

Preparing for Higher Education	Level 1“Kickstart” <i>Basic steps to get you started and build your foundation.</i>	Level 2 "Level Up" <i>Intermediate skills to build on your foundation and take things to the next level.</i>	Level 3 "All In" <i>Go big or go home! The most advanced and challenging steps to fully prepare you for college and beyond.</i>
Find the right School or Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Choose Apply Decide 	Research College Search Trade School Search Apprenticeships Search Choose school/programs Choose dream, target & safety schools	Apply How to apply to college What is the Common Application for college? Common Application How to apply to trade school	Steps to Decide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Financial Aid Awards Visit Campus Meet with advisor from college/training program How to Finalize College Choices
Prepare Admissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Essays & Personal Statements Recommendations Portfolios, Auditions, Interview 	College Essays & Personal Statements Video: Article:	Recommendations request Video Article	Portfolios, Interviews, Auditions <i>some schools require</i> Articles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portfolio Interview Auditions
Apply Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Aid Apply/ Submit Post Submission 	Financial Aid Article on Financial Aid Videos: Washington Financial Aid for Education and Training Create a FAFSA or WASFA Account	Apply & Submit Application Help Futures Northwest (free)1 on 1 session (in English/Spanish) Submit: Submit FAFSA or WASFA with guardian/student signatures	Post- Submission What happens after submitting FAFSA or WASFA form Adding colleges after submitting FAFSA or WASFA
Apply Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Apply Awarded 	Research Scholarship Search Tool Xello Scholarships OHS Scholarships Scholarships 101	Apply Apply for scholarships that match your profile and goals Whatcom Community Foundation Scholarship Some scholarships require references	Awarded Scholarship: After winning a scholarship what to do