Class of 2022: College & Career Readiness Planning Guide

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12TH GRADE

Stay focused.

- [ ] Check in with your counselor about applying to colleges and scholarship opportunities.
- [ ] Ask for letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year.

Take math during your senior year.

- [ ] Be sure to take the right math for your future career.

Apply to college in the fall.

- [ ] Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Participate in Utah College Application Week in November. Ask your counselors for more information.

  *** If you're planning on serving a religious mission or joining the military, you should still complete your college applications. Once you have been accepted to college, you can defer your enrollment and any scholarships you have been offered until you return. Find more information about the deferment process by visiting the admissions page on the college's website. ***

- [ ] Check with the colleges you're applying to and see what ACT scores you should be aiming for. If you want to improve your score, retake the ACT the fall of your senior year.

Fill out your FAFSA.

- [ ] Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as October at **fafsa.gov**.

  *** Even if you don't think you will qualify for federal grants, you should still fill out the FAFSA. Many colleges require it for scholarships and other aid. ***

- [ ] Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA Completion Open House during the school year.
- [ ] If you are an undocumented student, check to see what options might be available for you at **educate-utah.org**.

Continue applying for scholarships.

- [ ] Apply for the Utah Promise or SLCC Promise Scholarship through the college/colleges of your choice. Covers all tuition and fees after other aid is applied. (FAFSA required)
- [ ] Research what scholarships are offered by the colleges you've applied to and check deadlines.
- [ ] Apply for at least three scholarships during your senior year.
- [ ] Apply for the Utah Opportunity Scholarship the new Merit based scholarship (Prior - Regents). https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/opportunity-scholarship/

What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

Are you planning to join the military or serve a religious mission before enrolling in college?

You should still apply for college admissions and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships.

Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form.

Without this form, colleges will not legally be able to talk with your parents/guardians about you after you turn 18.Talk to the Admissions Office at your college for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.

Narrow it down.

- [ ] Visit the websites or call any colleges you've been accepted to and ask about First Year Experience Programs and Summer Bridge Programs.
- [ ] Send in your final high school transcripts to your college once you graduate.
- [ ] Accept any financial aid you might have received. Talk with your college's financial aid office to make sure you're good to go.

Be proud. Celebrate!

- [ ] Participate in your school's Decision Day activities to celebrate your accomplishments. Ask your school counselor for more information.

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SENIOR YEAR PLANNING

Progress Towards Graduation:

1) Review 2nd Semester Schedule:

Original Credit & Credit Recovery

***** indicates options for original credit***

1) Granite Online Learning **
www.graniteschools.org > Search "online learning"

- New credit during the school year is free
- Summer School $50 per .50 credit
- Grade Replacement $30 + $20 recording =$55
  Can only be done for classes taken 2020-2021
- See your counselor for a referral

2) Cottonwood Credit Recovery (ONLINE ON CANVAS)

- $15 per .25 credit. Fee Waiver Eligible - $0
- Counselor permission & referral required
- Options to work for CHS to pay.

3) Northridge Learning Center **
www.northridgelearningcenter.org.

- $56.50 per .25 credit $6.50 Testing fee.
- 90 days to complete

4) Utah Online School **

- NCAA approved credit recovery

Awards

Sterling Scholar:

Applications will be available in the Counseling Center on October 1st. Students will need to turn those in to Ms. Nelson by Oct. 11th. Some departments have additional requirements for Sterling Scholars. Decisions will be made by Oct. 31st.

Senior Awards:

Senior Awards packets (including Areas of Merit) will be available at the beginning of 4th quarter.

Academic Letters:

3.75 GPA by beginning of 4th quarter. Applications for all grades will be available the beginning of 4th quarter. Certificate and pin awarded.

Helpful Websites:

coltscounseling.com

ktsutah.org

fafsa.gov

regentsscholarship.org

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

actstudent.org

finaid.org

educate-utah.org

All things College Planning: Check out the Keys to Success program at: www.ktsutah.org

The purpose of Keys to Success is to motivate students to unlock their future by connecting them with scholarships, internships, and opportunities that match their career interests.

Seniors - verify you are on track to graduate and make a plan to complete all credits this year!

Cottonwood High School Graduation Requirements

Required Areas	Credits	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th grade	12th grade
ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS	4.0	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12 or Applied or Advanced
MATH	3.0	Secondary Math 1	Secondary Math 2	Secondary Math 3	Calculus, Statistics, Concurrent, AP
SCIENCE	3.0	Earth Systems or Biology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Computer Science	1.0 credit Applied or Advanced Science (student choice)	
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.5	Geography for Life	World History	United States History	US Gov. & Citizenship (0.5 credit)
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)	1.0	Career related courses taken at your high school or at the Granite Technical Institute (GTI)			
DIGITAL STUDIES	.50	*(Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year students in grades 9-12 will complete the digital studies requirement from approved courses.)*		------	------
FINE ARTS (Art, Music, Dance, Drama)	1.5	1.5 credits to be completed during grades 9–12			
GENERAL FINANCIAL LITERACY	.50	0.5 credit to be completed during grades 9-12			
HEALTH	.50	0.5 credit to be completed during grades 9-12			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.5	PE 9 (0.5 credit)	Fitness for Life (0.5 credit)	0.5 credit in grades 11 or 12	
ELECTIVES	8.0	Student choice based on interests, abilities, and talents and may include additional courses offered in CTE/GTI, Fine Arts, World Languages, Driver Education, Special Education, and ESL courses, Work/Service Experience, etc.			
Graduation Requirements	27 CR	2.0 Cumulative CPA Pass Basic Civics Test			

As you plan, choose courses that will:

- Complete high school graduation requirements
- Connect to your goals and plans
- Prepare you for 1, 2, or 4 years of education and training after high school
- Help you meet college and university admissions requirements
- Lead to the Utah Opportunity Scholarship

Keep in mind:

- Courses cannot be repeated for credit.(Except PE)
- Earn high school credit outside of the school day through demonstrated competency assessments in core areas, online courses, and/or concurrent enrollment/early college courses taken at a college or university.

CTE PATHWAYS: Full booklet @ www.coltscounseling.com/cte

Your chance to earn a "mini-major" in high school!

You Can...

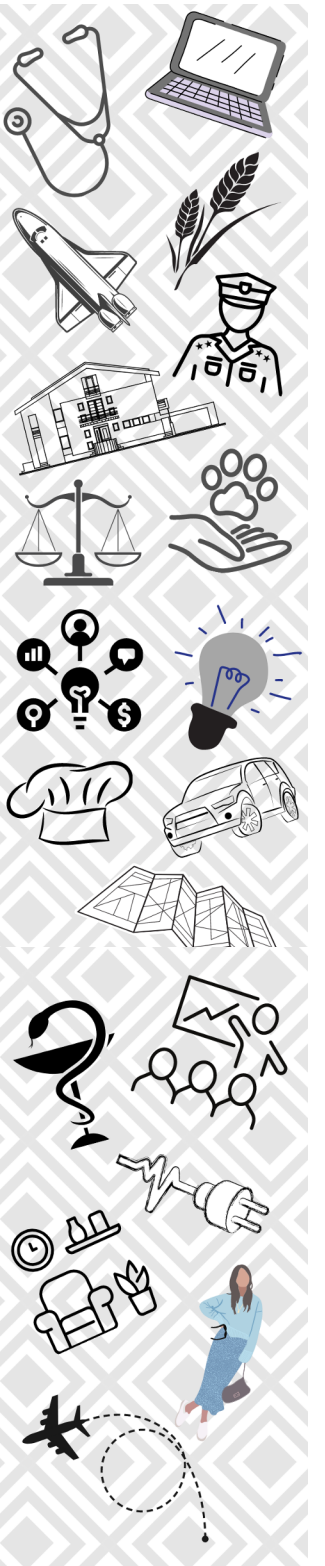
- Earn College Credit
- Receive an Industry Certificate
- Wear a Graduation Cord (3.0 credits)
- Win a CTE Scholarship (1.5 credits or more)
- Jump Start your Career

Available Awards:

*** Students must apply for certificate**

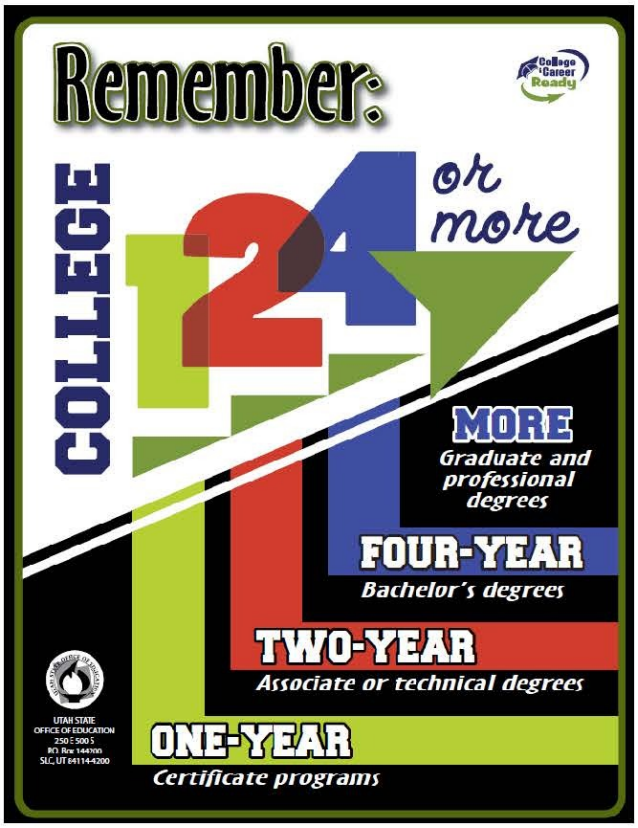
- Concentrator Certificate (1.5 credits in specific pathway)
- Completer Certificate & Graduation Cord (3.0 credits in specific pathway)

Career Pathway	Areas of Focus:
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources	1) Natural Resources 3) Veterinary & Animal Sci. 2) Plant Science 4) Food Science, Dietetics/Nutrition
Architecture & Construction	1) Architectural Design 2) Interior Design 2) Electrical, Homebuilding and Plumbing
Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communication	1)TV Broadcasting & Digital Media 2)Graphic Design & Comm. 3) Fashion Apparel/Textiles
Business Finance & Marketing	1) Accounting & Finance/Acad. of Finance 2) Business Administration 3) Business Info. Management
Education & Training	1) Pre-K: Early Childhood Education 2) K-12 Teaching as a Profession * NEW
Engineering & Technology	1) CAD Mechanical Design 2) Engineering (Includes Robotics & Electronics)
Health Science	1) Industry Licenses/Certifications: Dental Assisting, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, E.M.T, C.N.A, Medical Interpreter (CTE Coordinator approval required). 2) Biotechnology
Hospitality & Tourism	1) Culinary Arts 2) Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
Computer Science and Information Technology	1) Cyber Security 2) IT Systems 3) Programming & Software Development 4) Web Development
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security	1) Protective Services 2) Military (Air Force ROTC @Granger), and Army JROTC @Taylorsville)
Manufacturing and Production - Composites, Welding, Machining	1) Manufacturing & Production (Utah Aerospace Path) 2) Welding & Machining (Offered at Taylorsville & Granger)
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	1) Auto Mechanics (Full Auto Collision program @ Granger) 2) Aviation



Did you know? Students who graduate HS with a concentrator or completer certificate have higher graduation rates than students without! They are also more likely to stay in college or get a good job when they graduate!

COLLEGE - A NEW DEFINITION



College is now defined as 1, 2, 4 or more years of education and training after high school.

College is where students can work toward career and technical education certificates and diplomas, apprenticeships, two-year and four-year college degrees, and professional degrees.

WHAT IS COLLEGE READY?

College ready means that as a high school graduate you have the knowledge and skills necessary to qualify for and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing college courses without the need for remedial coursework. The Utah Core helps to ensure that you will meet the standards necessary to be successful.

WHAT IS CAREER READY?

Career ready means that you graduate from high school with the English and mathematics knowledge and skills needed to qualify for and succeed in a career with education and training necessary to take you to the next steps in your chosen career path.

WHY PLAN NOW?

What you learn and study in elementary, junior high, and high school will prepare you to be college and career ready. It's never too soon to start thinking about your future and what you need to do in school now to be ready. Begin early focusing on what you need to do and classes you need to take to be prepared for your future.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING - YOU'RE BEST INVESTMENT

Your college education and training will be the best investment you will ever make. People with the most education and training usually make the highest wages and have more opportunity for job advancement particularly if they study math and science. A positive future awaits those who plan for education and training after high school graduation.

TOP 5 REASONS TO GO TO COLLEGE

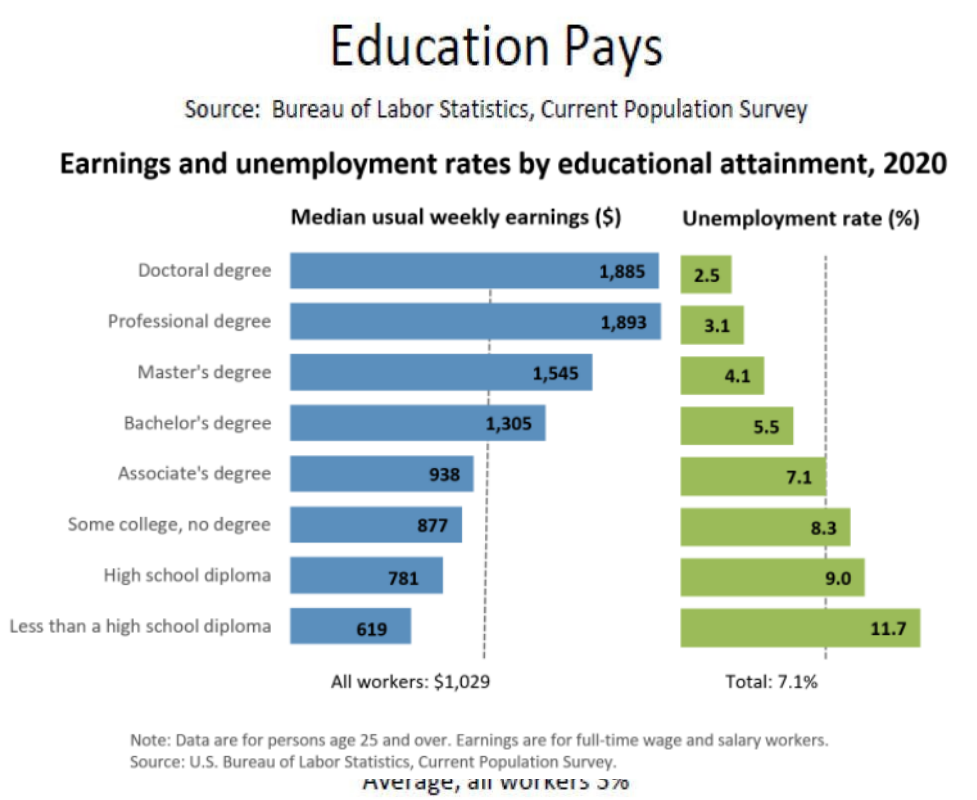
1. **A better paying job**
   On average college graduates earn as much as 65% more than high school graduates. Most students want the best paying job they can get.

2. **A more secure future**
   Statistics show that people with higher levels of education and advanced training tend to have better job security and stay ahead of unemployment curves.

3. **Respect**
   Going to college and earning a certificate, a diploma, or a degree will help you feel better about yourself and help you gain more responsibility and get promotions at work.

4. **More choices**
   Most jobs today require specialized training that you can only get in college. That means you will need 1, 2, 4, or more years of education and training after high school to be prepared for jobs in your future.

5. **Be the first!**
   Are you hesitant because no one in your family has attended college? Start a tradition! Education and training in college can have a positive impact on you and your entire family.



Utah Colleges & Universities

Admission & Scholarship Deadlines

UTAH COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS	ADMISSIONS DEADLINE	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES
Brigham Young University 4 years www.byu.edu Admissions: (801) 422-4104	Holistic Review Process*	**November 1** (Priority) **December 15** (Final) 11:59PM Deadlines Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes (NACAC)	**December 15**
Dixie State University 4 years www.dixie.edu Admissions: (435) 652-7777	Open Enrollment**	**No Deadline** Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes	**March 1**
Salt Lake Community College 2 years www.slcc.edu Admissions: (801) 957-4485	Open Enrollment**	**Everything completed before 1st day of college semester** Application Fee: $40 Fee Waiver: No	**Varies**
Snow College www.snow.edu Admissions: (800) 848-3399	Open Enrollment**	**Everything completed before 1st day of college semester** Application Fee: $30 Fee Waiver: Yes	**June 1**
Southern Utah University 4 years www.suu.edu Admissions: (435) 586-7700	2.7-4.0 GPA – Admitted in Good Standing. 2.3-2.69 GPA - Provisional Admission 2.3 and below Secondary Review Required	**Everything completed before 1st day of the semester** Application Fee: $50 Fee Waiver: Yes	**March 1**
University of Utah 4 years www.utah.edu Admissions: (801) 581-8761	Holistic Review Process*	**December 1** (Early Action) **April 1** (Final) Application Fee: $55 Fee Waiver: Yes	**December 1** (Merit)
Utah State University 4 years www.usu.edu Admissions: 1(800) 488-8108	2.9-4.0 GPA - Admitted in Good Standing 2.5-2.89 GPA - Considered for Prep Academy (provisional admission) 2.49 GPA and below - Earned Admission option	**March 1 (Priority Logan and Statewide)** **August 1 (Final Logan)** **September 1 (Statewide and USU Eastern)** Application Fee: $50 Fee Wavier: No	**January 10**
Utah Valley University 4 years www.uvu.edu Admissions: (801) 863-8706	Open Enrollment**	**August 1, 2021** Application Fee: $35 Fee Waiver: Yes (Partial)	**February 1**
Weber State University 4 years www.weber.edu Admissions: (801) 626-6000	Open Enrollment**	**The application deadline is 60 days prior to the start of the semester the student plans to attend.** Application Fee:$30 Fee Waiver: No	**January 10**

* Holistic Review Process: Considers all aspects of student achievement including GPA,class rigor, grade trends, extracurricular, leadership roles, service/volunteer work and personal circumstances.

** Open Enrollment: No minimum GPA and Test score required to be accepted.

TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

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TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINES		
	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline	Photo Upload Standby Deadline
September 11, 2021	**August 6**	August 20	September 3
October 23, 2021	**September 17**	October 1	October 15
December 11, 2021	**November 5**	November 19	December 3
February 12, 2022	**January 7**	January 21	February 4
April 2, 2022	**February 25**	March 11	March 25
June 11, 2022	**May 6**	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022*	**June 17**	June 24	July 8

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

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WELCOME STUDENTS!

Every Utah public high school student has free and secure access to Shmoop's ACT Test Prep. Wahoo!

STUDENTS, THIS IS HOW TO LOG IN TO YOUR SHMOOP ACCOUNT:

1. Log into your GSD Portal Account
2. Search for the tile "Shmoop" using the magnify glass.
3. Click to begin!

Other Tests to Consider

SAT: For more information and test dates visit: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register

Accuplacer: Some colleges may have you take this test to place you in the appropriate level classes. For information and test preparation visit: https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/

SCHOLARSHIPS

Utah Promise/SLCC Promise

need-based scholarship

- Utah Promise/SLCC Promise: Available at all public colleges and universities in Utah, including technical colleges.
- Will cover up to full tuition and fees for up to two years and is awarded after all other grants, tuition waivers, fee waivers, and scholarships have been applied for students with financial need.
- Apply for the FAFSA and contact the Financial Aid Office at the college/colleges of choice to apply for the Promise scholarship.

Opportunity Scholarship

merit-based scholarship

- Seniors/class of 2022 can still apply for the "Regents Track" or can choose to apply for the Opportunity Scholarship.
- Opportunity requirements: 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Complete 3 advanced courses
  - Complete 1 Advanced Placement (AP) or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course in each of the core areas of high school:
    - math
    - science, and
    - language arts
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Graduate from a Utah high school
- More information and application at:
  - https://ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid/opportunity-scholarship/

Local, State & Regional Opportunities

Search by due date, district and more

- Complete Scholarships @ **www.completescholarships.org**

UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

www.coltscounseling.com/ucaw

Seniors - Be ready to apply!
October 11-15 2021

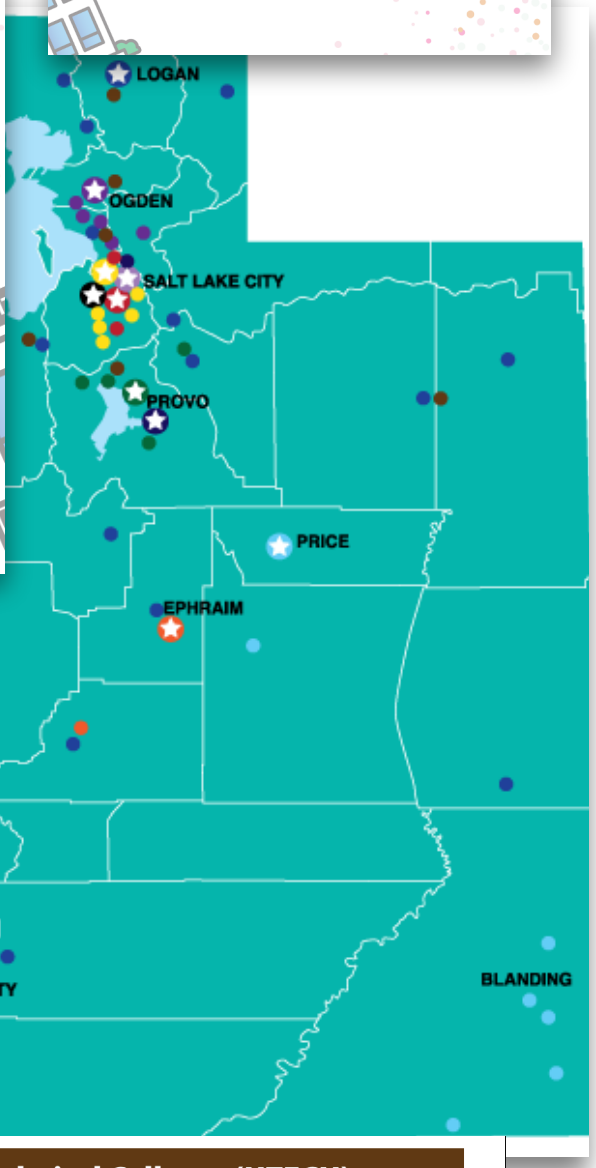
Cash for College (FAFSA) Night
October 14th 4-7 pm

Cottonwood

What to bring?

- **Drivers License**
- **Social Security # or Immigrant #**
- **Credit Card to pay for Application fee(s). Students on Fee-Waiver will receive one free application.**

Undocumented students can go to college and receive financial aid with private scholarships. See www.coltscounseling.com/undocumented-students for more info



- Utah State University · Logan
- Weber State University · Ogden
- LDS Business College · Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake Community College · Salt Lake City
- University of Utah · Salt Lake City
- Westminster College · Salt Lake City
- Utah Valley University · Orem
- Brigham Young University · Provo
- USU Eastern · Price & Blanding
- Snow College · Ephraim
- Southern Utah University · Cedar City
- Dixie State University · St. George

Utah System of Technical Colleges (UTECH)

UBTECH · TOOELE TECHNICAL COLLEGE · DAVISTECH DAVIS TECHNICAL COLLEGE · SOUTHWEST TECH · MTECH · BRIDGERLAND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Check out:
www.utah.gov./education/colleges.html

UTECH colleges in: Logan, Kaysville, St. George, Lehi, Ogden, Cedar City, Tooele, Roosevelt,

cash for college

I ~~CAN'T~~ AFFORD COLLEGE

CAN

- Grants - Free $ Do not need to be re-paid
- Federal Loans - Low-interest college loans
- Work-Study: On campus jobs to help you pay for college
- Scholarships - FAFSA is the gateway for many scholarships.

APPLY FOR THE FAFSA

Questions about the FAFSA - Check out https://studentaid.gov/articles/things-you-need-for-fafsa/

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Social Security Card, Permanent Resident card or Immigration Registration.
- Driver's License (if you have one)
- 2020 Federal Income Tax Return (Parents and Spouse)
- Current bank statements
- 2020 Un-taxed income records
- Current business & Investment information
- Farm, stock, bond and other investment records.

OCTOBER 14

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CHS

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Stay tuned on our website www.coltscounseling.com/fafsa for important updates, information about how to attend and other ways to get help with filling out the FAFSA.