



## STEP 1

### BEGIN WITH CAREER CONVERSATIONS

- What are your strengths?
- What would your family say are your strengths?
- What would your friends say are your strengths?
- Have you thought about how you can develop your strengths further?
- How might your strengths connect with careers of the future?
- Where do you see yourself in five years?
- Do you have a career vision? If so, what is it? Do you think of it often?
- What are you passionate about?
- If you could start a non-profit, what cause would it support?
- What impact do you want to have on other people's lives or in the world?
- Who might be able to help you achieve your goals?



## STEP 2

### START EXPLORING CAREERS

- Ask family members or others in your community about their career journey
- Complete an on-line career survey to help determine career interest:
  - [EducationPlanner](#)
  - [My Next Move](#)
- Watch videos to learn more about different career paths
  - [Explore Careers | Choose an interest or College Major](#)
  - Road Trip Nation: [www.roadtripnation.com](http://www.roadtripnation.com)
  - [CareerOneStop: Careers and Career Information](#)
- Explore in-demand careers and labor market information online:
  - [Pure Michigan Talent Connect](#)
  - [Skilled Trades](#)
  - [Hot Jobs in Southeast Michigan](#)
- Join career related on-line communities or social media groups
- Explore summer programs and opportunities at local community colleges and universities



## STEP 3

### START EXPLORING COLLEGES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Take a virtual field trip to a college: [CampusTours – Interactive Virtual Tours and Campus Maps](#)
- Explore training and degree programs in Wayne County at [Browse Training and Degree Programs | Workforce Development](#)
- Complete a college comparison worksheet: [College Comparison Worksheet](#)
- Verify that your dream school(s) offers the major of your choice
- Schedule an on-campus tour for at least one of your top choice schools



## STEP 4

### TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER

- Build your resume: [Digital Technology Training – Google](#)
- Explore how to provide references. [References](#)
  - What are they?
  - Who might you ask when there's a need? Teacher, coach, community leader, others?
- Review a job search website:
  - [Indeed.com](#) , [MiTalent.org](#)
  - What are the key components of a job posting?
  - What do you notice?
- Review some sample interview questions: [8 Interview Questions for Teens With Examples and Tips](#)
- Practice interview responses: [Practice Job Interview Questions](#)
- Check out tips on interviewing: Video – [Interview Tips: Common Questions, Body Language & More](#)



## STEP 5

### EXPLORE WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR CAREER

- Find Scholarships and Grants: [MI Student Aid](#)
  - Also, check them out on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: @mistudentaid
- Check this FAFSA checklist: [uAspire's Financial Aid Timeline and Checklist](#)
- Check this TIP Fact Sheet: [Tuition Incentive Program Fact Sheet](#)



## STEP 6

### ESPECIALLY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE

- Check out these college checklists of things to do:
  - [A Complete College Prep Checklist: High School Senior Year](#)
  - [Preparing for College: Senior Checklist](#)
- Explore and secure housing if you plan to live on campus



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# CAREER PLANNING TIPS & TOOLS FOR STUDENTS

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