

Senior Post-Secondary Planning

Unsure of your Career Plans?

1. Start by taking personality/interest assessments. Explore your interests and potential Careers.
2. **MajorClarity offers Assessments and Career Exploration.** Login on the Student Portal under Educational Resources. Take the Personality and Learning Style Assessments and then research matching careers.
3. Utilize other free Career Exploration Resources:
 - [College Depot](#)
 - [Pipeline AZ](#)
 - [My College Options](#)
 - [Career One Stop](#)
 - [O-Net Online](#)
 - [Big Future/CollegeBoard](#)
 - [ASU Me3](#)
4. Consider taking the ASVAB – this is not only for those interested in the military. This is a comprehensive Interest Inventory. Visit the Career Center to sign up.

Community College or Trade School (For Associates Degree, Transfer Programs, or Certificate Programs)

1. Complete the FAFSA, apply online October 1st! Community colleges and trade schools all offer Financial Aid.
2. Research schools to determine which fit your interests and program needs. **MajorClarity – Postsecondary Exploration** can help you with this. Be specific in the filters to get the best match.
3. Community College can serve as a bridge between high school and the university. They offer numerous transfer programs; you can also earn an Associate Degree and Trade Certificates.
 - [Maricopa Community Colleges](#) – 10 community colleges in the Phoenix metro area
 - [Arizona Western College](#) - Yuma, AZ
 - [Central Arizona College](#) - Coolidge, AZ
 - [Cochise College](#) - Douglas, AZ
 - [Coconino Community College](#) - Flagstaff, AZ
 - [Eastern Arizona College](#) - Thatcher, AZ
 - [Mohave Community College](#) - Kingman, AZ
 - [Northland Pioneer College](#) - Holbrook, AZ
 - [Pima Community College](#) - Tucson, AZ
 - [Yavapai College](#) - Prescott, AZ
4. Trade Schools offer certificate programs and job specific training. Find out the length of the program, cost, job placement opportunities, etc.
 - [Find My Arizona Trade School](#)
 - [Maricopa County Colleges Trade and Skills Training](#)
 - [Arizona Job Connection](#)
 - [Arizona Apprenticeships](#)
5. Scholarships are available at the Community Colleges and even some Trade Schools. Research other scholarships on StudentVue and in **MajorClarity – Financial Resources** (see additional resources below)
6. Create student accounts and begin choosing classes in March of Senior year.

7. Community colleges will require placement testing in Math, Reading, and English. You can begin doing this in the spring once your account is created. If you have taken dual enrollment courses, this might already be finished!

University (Professional Degree Programs – Bachelor+)

1. Complete the FAFSA, apply online October 1st! This can qualify you for free federal aid, work-study jobs, and subsidized loans (lower interest and interest deferred). It can also qualify your parents for lower interest parent loans.
2. Choose a college based on your program of study! Explore your options on **MajorClarity-Postsecondary Exploration**, be specific with the filters to get the best match.
3. Track applications on **MajorClarity – Application Center**. This is a great resource to keep you organized and prompt with applications.
4. Review admission and scholarship requirements for the schools you are interested in. You may need to retake ACT and/or SAT.
 - [ACT Website](#) (general), [ACT registration and test dates](#)
 - [SAT Website](#) (general), [SAT registration and test dates](#)
5. Complete university applications by October 1st (even if you are re-taking the ACT/SAT or a course)
6. Visit the college campus of the schools you are most interested in.
7. Check the school website for other deadlines, like housing applications, deposit fee dates, course enrollment dates, etc.
8. If applying to schools outside of Arizona, consider using The Common Application. Some schools may even require it. Get your account created as soon as possible.
9. Request recommendations from your Counselor or Teachers if needed for applications or scholarships. Make sure to give them a resume or list of your accomplishments and request early! Please give them at least two weeks' notice. If the request is electronic, you should still ask them in-person and provide them with a resume or recommendation request form.
10. Merit based scholarships are awarded directly through the schools, typically based on your admission application. However, there are thousands of private scholarships. Spend as much time as possible researching those. You can use **MajorClarity-Financial Resources** and StudentVue Resources – “College Scholarship Eligibility”
11. Other FREE scholarship websites:
 - [College Depot Scholarships](#)
 - [Scholarships](#)
 - [Fastweb](#)
 - [Chegg](#)
 - [College Board](#)
 - [Career One Stop](#)
 - [Niche](#)
 - [Unigo](#)
 - [Peterson's](#)
 - [Cappex](#)

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