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OF COLLEGE



ssociate degree

A 2-year degree that is usually granted by a community college.



B

achelor's
degree

A 4-year degree that is granted by a college or university.



Classes

Make sure the classes you're taking in high school match with the college you want to attend and the career you're interested in.



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ual credit

Earn college credits AND high school credits
while in high school—for free!



Essay

A short piece of writing that a college or scholarship provider requires students to submit as part of their application. It may also be called a personal statement.



Financial aid

Money to help pay for college including grants, loans, scholarships and work-study.



GPA

Grade Point Average

Colleges look for students with good grades in challenging classes.



Honors

Colleges look for students who take challenging classes so sign up for AP, honors or dual credit classes that your school offers.



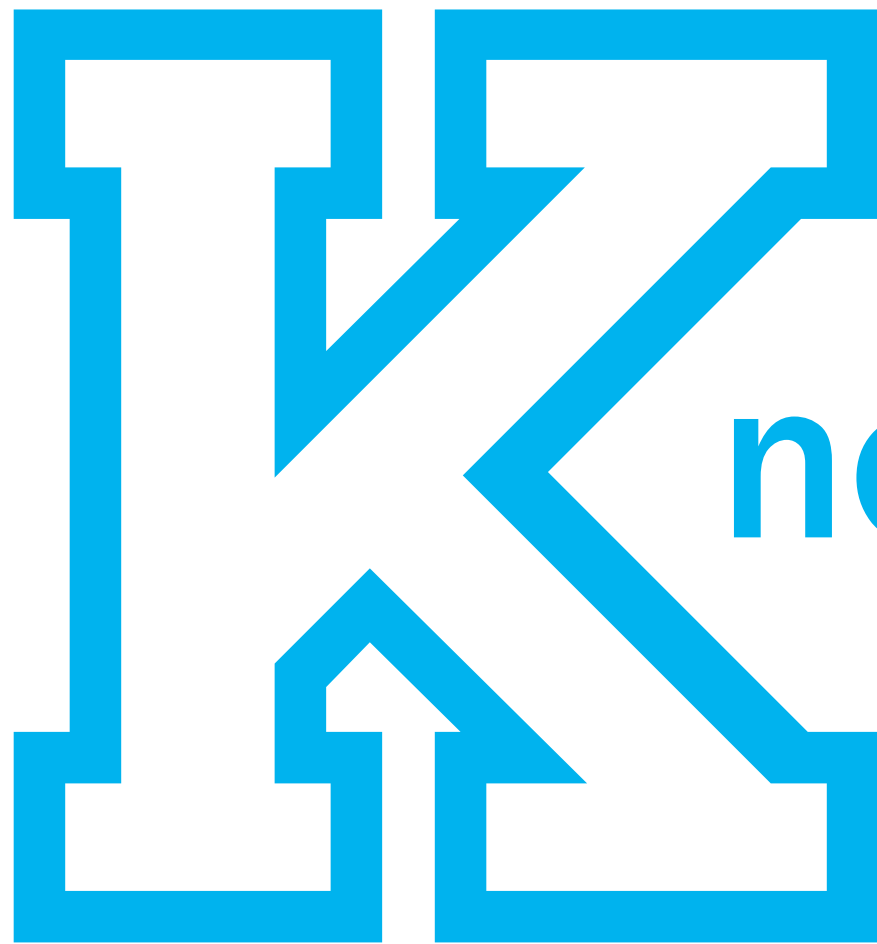
nternship

Decide if a career is right for you—do an internship with a professional in a field that interests you.



J**ob shadow**

Decide if a career is right for you—do an informal job shadow with a professional in a field that interests you.



knowledge

Know what it takes to get into and succeed in college: focus on academics, get involved, find support and stay organized.



L oans

Money for college that has to be paid back; make sure you don't borrow more than you need.



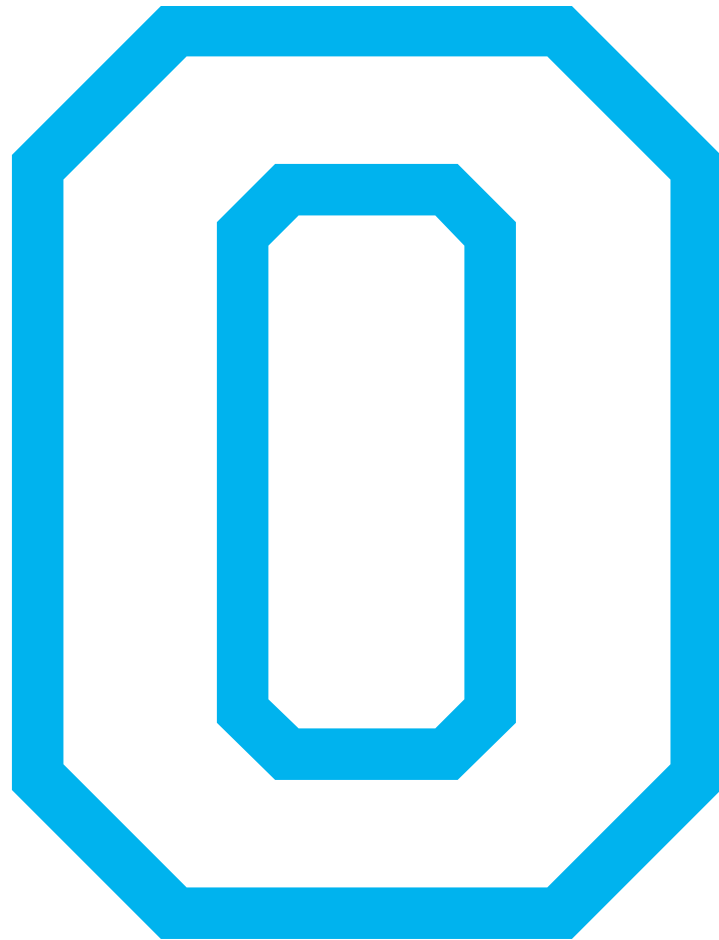
Major

What a student chooses to study in college—
like Engineering, English or Education.



Net price

The actual price you will pay for college—don't be fooled by sticker prices! Look for the Net Price Calculator on college websites.



rientation

A dedicated time before college starts to get to know the campus, meet students and staff, and prepare for classes.



acement tests

Some colleges require tests to determine which class you should take.



Quad

A rectangular space or courtyard, often the center of activity on a college campus.



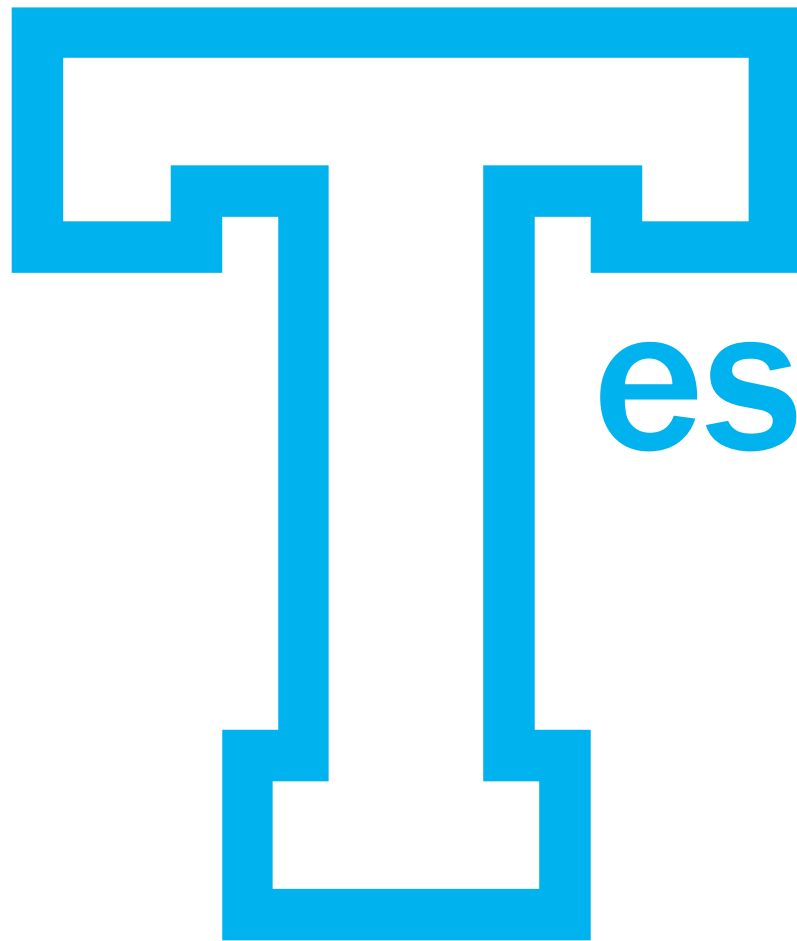
Recommendation letters

Many colleges and scholarships want to hear from teachers or adults that know you well.



scholarships

Free money for college! Many scholarships require an essay or other application requirements.



Test optional

You can choose if you want to submit SAT or ACT scores when you apply to college.



ndergraduate

A college student who is working towards an associate or bachelor's degree.



Vaccinations

Many colleges require students to have certain vaccinations (MMR, meningitis, etc.) before they can enroll.



Waivers

Many students are eligible for fee waivers or deferrals for admission tests and college applications.



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Colleges want to see well-rounded students so in addition to getting good grades, consider joining a club, playing a sport or volunteering.



You

It's up to you to decide what you want to study,
where you want to go to college, and your
future career.



Ζ eta

A Greek letter, used in the names of some sororities and fraternities, which are found on some college campuses.