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

Are you planning to join the military or serve a religious mission before enrolling in college?

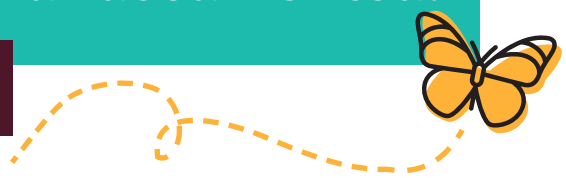
You should still apply for college and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships. Many scholarships are only open to graduating high school students. If you can't afford application fees, there are some programs that can help you cover those costs while you are still in high school but not after you have graduated. Apply now to find out what options are available to you.

Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form. Without this form, colleges will not legally be able to talk with your parents/guardians about you after you turn 18. Talk to your college's admissions office for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.

COLLEGE IS READY WHEN YOU ARE!

Yes, you can go to college if you are undocumented!

5 things undocumented students need to know



1 **Undocumented students, with and without Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), can attend college in Utah!** All students, regardless of immigration status, are eligible for admission into any of the accredited colleges and universities (public and private) in Utah.

2 **Earn college credits in high school:** Undocumented students (with and without DACA) can participate in Concurrent Enrollment (CE), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes while in high school, saving time and money once you get to college.

3 **Scholarships:** Utah high school graduates do not need to provide proof of citizenship to qualify for privately funded scholarships. For a comprehensive list of privately funded scholarships in Utah, visit **educate-utah.org**.

4 **In-State Tuition Waiver:** Utah state law allows qualifying undocumented and DACAmented high school graduates to pay in-state tuition rates if they attend a public Utah college or university. To learn more about qualifications, talk to your counselor or visit **educate-utah.org/hb144-facts**. You may want to ask specifically about "HB 144" and "SB 253."

To ***qualify*** for HB 144, a student must submit a HB 144 Affidavit for the institution they want to attend and meet the following requirements:

- Student must have attended a Utah high school for three or more years
- Student must have graduated from a Utah high school with a diploma or G.E.D.

5 **To find additional support and information visit:**

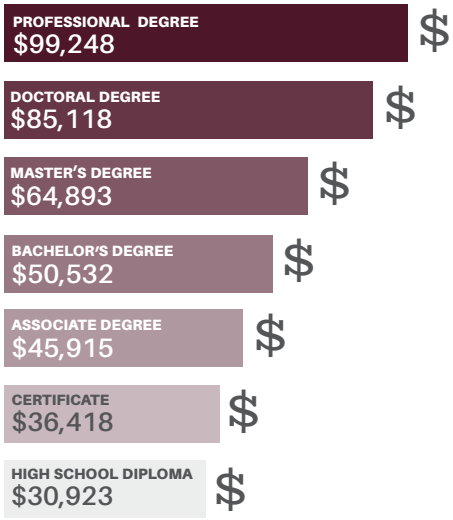
- **educate-utah.org**
- University of Utah Dream Center: **dream.utah.edu**, which has important information for undocumented students, regardless of which college you plan to attend.

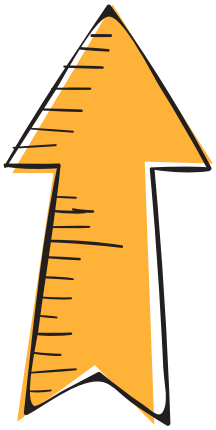
5 WAYS COLLEGE PAYS

GREATER WEALTH

Most college graduates earn twice as much in their lifetime as someone who only has a high school diploma.

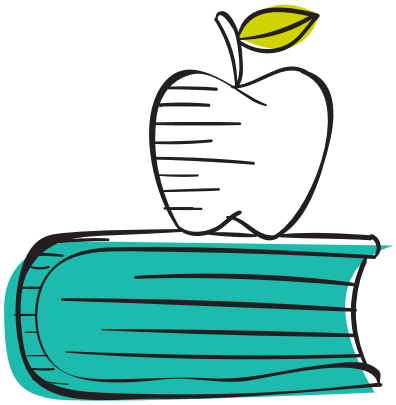
Annual earnings based on degree





BETTER BENEFITS

Jobs that require a college degree provide more flexibility and are much more likely to **offer health insurance.**



IMPROVED HEALTH

People with a college degree are 44% more likely to report very good or excellent health. And **the life expectancy of young adults with at least some college education is seven years longer** than those who have never gone to college.

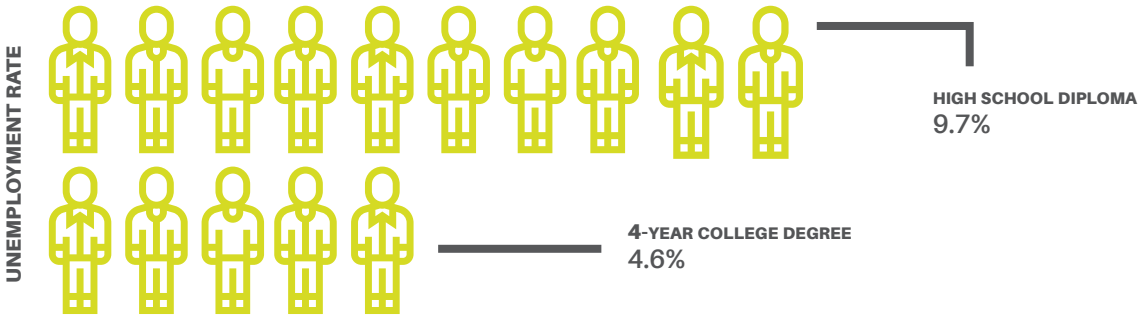
STRONGER COMMUNITY



Want to make a difference in the world? Individuals with a college degree are more than twice as likely to volunteer, and those with a bachelor's degree are **twice as likely to vote**.

MORE SECURITY

The more education you get, **the less you have to worry about unemployment**. People with only a high school diploma are about twice as likely to be unemployed as those with a college degree.





PARENTS:

College is for you,too!

If you are thinking about college for yourself, call college admissions offices to see what they can offer you.

Colleges have many resources like tutoring, child-care assistance, online options, and even classes where you only meet once per week that can help you balance family, work, and school.

Start or finish your college degree now!

UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION