

# MOVING FORWARD

WITH COLLEGE • CAREER • LIFE



KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

The path you take, as students, to get to the career and profession of your choice is up to you! It is never too early for you to start planning! Knowing your options after high school is the first step to finding the path that is a perfect fit. So why wait to learn more? The time is now to "Move Forward" with planning for college, career, and life.

Students who graduate high school can pursue one or more of the following options:

- 4YR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- 2YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- MILITARY
- WORKFORCE
- APPRENTICESHIP
- GAP YEAR

## 4-YR COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

Students interested in attending a 4-year college and/or university will take part in a more traditional educational learning environment and can choose the major (area of study) of their choice which will qualify them to work in the profession and career field of their choice once they graduate. Students who receive their Bachelor's degree can go on to pursue graduate or professional degrees. Students will also have the opportunity to live on campus, play sports, or even join a fraternity or sorority.

**Requirements:** Minimum GPA (GRADE POINT AVERAGE) and SAT/ACT test score requirement set by college/university.  
**Degree Earned:** Bachelor's Degree

### STUDENT ACTIVITY

Log into Naviance via ClassLink and research colleges/universities from the below links and save your top 3 colleges in Georgia.

[Public Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#)

[Private Colleges & Universities in Georgia](#)

Community College which is also known as junior college or two yr college, has historically served the purpose of providing remediation for students who are preparing to eventually attend a traditional 4yr college. Community colleges generally do not provide on-campus housing (few do) but may have athletic teams for students to participate in. Students who complete two years of Community College can be eligible to transfer to a 4yr college.

**Requirements:** Placement Testing

**Degree Earned:** Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree

## 2-YR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Students interested in attending technical college can take advantage of shorter vocational and career training programs that do not require 4yrs to complete. Students who attend technical college can gain the specific skills needed to go into the workforce sooner. Students interested in attending technical college can earn an associate degree (2yrs), complete a diploma (1-2yrs), or certificate program (6-15months).

**Requirements:** Placement Testing

**Degree Earned:** Certificate, Diploma and/or Associate degree

**Find a Technical College by visiting:** [Technical College System of Georgia](#)

### STUDENT ACTIVITY



Scan QR code. Watch a minimum of two student videos. Share a summary of the student's story and something you learned about technical school with your class, teacher, and/or parent.



Scan the QR code and research [Hope Career Grant](#) and one of the career programs with available free tuition.

Thinking of how to pay for college can be overwhelming. It is important that families are familiar with the types of available financial aid. Seniors planning to attend college will be required to complete the Free Application for Student Aid which opens October 1. This application collects financial information that is reviewed to determine the amount of college costs that will be covered by grants and scholarships and how much will need to be covered by the student's family.

Types of aid consist of:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-Study Jobs
- Loans

**More Information:** <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>

**Ga Hope Scholarship:** [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

**Ga Hope Career Grant:** <https://www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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A GAP Year is a period in which recent graduates take a yearlong break to engage in other educational and/or meaningful experiences or activities such as:


- Experiencing new cultures through travel.
- Joining the Peace Corps or other service/volunteer programs.
- Participating in a Gap Year Program such as college bridge year programs.

A Gap Year should not be seen as a period in which a student does nothing. Students should intentionally plan for their Gap Year and seek out opportunities that will add to their personal and or educational development and growth. Students who take a GAP year can still apply to college and defer their admissions.

The military offers access and training for [hundreds of careers!](#) By joining one of the US Armed Forces, students will not only earn a salary but benefits, money for college, and the opportunity to travel.

**Requirements:** [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery \(ASVAB\)](#) scores determine qualifying careers

### STUDENT ACTIVITY

 Scan the QR code and research the different branches of the military. Even if you do not wish to go into the military, name one career choice in the branch that interests you most. Share with someone the branch and career option you are most interested in and why.

### More Information:

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/ways-to-serve/service-branches>

<https://www.defense.gov/About/our-forces/>

## MILITARY

## WORKFORCE

Students considering going into the workforce immediately after high school should start now by preparing for the world of work. Students should consider the following:

- Take advantage of career courses and programs offered to students at your school. Taking a Work-Based Learning course in high school gives students the opportunity to gain work experience while earning high school credit.
- Log into Naviance and start drafting a resume. Starting the process of documenting extra-curricular activities and jobs worked while in high school can be helpful. Learn resume tips at <https://www.resume.com/>
- Explore careers that align with personal strengths, abilities, and aptitudes.
- Consider a trade program at a local technical college. These programs can give students the skills needed to enter the workforce earning a higher pay. Students can start taking these courses in high school through Dual Enrollment. See school counselor to learn more. Check out the Hope Career Grant for programs that offer free tuition. No GPA required.
- Research and consider companies that have the potential for career growth and access to training opportunities.
- Consider public safety and government jobs with benefits.
- Take advantage of the career readiness courses offered by [WorkSource Atlanta Work Readiness Course](#) or [WorkSource Fulton Course or Services](#).

An apprenticeship is a program offered by employers allowing participants the opportunity to receive paid on-the-job training under a certified expert.

### More Information:

<https://www.tcsg.edu/for-students/apprenticeship-programs/>

<https://www.apprenticeship.gov/career-seekers>

**Ga Hope Career Grant:** <https://www.tcsg.edu/free-tuition>

## APPRENTICESHIP/INTERNSHIP