**STEP 1:** **Make a list** of 3 or 4 colleges, universities, trade schools, military service, or apprenticeship options that can help you reach your career goals.

**STEP 2:** **Apply!** The sooner you apply the better. Be mindful of deadlines.

* You can apply through the college/university’s website by looking for **“Future students”** **“Admissions**” or **“Apply.”**
* In some cases, colleges require students to apply through the common application <https://www.commonapp.org/>

**STEP 3:** If you took the **SAT or ACT** and if your colleges require a score, send your official SAT score directly from College Board. If they are test optional, and your score is low, retake the test and/or do not send a score.

* SAT & AP: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
* ACT: <https://www.act.org/>

**STEP 4:** Send your **Official Transcript** (your grades) through Parchment. You do not have to create the student profile in Parchment in order to request transcripts, but you can complete it if you want.

 Parchment: [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)

**STEP 5:** Apply for **Financial Aid**. This is something every student should do. Most colleges require it as part of their process:

Applying for need based aid or FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Michigan Financial Aid Information: [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid)

Financial Aid Information Page: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

**STEP 6:** Search and apply for **Scholarships**:

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

**STEP 7:** Reach out to **your counselor** for help when you need it.

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**STEP 8:** **ATHLETES ONLY** - NCAA NAIA Eligibility: <https://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/schools/high-schools/dhs/guidance/ncaa/>