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OF COLLEGE



ssociate degree

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



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achelor's
degree

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



Classes

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



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ual credit

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

EFCC

Expected Family Contribution

Used to determine how much financial aid you could receive.



Financial aid

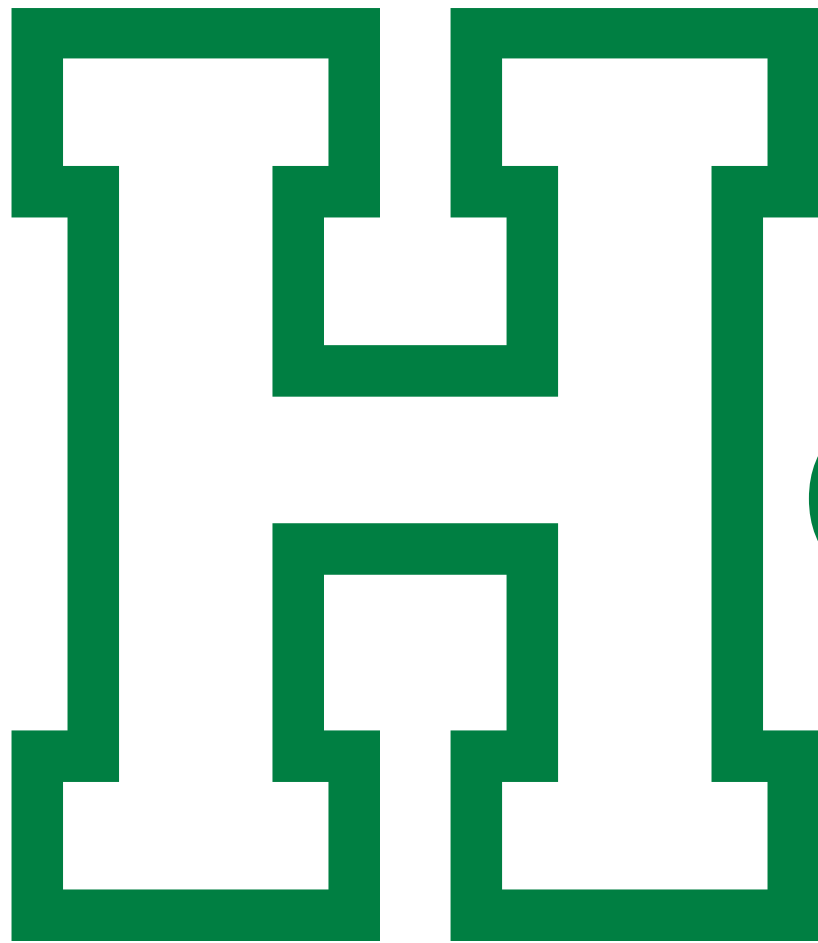
Money to help pay for college including grants, loans, scholarship and work-study.



GPA

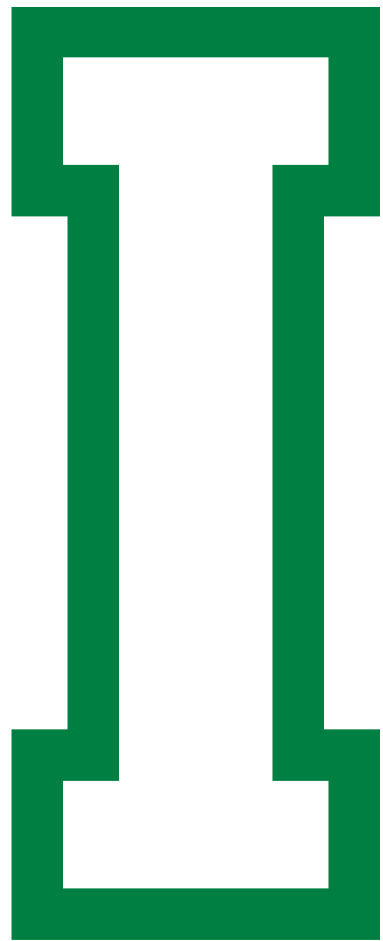
Grade Point Average

Colleges look for students with good grades in challenging classes.



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



nternship

Decide if a career is right for you—do an internship or job shadow with a professional in a field that interest you.



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knowledge

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



L oans

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



Major

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



Net cost

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



rientation

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



Placement tests

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

Quad

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



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commendation
letters

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



scholarships

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

Tests

Many colleges require the SAT or ACT as part of the application process. Be sure to study so you can do your best.



ndergraduate

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



Vaccinations

Many colleges require students to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll.



WAWAIVERS

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



tracurriculars

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



YOU

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

A large, stylized green Greek letter Zeta (Ζ) with a thick outline.

eta

A Greek letter, used in the names of some sororities and fraternities, which are social organizations for women and men.