



# **Scoir-Created Plans**

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Scoir-Created Plans are ready-to-use, fully scaffolded college and career readiness curricula designed to help students take meaningful, timely action throughout their journey. Each Plan includes a sequenced set of Tasks and Forms that guide students through exploration, planning, and preparation—with clear steps counselors can monitor along the way.

These Plans are provided in Scoir as editable templates, giving counselors full flexibility to customize the content before assigning them to students.

This PDF lists all Tasks and Forms included in each Scoir-Created Plan so you can see how they support a consistent, actionable experience for students. Please note that these Tasks and Forms are preliminary and are being shared with select schools and districts ahead of broader release; as such, they may be updated before general availability.

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# Getting Started with Scoir

*Guides students through the basics of using Scoir so they get the most out of their experience*

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## Getting Started (1/7): Add Your Personal Details

**Description:** Your Profile is the foundation of your Scoir experience. Adding your Personal Details—like demographic information and first-generation status—helps personalize your college recommendations and can even prefill applications. Be sure to invite your parent(s) or guardian(s) to join Scoir so they can support and explore alongside you. Follow this guide for step-by-step instructions.

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Getting Started (2/7): Add Your Academic Information

**Description:** Continue to build out your Profile by entering your GPA and test scores. This ensures Scoir can give you the most accurate picture of how your academic profile measures up at the colleges you're exploring. Check out this help article if you need guidance.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (1/7): Add Your Personal Details

**Topic:** Academic

## Getting Started (3/7): Take the Career Interest Assessment

**Description:** Spend 10 minutes completing Scoir's Career Interest Assessment to uncover careers that align with your personality and strengths. Go to Discover > Careers > Your Assessments, answer honestly, and see where your results point you.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (2/7): Add Your Academic Information

**Topic:** Career

## Getting Started (4/7): Save at Least Three Careers

**Description:** Find your top career matches by going to Discover > Careers and selecting "Interest Assessment Matches" in the For You filter. From there, explore Career pages to learn about job responsibilities, required education, salary ranges, and long-term outlook. Then "Save" at least three careers in Scoir that stand out as possible fits for your future.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (3/7): Take the Career Interest Assessment

**Topic:** Career

## Getting Started (5/7): Take the College Match Quiz

**Description:** Your college preferences help Scoir tailor school recommendations to you. Go to Discover > For You > My Matches and click “Start Quiz,” then answer a few quick questions about what matters most to you to get personalized matches in under two minutes. If your preferences change, you can update them in your Profile or on the My Matches page—or retake the quiz if you’d like a fresh start. See this help article for more details.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (4/7): Save at Least Three Careers

**Topic:** College

## Getting Started (6/7): Follow at Least Three Colleges

**Description:** Start building your college list by browsing the personalized recommendations in Discover > For You. When you see a college that interests you, click the banner on its card to add it to your Following list. “Follow” at least three colleges to receive updates on admissions events, deadlines, and opportunities.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (5/7): Take the College Match Quiz

**Topic:** College

## Getting Started (7/7): Complete Your Profile

**Description:** You’re nearly finished! Head back to your Profile to complete your Personal Bio and Activities & Achievements sections. While there, double-check your Personal Details and Academic Overview to keep everything current. Once finished, you can even turn your Scoir Profile into a resume for college or job applications. This help article shows you how.

**Prerequisite:** Getting Started (6/7): Follow at Least Three Colleges

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

# Middle School Career Readiness

*Helps middle school students explore careers and build habits to support future college and career planning*

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## Grade 6

### What's the Difference Between a Career and a Job?

**Description:** We'll start by defining two key words. A career is a long-term journey through different roles in a field you care about; a job is one specific position you hold at an organization. To see these definitions in action, watch the video "What is the difference between a job and a career?" After you watch, think about why it matters to know the difference as you explore your future.

**Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/sLPFqCiUVAQ?feature=shared>

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** Career

### Explore Career Clusters on Scoir

**Description:** Career clusters are groups of related jobs and industries. In Scoir, go to Discover > Careers and browse the clusters. Spend time exploring at least three different clusters—click into each one and look at the careers inside. Notice which clusters spark your curiosity and why.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** Career

## Create Your Digital Career Vision Board

**Description:** Let's get creative! Make a copy of these [career vision board slides](#). On slides 2-3, use the Internet to find three images per slide that show how you'd like your future to look and add words or quotes that match. On slides 4-5, use Scoir's Career pages to fill in one career choice per slide, including its training requirements, average salary, and key job tasks. When your board is complete, save the link in Drive.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Career

## Research Roles, Skills & Tasks

**Description:** Let's take a closer look at what it takes to succeed in one of your career interests. Pick one career from any of the clusters you've explored so far and dive deeper into what it really involves. Use Scoir to research the main skills, abilities, and daily tasks of that career, then share what you learn in the Form below.

**Form Title:** Career Roles & Responsibilities

**Form Description:** For your chosen career, list its key skills, required abilities, and typical job tasks.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Career Chosen: Which career are you researching?
2. [Long Text] Skills: What are 3-5 skills people in this career need?
3. [Long Text] Abilities: What are 3-5 abilities or talents important in this career?
4. [Long Text] Tasks: What are 3-5 tasks people in this career do on a typical day?

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Prerequisite:** Explore Career Clusters on Scoir

**Topic:** Career

## Link Education Paths to Careers

**Description:** Different careers require different kinds of learning and training. Pick a career of interest and explore what educational training is required to enter the field, whether that's a college degree, vocational certificate, apprenticeship, or professional credential. Once you've gathered your research, complete the Form below to map potential education routes to your chosen career.

**Form Title:** Education & Career Connection

**Form Description:** Describe which education or training paths will prepare you for your chosen career.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Career: What career are you planning for?
2. [Long Text] Traditional Path: What degree or program do you need?
3. [Long Text] Alternative Path: What vocational training or online courses could work?

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Career

## Set Three SMART Academic Goals

**Description:** Setting goals helps you stay motivated in school. Make a copy of the [Goal Setting Worksheet](#) and see how SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) can give you clear direction. Then complete the worksheet to turn your reflections into three SMART academic goals for this semester. After you save the link in Drive, feel free to discuss your responses with your counselor, parent/guardian, or friends.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** Academic

## Map Your Path to Success

**Description:** Your career journey starts now! Think back over the tasks you've completed and the interests you've identified this year. On a piece of paper or in any digital tool you like, draw a timeline from today through middle and high school and into your dream career. Be sure to include key milestones or goals and label each point with a grade or age. When you're done, snap a photo or save your file and upload it to Drive so your counselor can help you fill in any gaps.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Grade 7

### Explore Career Pathways

**Description:** Career clusters group together jobs that share similar skills or industries. Go to Scoir's Discover > Careers and choose three clusters that match your interests. For each one, browse the careers listed, click into any Career pages that catch your eye to learn about day-to-day tasks and training, and "Save" any careers that feel like they could be a good fit.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** Career

### Research a Saved Career

**Description:** There's more to every career than meets the eye. Choose one of your saved careers in your Profile and do a deep dive on Scoir. Look for things like typical daily tasks, education or training needed, key skills or strengths required, and average salary or outlook and share your research in the Form below.

**Form Title:** Career Deep-Dive Findings

**Form Description:** Share your research and any surprising discoveries.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Career Chosen:
2. [Long Text] Daily Tasks & Duties:
3. [Long Text] Education/Training Required:
4. [Long Text] Key Skills/Strengths:
5. [Long Text] Interesting Discoveries:

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Career

## Set SMART Career Goals

**Description:** A SMART goal is one that's Specific (clear and detailed), Measurable (you can track progress), Achievable (realistic), Relevant (linked to your interests), and Time-bound (has a deadline). For example, a short-term SMART goal might be "I will complete an online coding tutorial by May 1," and a long-term one could be "I will earn a beginner robotics badge by the start of eighth grade." When you're ready, open the Form below and write your own: one short-term SMART goal (1-2 years) and one long-term SMART goal (5-10 years).

**Form Title:** My SMART Career Goals

**Form Description:** Provide one short-term (1-2 years) and one long-term (5-10 years) SMART goal.

### Form Questions:

1. [Long Text] Short-Term SMART Goal (1-2 years): What's one goal you can achieve in the next 1-2 years?
2. [Long Text] Long-Term SMART Goal (5-10 years): What's one goal you hope to achieve in 5-10 years?

**Start Date:** Dec 1

**Due Date:** Dec 31

**Topic:** Career

## Plan Your Courses for Next Year

**Description:** Thinking about your interests and strengths, take a moment to reflect on which subjects excite you most—perhaps you enjoy puzzles in math class or storytelling in English. Then, ask your counselor for a list of eighth grade courses so you can match those interests to actual classes. When you've identified three courses you'd like to try, open the Form below to list each one and explain why it fits your goals.

**Form Title:** Course Selections & Reasons

**Form Description:** List three courses you'd like to try next year and explain why each fits your goals.

### Form Questions:

1. [Short Text] Course #1:
2. [Long Text] Why You Chose Course #1:
3. [Short Text] Course #2:
4. [Long Text] Why You Chose Course #2:
5. [Short Text] Course #3:
6. [Long Text] Why You Chose Course #3:

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Academic

## Build Essential Workplace Skills

**Description:** Every career draws on a unique set of skills. Look at one of your saved careers in your Profile and identify a key skill it requires (for example, teamwork, problem-solving, or customer service). Spend some time reflecting—perhaps discuss with a counselor, parent/guardian, or friend—on how you might practice or develop that skill this year.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Overcome Challenges with a Growth Mindset

**Description:** Every successful person faces challenges, and recognizing them is the first step to overcoming them. Watch the video “Mental toughness is the secret to success,” then download and print the [Weakness to Strength Activity Sheet](#). Complete the sheet, turning one personal challenge into a plan for growth, and upload it to Drive.

**Video Link:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_iuPewWbp2U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_iuPewWbp2U)

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Create Your Career Action Plan

**Description:** You’ve done a lot of reflection and exploration this year. Now let’s bring everything together and chart your future. On paper or in any digital tool you like, draw a map of your career journey, starting at “You Today” and ending at your dream career. Divide the path into sections and label each with how you’ll use your interests, values, goals, course planning, learning style, and challenge-to-strength plan. Be creative—add symbols or colors! When you’re done, snap a photo or save the file, upload it to Drive, and share it with a friend who also completed this exercise so you can compare your action plans.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Career

## Grade 8

### Take the Career Interest Assessment

**Description:** What if a quick quiz could point you toward your future career? Go to Discover > Careers > Your Assessments and complete the 10-minute Career Interest Assessment. Answer honestly to get matches that fit your personality and strengths. When you're done, explore your suggested careers and "Save" any that feel like a great fit.

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

### Investigate Your Saved Careers

**Description:** Ever wondered what a day in your dream job really looks like? For each saved career in your Profile, go to its Career page, open Requirements > More Information > Occupational Outlook Handbook, and watch the videos (and explore any articles) to learn about that job's day-to-day work. Note any key insights and reflect on how these learnings align with your own interests and goals.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Prerequisite:** Take the Career Interest Assessment

**Topic:** Career

## Discover How to Earn College Credit in High School

**Description:** Did you know you may be able to earn college credit while still in high school? Taking advanced or college-level coursework now can save you time and money later—and help you get a feel for college expectations. Here are a few common options to explore:

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** Courses that prepare you for College Board exams taken after completing AP courses at your school; strong scores may earn you college credit or allow you to skip introductory courses, depending on the college.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** Challenging, globally recognized courses with exams that may lead to credit or placement at select universities.
- **Dual-Credit Courses:** College-level classes taught at your high school by certified instructors, awarding both high school and college credit.
- **Dual-Enrollment Programs:** Courses taken directly at a local college or university while you're still in high school.
- **CLEP Exams:** College-Level Examination Program tests that allow you to demonstrate college-level knowledge in specific subjects.

If you're interested in any of these options, talk to your counselor to learn which ones are available at your school. Consider how these opportunities might fit into your high school four-year plan and postsecondary goals.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Academic

## Plan Your High School Courses: Four-Year Plan

**Description:** The classes you take in high school can shape your college options and career opportunities. A thoughtful four-year course plan helps you stay on track to meet graduation requirements, prepare for your intended major, and make the most of opportunities like AP, dual credit, or summer courses. When you're ready, make a copy of the [Four-Year Plan template](#) and ask your counselor for your high school's specific graduation requirements. Once complete, save a link to your plan in your Drive so you can easily update it as your goals and interests evolve.

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Prerequisite:** Discover How to Earn College Credit in High School

**Topic:** Academic

## Explore Education & Earnings

**Description:** What you study can affect what you earn. For each career you've saved in Scoir, visit its Career page and check the required education or training alongside the listed income range. Reflect on whether those earnings match what you'd expect for your future lifestyle. Next, use Scoir's Discover > Careers filters for "Income" and "Education Needed" to find additional careers that fit your goals. "Save" any new careers whose income aligns with what you hope to earn.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Financial

## Set Your Financial Goals

**Description:** Building healthy money habits now sets you up for future success. Watch the included expert video on budgeting, saving, investing, and responsible spending. As you watch, consider these questions:

- What habits can I start now as an 8th grade student?
- What short-term financial goal could I achieve this year?
- What long-term financial goal could I aim for by high-school graduation?

When you're ready, record your answers in the Form below.

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j2emMn7Ual>

**Form Title:** My Financial Goals

**Form Description:** Describe a new money habit you can start now, identify one financial goal to achieve this year, and set a longer-term goal to reach by graduation.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Long Text] Money Habits to Start Now: What's one money habit you'll start now?
2. [Long Text] Short-Term Goal (this year): What's one financial goal you want to reach this year?
3. [Long Text] Long-Term Goal (by graduation): What's one financial goal you want to reach by graduation?

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Prerequisite:** Explore Education & Earnings

**Topic:** Financial

## Prepare for High School Transition

**Description:** High school is a big step—are you ready? Watch this video of students sharing their own transition experiences. Then take a moment to reflect on how you feel about moving to high school. Consider things like increased homework and study time, more independence and responsibility, and a greater variety of extracurricular activities. Finally, talk through any concerns or questions with your counselor or a parent/guardian so you feel confident and prepared for this next chapter.

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd8TMSeZMsI>

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Academic

## Create Your High School Roadmap

**Description:** Academic planning and goal setting are vital for success in high school and beyond. On paper or using any digital tool you like, draw a roadmap that begins with “You Today” and leads to your dream postsecondary destination. Use each high school grade (9-12) as a milestone and fill in the spaces between with elements like key classes, extracurriculars, leadership roles, electives, sports, or other experiences that support your journey. Be creative: add symbols, colors, or “landmarks” to represent important steps and achievements. When your roadmap is complete, upload it to Drive and share it with a friend who also completed this exercise. Compare your plans—what similarities and differences do you notice in your goals and action steps?

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Prerequisite:** Prepare for High School Transition

**Topic:** Academic

# High School College & Career Readiness

*Supports students in exploring careers, researching colleges, and staying organized throughout high school*

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## Grade 9

### Set Your College Preferences

**Description:** Your college preferences help Scoir refine its school suggestions. Navigate to Profile > College Preferences and add your preferences. You can include details like academic programs, location, sports and activities, and more. Think about what matters most to you—whether that’s a bustling city campus, strong engineering programs, or vibrant student clubs—and make selections to guide your matches.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** College

### Follow at Least Three Colleges

**Description:** Your college list should reflect your goals, interests, and strengths. After setting your preferences, go to Discover > For You to see your personalized My Matches list. Browse through the featured colleges and click on the banner on a college’s card to add it to your Following list. Follow at least three colleges you’re curious about. This ensures you’ll receive updates on admissions events, deadlines, and more.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Prerequisite:** Set Your College Preferences

**Topic:** College

## Research College Cost of Attendance

**Description:** College costs include tuition, general fees, room and board, meal plans, books, and often additional fees for courses in your major. These expenses vary by school and living situation. In your following list, pick one college. Visit its official website to find the most recent Cost of Attendance breakdown. Once you've gathered the details, complete the Form below to record the costs and help you start thinking about financial planning for college.

**Form Title:** College Cost of Attendance Research

**Form Description:** Provide accurate cost details for a chosen college so we can discuss financial planning.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] College Name: Choose one college you follow.
2. [Number] Tuition (per year): Enter the annual tuition cost in USD.
3. [Number] Mandatory Fees (per year): List required fees (technology, lab, activity).
4. [Number] Room & Board (per year): Provide on-campus housing and meal plan cost.
5. [Number] Books & Supplies (per year): Estimate costs for textbooks and materials.
6. [Long Text] Additional Expenses: Describe any extra costs (transportation, insurance, etc.).

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Investigate Merit Aid Opportunities

**Description:** Some colleges reward your academic strengths, leadership, or special talents with merit scholarships. These awards can make a big impact on how much you pay for college.

Choose a college from your Following list and visit its official website. Navigate to the financial aid or scholarships section to look for merit-based opportunities, such as academic, departmental, or leadership awards. Take note of what's available, the eligibility criteria, and deadlines. Then, document one of the scholarships you found by completing the attached Form.

**Form Title:** Merit Scholarship Research

**Form Description:** Document the merit-based scholarship opportunities available at your chosen college.

### Form Questions:

1. [Short Text] College Name: Choose one college you follow.
2. [Short Text] Scholarship Title: List a scholarship offered by the college.
3. [Number] Award Amount: Indicate the amount of the scholarship.
4. [Long Text] Eligibility Requirements: Summarize criteria (GPA, test scores, activities).
5. [Date] Application Deadline: When is the scholarship application due?
6. [Link] Link to Details: Provide the URL to the scholarship page.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Prerequisite:** Research College Cost of Attendance

**Topic:** Financial

## Learn How to Read a Financial Aid Award Letter

**Description:** Understanding financial aid starts with learning how to read an award letter—the document colleges send you that outlines how much financial support they're offering. Read this [blog post](#) that explains how to interpret an award letter and what to watch for. As you read, think about the different types of aid (like grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study) and how each one affects the actual cost of attending college. If you'd like, share what you learned with a parent or guardian to start a conversation about how your family might approach paying for college.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Refresh Your Activities & Achievements

**Description:** Have you picked up any new activities, leadership roles, or awards since you first filled out your Profile? Go back to Activities & Achievements and add any updates.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Complete the Scoir Career Interest Assessment

**Description:** What if a quick 10-minute quiz could point you toward careers you'd love? Go to Discover > Careers > Your Assessments in Scoir and complete the Career Interest Assessment. Answer honestly to get matches that reflect your personality and strengths.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Career

## Save Careers That Fit You Best

**Description:** You've taken an assessment—now it's time to focus on the careers that feel right for you. Start by exploring the best-fit careers identified by your Scoir Career Interest Assessment. Click into the Career pages to learn more about the job tasks, required education, salary range, and long-term outlook. Then "Save" at least three careers in Scoir that stand out to you as possible fits for your future.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Prerequisite:** Complete the Scoir Career Assessment

**Topic:** Career

## Connect with Your Counselor to Update Your Four-Year Plan

**Description:** It's time to revisit your Four-Year Plan. Schedule a meeting with your counselor to review your goals, any new career or major interests, and your progress so far. Think about which advanced courses (AP, IB, dual-credit) or summer opportunities might best support those goals. Together, map out the classes you'll take in grades 10-12 (including electives and summer sessions) and agree on deadlines for any applications.

The Plan you started last year should be saved in your Drive. If you can't locate it, make a copy of the [Four-Year Plan template](#) to start fresh, and be sure to save this new link in your Drive so you can revisit it throughout high school.

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** Academic

## Understand Job Zones

**Description:** Career planning starts with knowing job requirements. The U.S. Department of Labor defines five Job Zones:

- Zone 1: No high school diploma required
- Zone 2: High school diploma or equivalent
- Zone 3: Some college or vocational training
- Zone 4: Bachelor's degree
- Zone 5: Graduate degree

Visit the official [O\\*NET Job Zones page](#) and read about the zones. Then choose two zones that interest you and list one career from each, explaining in one sentence why it appeals to you.

**Form Title:** Job Zone Reflection

**Form Description:** Use this form to record the two Job Zones you find most appealing and a career example from each.

### Form Questions:

1. [Single Select] Job Zone #1: Choose your first preferred Job Zone.
2. [Short Text] Career Example for Job Zone #1: Name one career in this zone.
3. [Long Text] Why It Appeals: Explain in one sentence why this career interests you.
4. [Single Select] Job Zone #2: Choose a second Job Zone.
5. [Short Text] Career Example for Job Zone #2: Name one career in this zone.
6. [Long Text] Why It Appeals: Explain in one sentence why this career interests you.

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** Career

## Research an Internship Opportunity

**Description:** Internships give you a sneak peek into real working life and help you gain valuable skills. In Scoir, go to Discover > #Posts > #Internships and browse until you find one that interests you. Then visit that college or organization's website to learn more about the role, tasks, and application timeline. Complete the Form below to tell your counselor which internship you chose, explain how it would help you gain skills or insights into a potential career path, and state when you plan to apply.

**Form Title:** Internship Research

**Form Description:** Tell us which internship you researched, how it would help you learn new skills or explore a career field, and when you plan to apply.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Internship Selected:
2. [Long Text] Skills/Insights Gained:
3. [Short Text] Application Timeline:

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** Career

## Complete Your Profile & Download Your Resume

**Description:** A polished profile and resume help you shine. Read this [Scoir blog post](#) on making your college resume stand out and keep its tips in mind as you fill out the Personal Details, Academic Overview, Personal Bio, and Activities & Achievements sections of your Profile. When your Profile is complete, click "Download Resume" and make any desired changes. Finally, upload that document to Drive so your counselor can review your updated resume.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** Career

## Create Your Summer Action Plan

**Description:** Summer is a great time to build skills. Think of one meaningful summer activity—whether it’s a part-time job, volunteer service, course, internship, or study program. Reflect on why this experience matters for your goals, list the steps you need to take, identify potential challenges, and plan how you’ll overcome them.

**Form Title:** Freshman Summer Action Plan

**Form Description:** Outline your chosen activity, its importance, and your strategy for success.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Chosen Activity: What will you do this summer?
2. [Long Text] Why It Matters: Explain how this activity supports your college or career goals.
3. [Long Text] Action Steps: List at least three steps to complete the activity.
4. [Long Text] Potential Obstacles: Describe the biggest challenge you might face.
5. [Long Text] Your Solution: Detail how you will address that challenge.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Grade 10

### Learn About Different Types of Colleges

**Description:** From two-year community colleges to private liberal-arts schools and public research universities, higher education offers lots of choices. Start by exploring Scoir's [overview](#) of these basic distinctions. Then, if you want to see campuses dedicated to supporting diverse populations, take a look at NASA's [Minority Serving Institutions Exchange](#). Use these resources to think about which types of campuses might fit your academic goals, learning style, and social and emotional needs.

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** College

### Complete the PrinciplesYou Character Assessment

**Description:** Your personal strengths can guide your career exploration. Go to Discover > Careers, then click Your Assessments and select PrinciplesYou (about 30-40 minutes). Answer each question honestly to uncover your top [archetypes](#) and generate personalized career suggestions. When you're done, click "See My Matches" to view careers tied to your archetypes. You can download your report or find it saved in your Drive for later reference.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

### Update Your College Preferences

**Description:** Now that you know more about institution types and your strengths, refine your filters in Profile > College Preferences. Adjust academic programs, campus setting, size, location radius, selectivity, and campus life factors to sharpen Scoir's matches.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Prerequisite:** Complete the PrinciplesYou Character Assessment

**Topic:** College

## Follow at Least 10 Colleges

**Description:** Curious which colleges might be a great fit for you? Head to Discover > For You to view your My Matches list, which uses your preferences to recommend schools that align with your interests and goals. Browse through the college cards and click the Follow banner on at least ten schools you'd like to learn more about. Following ensures you'll receive updates on admissions events, deadlines, and more.

**Start Date:** Dec 1

**Due Date:** Dec 31

**Prerequisite:** Update Your College Preferences

**Topic:** College

## Build a Strong Activities & Achievements Section

**Description:** Every standout application needs a “hook.” Dive into Scoir’s [guide](#) on finding yours. Then see [why a polished resume matters](#) and how your Scoir profile can instantly convert into one. Finally, go to Profile > Activities & Achievements, add any new teams, activities, roles, or awards from this year, and use the tips you just read—like using action verbs or quantifying results—to make each entry pop. When your Profile is complete, click “Download Resume” and save the document. Upload that resume to Drive so your counselor can review it; you’re also welcome to share it with a parent/guardian or peer for additional feedback.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Connect with Your Counselor to Update Your Four-Year Plan

**Description:** As a sophomore, you’ve been through this before—but now your choices play an even bigger role in shaping your future. Schedule a meeting with your counselor to review your goals, any new career or major interests, and your progress so far. Think about which advanced courses (AP, IB, dual-credit) or summer opportunities might best support those goals. Together, map out the classes you’ll take in grades 11 and 12 (including electives and summer sessions) and agree on deadlines for any applications. As a reminder, a link to your Four-Year Plan should be saved in your Drive.

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** Academic

## Research Internship Options

**Description:** Internships help you gain real-world skills and clarify your career interests. First, read about finding virtual internships in this [Scoir blog post](#). Then, in Scoir, go to Discover > #Posts > #Internships and explore opportunities that grab your attention. Watch any videos or read descriptions to learn what each internship involves, then visit college or employer websites to dig deeper. Use the Form below to list at least three internships you found interesting and explain why each one stood out.

**Form Title:** Top Internship Picks

**Form Description:** For each internship you selected, tell us its name and explain why it interests you—what skills or experiences do you hope to gain?

**Form Questions:**

1. [Long Text] Internship #1 & Why It Interests You:
2. [Long Text] Internship #2 & Why It Interests You:
3. [Long Text] Internship #3 & Why It Interests You:

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** Career

## Standardized Testing Overview

**Description:** Deciding between the SAT and ACT? Start with Scoir’s detailed [comparison](#) to find the test that plays to your strengths. Next, learn all about the [PSAT](#): what it measures, why it’s important, and how it can lead to scholarship opportunities.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Academic

## Refresh: Merit Aid vs. Financial Aid

**Description:** Merit aid rewards your achievements; financial aid covers need via [FAFSA](#). To reinforce your understanding, watch Scoir’s webinar “Financial Aid: Who Gets What and Why?”

**Video Link:** <https://youtu.be/C1k-NuIMTz4?feature=shared>

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Understand Financial Aid & Loan Planning

**Description:** Knowing how financial aid and loans work can shape your college decisions. Start by reading about the [aid process](#). Next, watch this [video](#) on how student loans function. Finally, use the [Federal Student Aid Loan Simulator](#) to project monthly loan payments based on different borrowing scenarios and potential career earnings. Consider doing this with your parent/guardian to ensure your projections are accurate and realistic.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Prerequisite:** Refresh: Merit Aid vs. Financial Aid

**Topic:** Financial

## Learn About Five Types of Scholarships

**Description:** Scholarships can pay for college without repayment. Read Scoir's [overview](#) of scholarship types: merit-based, tiered, departmental and alumni, local, and national. Think about which category you'll target first as you research opportunities.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Prerequisite:** Understand Financial Aid & Loan Planning

**Topic:** Financial

## Plan Your Scholarship Strategy

**Description:** Scholarships can ease the financial burden of college—let's make a plan. Read this [blog post](#) about strategic scholarship planning. Then schedule a meeting with your counselor to create a timeline for completing scholarship applications: set deadlines, gather required materials (transcripts, essays, recommendations), and identify which teachers or mentors can help. If you're ready, begin brainstorming essay topics and sketching out outlines for at least one scholarship essay.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Prerequisite:** Learn About Five Types of Scholarships

**Topic:** Financial

## Create Your Summer Action Plan

**Description:** Summer is a great time to build skills. Think of one meaningful summer activity—whether it’s a part-time job, volunteer service, course (there are [free online options](#)), internship, or study program. Reflect on why this experience matters for your goals, list the steps you need to take, identify potential challenges, and plan how you’ll overcome them.

**Form Title:** Sophomore Summer Action Plan

**Form Description:** Outline your chosen activity, its importance, and your strategy for success.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Chosen Activity: What will you do this summer?
2. [Long Text] Why It Matters: Explain how this activity supports your college or career goals.
3. [Long Text] Action Steps: List at least three steps to complete the activity.
4. [Long Text] Potential Obstacles: Describe the biggest challenge you might face.
5. [Long Text] Your Solution: Detail how you will address that challenge.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

# Grade 11

## Refresh Your Activities & Achievements

**Description:** A strong profile evolves every year. go to Profile > Activities & Achievements and add any new clubs, sports, work experiences, volunteer roles, or awards from the summer or sophomore year. If you'd like a refresher on how to make your resume stand out, check out this resume [guide](#).

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Customize Your Junior-Year Timeline

**Description:** Junior year moves quickly—standardized tests, college visits, application essays, and financial aid deadlines all loom. Download [Scoir's 11th grade checklist](#) and read about [recommended tasks by trimester](#). Then use the Form below to map out at least one major activity or goal for each season so your counselor can help keep you on track.

**Form Title:** Junior-Year Trimester Plan

**Form Description:** Outline one key focus or milestone you'll tackle each trimester this year.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Long Text] September-December Focus:
2. [Long Text] January-May Focus:
3. [Long Text] June-August Focus:

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Explore Admission Plans

**Description:** The full admissions process can feel overwhelming, but understanding your options helps. Begin with Scoir's comprehensive [overview](#) of college application deadlines. Then, take time to reflect on which option—Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision—best fits your goals, readiness, and application strategy.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** College

## Learn What Colleges Really Want

**Description:** What makes an application stand out in a sea of candidates? Start by reading this [article](#) about what college admissions decision-makers are really looking for. If you're curious to learn even more, you can also follow the link in the post to request a recording of the live event that inspired the article. Then, check out this [breakdown](#) of the six main components of a college application. As you read, reflect on which parts of your own application might need the most attention before it's time to apply.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** College

## Plan Your Standardized Test Strategy

**Description:** Not sure whether to take the SAT or ACT? Read Scoir's [comparison](#) of the tests to find which one suits you best, then note your study plan in the Form below so your counselor can help you find the right resources and support.

**Form Title:** Testing Strategy

**Form Description:** Share your SAT/ACT focus and study plan so we can support your prep.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Single Select] Primary Test: ( ) SAT ( ) ACT ( ) Both
2. [Date] Target Test Date:
3. [Long Text] Prep Plan: Outline how and when you'll study.
4. [Single Checkbox] Fee Waiver Needed:

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** Academic

## Explore Tech & Trade School Paths

**Description:** If you're interested in learning real-world skills and starting your career sooner, tech and trade schools could be the perfect path for you. These programs offer hands-on training that prepares you for in-demand careers—often in less time and at a lower cost than a traditional four-year degree.

Tech and trade schools focus on specialized training in specific careers or trades, with programs typically lasting a few months to two years and leading to certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees. Below are some popular fields of study and the careers you can pursue within them:

- Healthcare: Medical Assistant, Dental Hygienist, Licensed Practical Nurse, Radiologic Technologist
- Skilled Trades: Electrician, Plumber, Welder, HVAC Technician
- Information Technology: Network Technician, Web Developer, Cybersecurity Specialist, Computer Support Specialist
- Automotive & Mechanical: Automotive Technician, Diesel Mechanic, Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Creative & Media Arts: Graphic Designer, Audio Engineer, Film Production Technician
- Cosmetology & Personal Services: Hair Stylist, Esthetician, Massage Therapist

These programs can be a great fit if you want to enter the workforce quickly while gaining valuable experience. They're often cost-effective, flexible, and aligned with high-demand fields.

To get started, research specific tech and trade programs on Scoir by going to Discover > Colleges and selecting the Career & Trade filter. You can also check your local community colleges—many offer affordable tech and trade options designed to help you launch your career.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** College

## Compare Your Colleges Side-by-Side

**Description:** Junior year is the time to investigate the schools you're interested in more deeply to narrow down your college list. A side-by-side comparison can reveal which colleges are the best fit for you. To do this in Scoir, go to My Colleges and switch to [table view](#). Choose the filters or columns—such as location, academic programs, or cost—that matter most to you. Save this custom view and review it with your counselor in person or export it and upload to Drive so you can finalize which colleges you'll pursue. For extra guidance, check out these resources on refining your list:

- [How to Narrow Down Your College List](#)
- [Likely, Target, and Reach Schools](#)
- [4 Questions to Find Your College Fit](#)
- [Taking Rankings with a Grain of Salt](#)

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Prerequisite:** Follow at Least 10 Colleges

**Topic:** College

## Narrow Down Your College List

**Description:** It's time to narrow your college list to your best-fit schools so you can stay focused and organized throughout the application process. In My Colleges, click on "Top Choices" and add your favorite schools from your overall list to create a personalized subset. Having a clear Top Choices list makes it easier to track application deadlines, upcoming events, and any communications from those campuses. It also keeps your counselor in the loop on your priorities, so they can offer more tailored advice and support.

You can always refer to the custom table view you built earlier to compare all the colleges in your My Colleges list—or start fresh with new filters or columns—to help refine and adjust your Top Choices.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Prerequisite:** Compare Your Colleges Side-by-Side

**Topic:** College

## Demonstrate Interest & Register for Events

**Description:** Colleges track a student’s demonstrated interest using data analytics, meaning they can see if you attend an on-campus tour, participate in a college visit at your school, or engage with content on their website. Learn how to make the most out of these events by reading Scoir’s tips and worksheets for evaluating [in-person](#) and [virtual](#) tours. Then go to Discover > Events in Scoir and register for at least one in-person or virtual event. You can also sign up for campus tours on individual college websites or third-party sites like [GoToCollegeFairs.com](https://www.gotocollegefairs.com).

**Start Date:** Dec 1

**Due Date:** Dec 31

**Topic:** College

## Explore Direct-to-Work Opportunities

**Description:** Not everyone goes to college; many find rewarding careers right after high school. Read about the [benefits and challenges](#) of entry-level jobs and industries that hire high school graduates. If a particular job or field catches your eye, reach out to your counselor to begin building a job-search plan: draft a resume, identify applications to complete, and start practicing interview questions.

**Start Date:** Dec 1

**Due Date:** Dec 31

**Topic:** Career

## Learn About the WorkKeys Assessment

**Description:** Thinking about entering the workforce after graduation? The ACT WorkKeys assessment can help you show employers what you’re capable of. WorkKeys is a system of assessments, training tools, and skills profiles designed to help you understand—and strengthen—the abilities most valued in today’s workplaces. Earning strong scores can improve your job prospects, make you stand out to employers, and even support career advancement. To learn more about what the assessment covers, how it’s used by employers, and how to prepare, visit the [WorkKeys site](#). If you’re considering taking WorkKeys, reach out to your counselor to plan when and where you’ll complete it. You can also get a head start by taking a [WorkKeys practice test](#).

**Start Date:** Dec 1

**Due Date:** Dec 31

**Topic:** Career

## Reflect Using Ray Dalio's Five Steps

**Description:** Even the most successful people face setbacks—what matters is how they respond. Watch at least the first 10 minutes of Ray Dalio's "Principles for Success" (feel free to finish it) and then think about a time you stumbled. Use his five-step framework to outline how you would identify the problem, trace its root cause, and design a better approach for a more positive outcome. Share your reflection with your counselor, a teacher, or a parent/guardian if you like.

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9XGUpQZY38>

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Brainstorm Your College Essay

**Description:** Great essays start with strong ideas. Watch this College Essay Guy video and identify which brainstorming exercises resonate with you. Perform each one in the attached Form so you'll have solid material for your personal statement.

College Essay Guy is one of Scoir's exclusive partners. If you find this video helpful, you can download more of his exercises [here](#).

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fuUS3FQPu8>

**Form Title:** College Essay Brainstorm

**Form Description:** Select three essay brainstorming exercises from the video. Then perform each exercise in the Form below.

### Form Questions:

1. [Short Text] Exercise #1: Which exercise are you completing?
2. [Long Text] Response #1: Record your work for this exercise here.
3. [Short Text] Exercise #2: Which exercise are you completing?
4. [Long Text] Response #2: Record your work for this exercise here.
5. [Short Text] Exercise #3: Which exercise are you completing?
6. [Long Text] Response #3: Record your work for this exercise here.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Prerequisite:** Reflect Using Ray Dalio's Five Steps

**Topic:** College

## Discover Military Career Opportunities

**Description:** Military service is a meaningful way to gain career training, serve your country, and build leadership skills. But with six different branches—each with unique missions, roles, and opportunities—it’s important to understand which might be the best fit for you. Start by reading this [article](#) outlining the types of career opportunities available in each branch, the training you’d complete, and the lifestyle and commitments you can expect. As you read, think about whether military service aligns with your goals, values, or learning style. What steps would you need to take if you wanted to pursue this option? Even if you’re just curious, feel free to talk it over with a counselor, parent, or guardian.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Topic:** Career

## Learn About the ASVAB Test

**Description:** Not sure what military career might fit you best? The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test can help. To learn more about how the test works, how scores are used, and how to start preparing, visit this [page](#). Even if you’re not planning to join the military, the ASVAB can still be a useful way to better understand your interests and aptitudes. Talk to your counselor if you’d like help figuring out whether or when to take the test.

**Start Date:** Jan 1

**Due Date:** Jan 31

**Prerequisite:** Discover Military Career Opportunities

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Request Letters of Recommendation

**Description:** Strong recommendations start with thoughtful planning. Read this [guide](#) on requesting letters—which includes a podcast episode covering all things recommendations—and use its tips to identify which teachers or mentors you’d like to ask. Once you’ve selected a few potential recommenders, reach out to your counselor for guidance on the formal process, timing, and any additional requirements.

**Start Date:** Feb 1

**Due Date:** Feb 28/29

**Topic:** College

## Understand Cost of Attendance & Net Price

**Description:** College costs can be tricky—there’s more to the price than what’s listed on the website. A college’s [cost of attendance](#), also known as its “sticker price,” is the estimated total cost of tuition and fees (including additional fees for specific majors), books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses for a given year. But what matters for your budget is the net price, which factors in grants and scholarships. The good news is you can use any [net price calculator](#) online to discover what you’ll really pay after aid. The better news is you can work with a parent or guardian to complete [Scoir’s Cost Calculator](#), which will show you estimated net prices across all the colleges on Scoir.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Financial

## Talk Through College Loans

**Description:** Understanding loans helps you talk about paying for college with your family. Start the conversation by reading Scoir’s [breakdown](#) of student vs. parent loans, then run through the [Federal Loan Simulator](#) with a parent or guardian to explore borrowing and repayment options together.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Prerequisite:** Understand Cost of Attendance & Net Price

**Topic:** Financial

## Plan for Financial Aid Forms

**Description:** The FAFSA, CSS Profile, and IDOC are all key forms that colleges use to determine your aid package. Start by reading this [guide](#) to the FAFSA and CSS Profile and then review [common questions](#) for the CSS Profile and IDOC requirements. Next, consult this [list](#) of CSS Profile participating institutions to see each school’s requirements. Finally, make a plan with your parent or guardian to gather bank statements, tax documents, and any other paperwork so you can submit these forms as soon as they open.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Prerequisite:** Talk Through College Loans

**Topic:** Financial

## Develop Your Scholarship Strategy

**Description:** Finding scholarships can unlock opportunities you might not have considered. Refresh your understanding of scholarship options by reading Scoir's [guide](#) to building a smart scholarship search strategy. Then take some time to research scholarships that align with your interests, strengths, or background—these could be from colleges themselves, local organizations, or national programs. Once you've found a few that stand out, complete the Form to list three scholarships you plan to apply for, the type of merit aid they offer, each deadline, and why you'd be a strong fit.

**Form Title:** Scholarship Application Plan

**Form Description:** List three scholarships you plan to apply for, what kind of merit aid each represents, when they're due, and why you're a good match.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Scholarship #1:
2. [Date] Deadline:
3. [Single Select] Type of Aid: ( ) Merit-Based ( ) Tiered ( ) Departmental and Alumni ( ) Local ( ) National
4. [Long Text] Why You're a Good Fit:
5. [Short Text] Scholarship #2:
6. [Date] Deadline:
7. [Single Select] Type of Aid: ( ) Merit-Based ( ) Tiered ( ) Departmental and Alumni ( ) Local ( ) National
8. [Long Text] Why You're a Good Fit:
9. [Short Text] Scholarship #3:
10. [Date] Deadline:
11. [Single Select] Type of Aid: ( ) Merit-Based ( ) Tiered ( ) Departmental and Alumni ( ) Local ( ) National
12. [Long Text] Why You're a Good Fit:

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Prerequisite:** Learn How to Read a Financial Aid Award Letter

**Topic:** Financial

## Request Application Fee Waivers

**Description:** Application fees can add up. Read Scoir’s [help doc](#) on requesting fee waivers and submit for any colleges where you qualify. If you want to save even more money, you can also apply for fee waivers for the [SAT](#) and [ACT](#).

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Make a Plan for Your Junior Summer

**Description:** Summer break is a valuable time to build experiences that reflect your interests and help you stand out in the college admissions process. Start by exploring opportunities in your community—this could include volunteering at a summer camp, animal shelter, nonprofit, senior center, or even with a local campaign or organization tied to your career interests. Remember, community service is a great equalizer; it costs nothing to get involved, and it shows initiative and heart.

If you’re more interested in gaining work experience, try searching for jobs on Snagajob or browse listings for summer high school internships by Googling “summer high school internships” for both paid and unpaid opportunities.

Looking to learn something new instead? Consider signing up for a free online course through [MOOC.org](#), where you can choose from thousands of classes offered by colleges and universities across the country. Whatever path you take, don’t forget that summer is also the perfect time to start preparing for college applications. Use this time to draft your college essays, take in-person and virtual tours, and begin thinking about how you’ll cover the cost of college, including what kinds of loans and scholarships might work best for your situation.

By making your summer intentional, you’ll head into senior year feeling confident, prepared, and focused.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Self-Discovery

## Grade 12

### Keep Senior Year on Track

**Description:** Senior grades can make or break your admit; let's stay focused. Start by reading this [article](#) on why slipping senior grades sometimes leads colleges to rescind offers. Reflect on the risks—academic, behavioral, or online—and craft your personal plan for staying on top of coursework and researching any competitive admission requirements for your chosen major at your top school.

**Form Title:** Senior Year Action Plan

**Form Description:** Outline how you'll sustain your grades and what you've learned about major-specific admissions criteria.

**Form Questions:**

1. [Short Text] Risks Identified: What potential challenges could affect your success this semester (e.g., grades, behavior, social media)?
2. [Long Text] Plan to Stay on Track: Explain how you'll overcome these risks and stay focused on your goals.
3. [Short Text] Major to Explore: What major at your top school do you want to investigate further?
4. [Long Text] Admission Requirements: Describe what it takes to be admitted to this major (e.g., limited spots, junior admission, GPA minimums, test scores, prerequisites).

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** College

### Evaluate Your College Fit

**Description:** Finding the right college goes beyond rankings and colors. Read this [blog post](#) on finding your best-fit college. Then, head to Scoir and take a closer look at the colleges on your Following or Applying list. For each college, view the Scattergram to see how your GPA and test scores compare to students from your school who were previously admitted. Next, explore the College Details page to learn more about majors offered, cost and financial aid, and what student life is like. If you find that some of the colleges on your list don't feel like a strong match, refine your college preferences in your Profile to uncover schools that better reflect your priorities.

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** College

## Demonstrate Your Interest

**Description:** Colleges track engagement; let's show you're serious. Read this [article](#) on demonstrated interest, then brainstorm five concrete ways you'll connect with your top colleges (e.g., emailing reps, attending fairs, engaging on social media). Finally, in Scoir, register for any upcoming events for colleges on your list. You can follow this [guide](#) for step-by-step instructions on how to do this.

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Prerequisite:** Evaluate Your College Fit

**Topic:** College

## Explore Military Careers

**Description:** Could military service be your path to career training and leadership? Start by reading this [article](#) that breaks down each branch's mission, roles, training pipeline, and typical commitments. Then, check out this ASVAB [overview](#) to see how the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery works, how your scores guide job qualifications, and where to find prep materials.

As you explore, consider if a particular branch aligns with your interests and strengths. If one of these pathways appeals to you, discuss your thoughts and potential next steps with a counselor or parent/guardian.

**Start Date:** Sep 1

**Due Date:** Sep 30

**Topic:** Career

## Apply with Confidence

**Description:** Ready to understand how college applications work so you can move forward with confidence? This Task lays out the different application methods and the key documents you'll need, so you know what to prepare and where to look for help.

There are three common ways to submit college applications:

- Common App: More than 1,100 schools accept applications through the Common App.
- Apply with Scoir: If a college is a Coalition member, you may be able to apply through Scoir, which automatically populates some information from your Profile.
- College website: Some colleges allow students to submit applications directly on their website's Admissions page.

While the application method you choose doesn't affect your chance of admission, you can keep track of which one you use for each school you apply to in My Colleges.

Most applications require the basics:

- Your high school transcript: Your counselor will send this after you mark a school as Applied in My Colleges.
- A list of activities/work/family responsibilities: You can export these as a resume from your Profile.
- Test scores: Some colleges require scores from the testing agency, some allow self-reported scores, and some are test-optional. If you're considering test-optional at state public universities, research whether that choice could affect scholarship eligibility or entry into specific majors.
- Parent/guardian info
- Application fee or fee waiver

Many schools also ask for additional materials:

- Personal statements or essays
- Teacher and counselor recommendations
- Supplemental essays
- Scholarship-specific essays/interviews

Prepare these thoughtfully and give yourself time to review everything before submission.

If anything is unclear or you want help organizing materials, reach out to your counselor—they're here to guide you through the process.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** College

## Nail Your College Interview

**Description:** A great interview can make a lasting impression. Read a few [tips](#) on how to approach college interviews and how to prepare. Then, plan responses to common questions (like “Tell me about yourself” or “Why are you interested in this school?”).

Next, practice answering out loud with a friend, parent/guardian, or counselor. Getting feedback will help you sound confident and genuine.

Finally, go to the College Details page in Scoir for each college you’re applying to and check the Admissions tab to see whether that school offers an interview. If they do, be sure to sign up.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** College

## Understand How to Find and Apply for Jobs

**Description:** Ever wonder what goes into landing your first job? This Task will help you understand each step of the process—from exploring different types of jobs to learning what happens after an offer is made—so you’ll feel confident when the time comes to start your own search.

Begin by deciding what type of job you’re interested in. Part-time and seasonal roles, like retail or summer positions, can help build experience and skills, while entry-level jobs often provide valuable opportunities to learn responsibility and teamwork.

Next, research available job openings using online platforms like Indeed, LinkedIn, and Glassdoor, along with local resources such as community boards, career centers, and networking events. Carefully review job listings to understand qualifications and responsibilities.

Complete job applications accurately and double-check all information before submitting. When preparing your application materials, make sure your resume is current and professional. Update your Scoir Profile with your latest experiences, activities, achievements, and academic details, then download a resume directly from your Profile using this [help article](#) as a guide.

Track your applications and follow up with employers if needed. Prepare for interviews by researching the employer, practicing common interview questions, and dressing professionally to make a strong first impression.

To effectively evaluate job offers, consider factors like pay, work hours, benefits, and responsibilities. Professionally accept or decline offers and prepare for your first day of work by reviewing company policies and arriving on time.

If you have any questions along the way, reach out to your counselor. They’re here to help you navigate the process with confidence.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Topic:** Career

## Learn How to Enlist in the Military

**Description:** Curious about what it takes to join the U.S. military? This Task will walk you through the steps of the enlistment process so you can understand what's involved and what to expect if you choose to explore this path further.

Start by researching the different branches and their programs using resources like AAFMAA's [guide](#) and official military websites. You can also visit or contact local recruitment offices to learn more.

Next, find and connect with a recruiter. Check your local recruitment office for contact details and any appointment requirements. When you schedule a meeting, make sure your parent or guardian can join and bring materials like your ID, transcripts, and (if available) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores.

The ASVAB is a required test for enlistment. You can register for it through the official [ASVAB website](#) or through a representative of the branch you're interested in. The test is free, and your score helps determine both eligibility and available career options. Be sure to bring valid ID, arrive on time, and use the practice materials on the ASVAB site to prepare.

If you decide to move forward, you'll work with your recruiter and family to complete application forms, a background check, and a medical exam. Before signing any enlistment contract, review it carefully with your recruiter to make sure you fully understand the terms—like your length of service, job assignments, and benefits.

If you have any questions or want help finding reliable resources, reach out to your counselor for guidance.

**Start Date:** Oct 1

**Due Date:** Oct 31

**Prerequisite:** Explore Military Careers

**Topic:** Career

## Get Your Financial Aid Forms Ready

**Description:** Filling out the FAFSA and CSS Profile correctly can unlock thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships. Start by reading this [blog post](#) to understand what these forms are, what they require, and how they're used by colleges.

Then, head to [uAspire](#) to find live and recorded training sessions that walk you through each step of completing the FAFSA and CSS Profile. These guides are designed to help you avoid common mistakes and submit your forms with confidence.

Next, create your [FSA ID](#)—you'll need one, and so will your parent or guardian. Finally, check this [list of participating institutions](#) to see if any colleges on your list require the CSS Profile. Make note of deadlines and materials you'll need for each.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Build Your Scholarship Calendar

**Description:** Scholarships can reduce college costs—but only if you apply on time. Start by reviewing this [article](#) as a refresher on the different sources of aid that may be available to you. Then begin searching for scholarships to apply for. You can get started by looking at your submission for last year’s Scholarship Application Plan Form (you’ll find a PDF copy saved to your My Drive).

If you want to keep exploring, head to Discover > #Posts > #Scholarships in Scoir, or check out college websites, national scholarship search engines, local community organizations, or even your own or your parent/guardian’s workplace.

As you identify opportunities, add all deadlines to your calendar, and make sure to block off time each week to work on your applications and continue your search. Staying organized and consistent will help you make the most of every opportunity.

**Start Date:** Nov 1

**Due Date:** Nov 30

**Topic:** Financial

## Weigh Your Admission Decisions

**Description:** Soon, you’ll start hearing back from colleges—are you ready to choose?

Start by reading this [article](#) that explains how admissions offices evaluate applications and make their decisions. Then, refresh your understanding of how to [identify college fit](#) so you’re prepared to compare your options when the time comes.

List the top three factors that will guide your decision—academic fit, financial aid, campus culture, location, or anything else that matters to you. Discuss those priorities with a family member, friend, or counselor to help refine your thinking.

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** College

## Decode Your Financial Aid Award

**Description:** Your financial aid award letter holds the key to understanding college costs. First, refresh on the difference between student and parent loans by reading this [blog post](#), and then learn how to interpret every line of your award letter with this [guide](#). Next, pull up any award letters for the college you've chosen and walk through each component—scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study—to see how it measures up against your total cost of attendance. If there's a gap, you may want to consider appealing for additional aid, especially if you're facing a special circumstance. This [resource](#) on financial aid appeals will help you decide whether to reach out.

When you're ready, use the Form below to break down your package, calculate any remaining balance, and plan your next steps—appeal or accept.

**Form Title:** Financial Aid Breakdown

**Form Description:** Use this form to itemize your aid offer, see what's left to cover, and decide if you'll appeal for more assistance.

### Form Questions:

1. [Short Text] College You're Attending:
2. [Short Text] Total Cost of Attendance:
3. [Short Text] Total Scholarships:
4. [Short Text] Total Grants:
5. [Short Text] Total Student Loans:
6. [Short Text] Total Parent Loans:
7. [Short Text] Total Work-Study:
8. [Short Text] Cash Still Needed After Aid:
9. [Single Select] Will You Appeal for More Aid?: ( ) Yes ( ) No
10. [Long Text] If Yes, what special circumstance or explanation will you provide?:

**Start Date:** Mar 1

**Due Date:** Mar 31

**Topic:** Financial

## Finalize Enrollment Steps

**Description:** You've chosen your college—now let's make it official.

Start by reading this [blog post](#) for general guidance on what to do after committing to a college. Then, walk through the following steps to stay on track:

- Celebrate! Take a moment to recognize this huge milestone.
- Accept your offer through your college's admitted student portal.
- Contact the financial aid office to verify that your FAFSA is complete.
- Submit your academic deposit.
- Submit your housing deposit.
- Sign up for freshman orientation.
- Register for any required placement tests.
- Watch your email and portal for important documents—confirmation of your financial aid award, medical forms, and billing details.
- Reach out to your roommate (if applicable) and start getting to know each other.
- Request your final high school transcript be sent to your college.

If you want help making sure you've covered everything, don't hesitate to check in with your counselor.

**Start Date:** Apr 1

**Due Date:** Apr 30

**Topic:** College

## Plan Your College Success Strategy

**Description:** Getting ready for college is exciting, but it can also be challenging. Create a strategy for a smooth transition so you can thrive academically, socially, and personally from day one.

Start by thinking about how you'll stay connected with family and friends from home, while also finding ways to build new relationships on campus. Join clubs, intramurals, or other campus activities, explore your college town, and consider networking with professors and peers early to lay a strong foundation for your academic and professional growth.

It's also important to understand the mental health resources available on campus. Don't hesitate to take advantage of these services—they exist to support students like you.

Finally, make a checklist of items you'll need at college. Begin shopping gradually to avoid a last-minute expense spike, look for student discounts or coupons, and coordinate with your roommate to share optional or large items.

Taking these steps now will set you up for a confident and successful start to college.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** College

## Budget for Your Future

**Description:** Whether campus or career, living expenses add up. Use the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) to research the median salary for your intended field. Then read this [article](#) on creating a personal budget to understand typical living expenses—rent, utilities, food, transportation, savings, and more. Using what you learn, draft a budget that aligns your expected income with those expenses. When you're done, upload your spreadsheet or photo of your hand-drawn budget to Drive so your counselor can review.

**Start Date:** May 1

**Due Date:** May 31

**Topic:** Financial