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- Tonight's session will start at 7 p.m. and will run 45-60 minutes.
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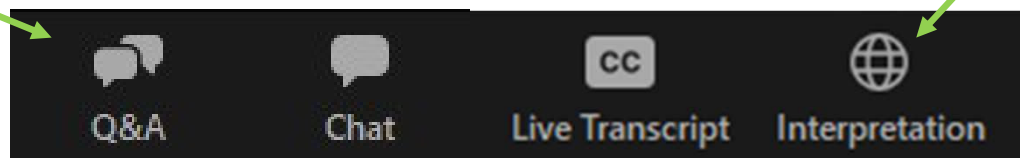
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Ask questions to financial aid experts.

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Apply to College



About these Sessions

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for virtual financial aid events! Free for MN students and families. \$500 scholarship and interpreters* available!



Space is limited; register now!

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SIGN UP NOW!



<https://bit.ly/MNFAFSA>

- There are more sessions after tonight!
- All sessions will be recorded and posted on the following page: bit.ly/readysfafsa
- Everyone registered will receive follow-up email with powerpoint, recording, important links.

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- Two \$500 scholarships are available to students who **attend** Ready, Set, FAFSA sessions. Students will be entered into a drawing.
- Open to high school and college students.
- Award is valid for up to 4 years.
- One-time scholarship, not renewable.

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Using Zoom

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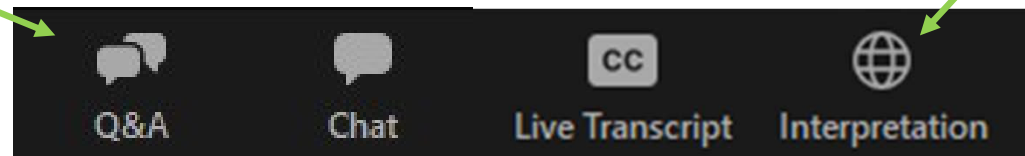
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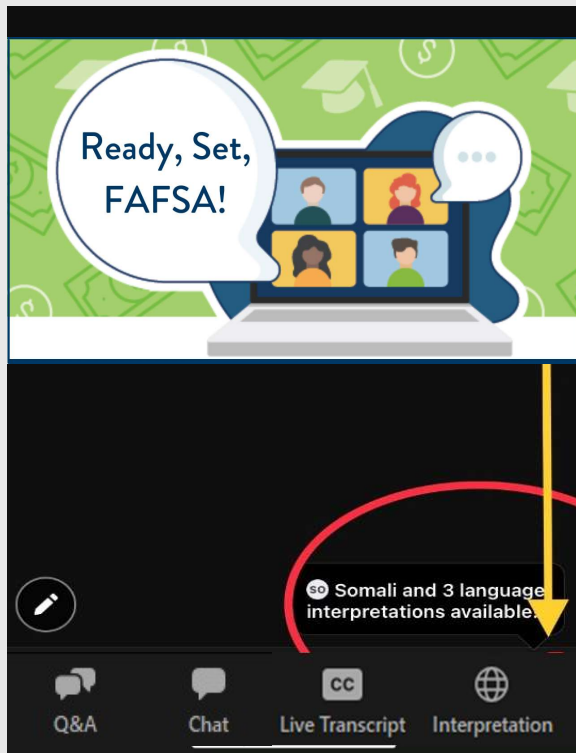
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- **Ma u baahantahay turjubaan?** Ka dooro “globe” bogga xakameynta oo dooro luuqadaada aad doorbidid.
- **¿Necesita un intérprete?** Seleccione el “globo” en el panel de control y elija su idioma preferido.

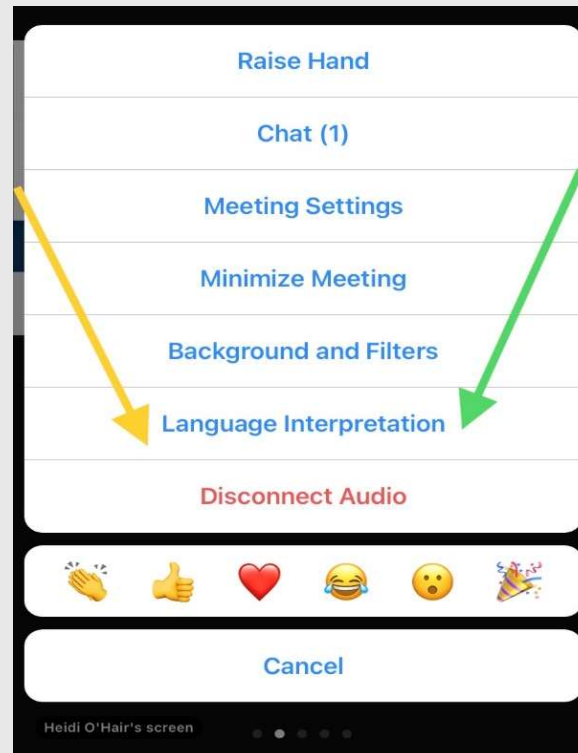


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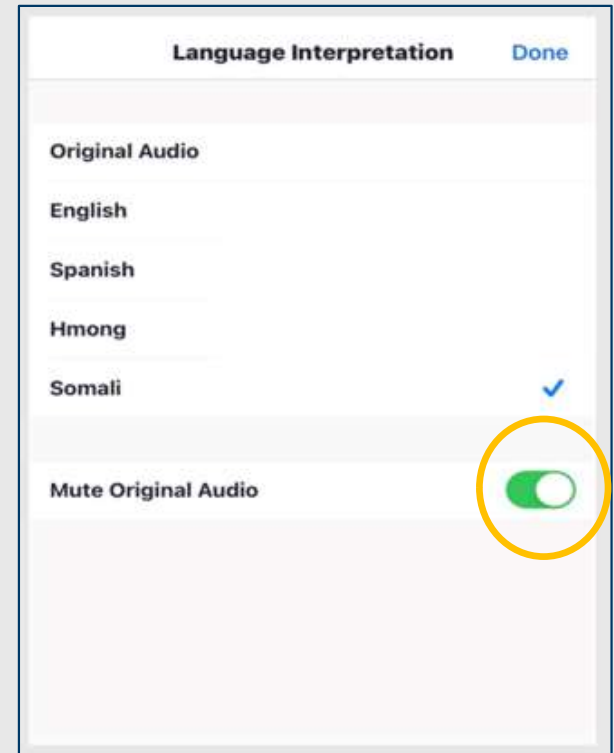
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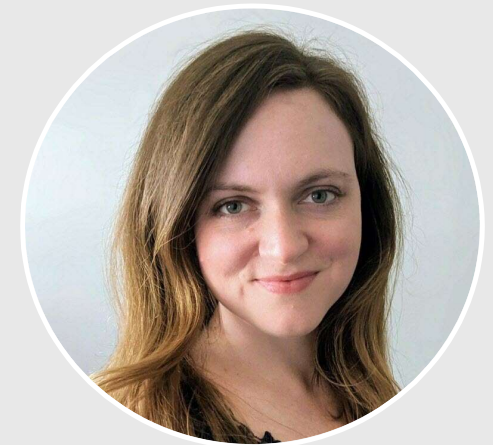
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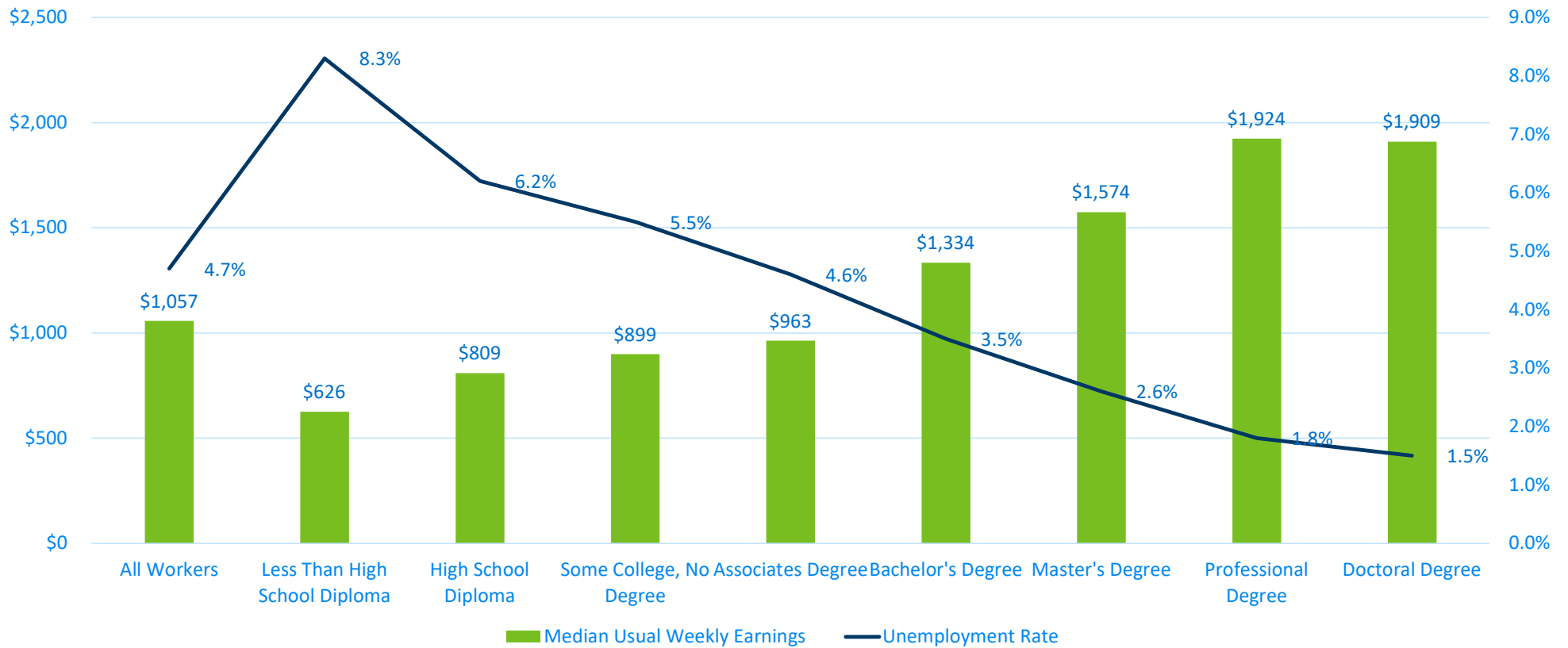
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Agenda

- Choosing a College
- College Applications
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Employment Rates & Earnings 2021



College Defined

Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Community College (2-Year)	College (4-year)	University (4-year)
<p>Specific skills which lead to employment within two years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Associate Degree-Certificate of Completion	<p>Traditional academic, continuing education and remedial programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Associate Degree-Certificate of Completion	<p>One institution with multiple schools and colleges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Associate Degrees-Bachelor's Degrees	<p>One institution with multiple academic departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Associate Degrees-Bachelor's Degrees-Master's Degrees-Doctorate Degrees

College Types

- Public State
- Private
- Minority Serving Institutions
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
 - Hispanic –serving Institutions (HSIs)
 - Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)
 - Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AAPISIs)
- Military Academies
- Liberal Arts
- Beauty
- Religious



Academic Strengths & Interests



College Considerations



Location



Type



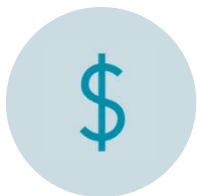
Size



Academic



Housing



Cost



Environment



Activities



Personal values



Support

Choosing a College

WORKSHEET: CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE



STEP 1
In the top row, make a preliminary list of colleges that interest you.




STEP 2
Think about important factors you want your college to have. Then, prioritize each factor in the level of importance column.



STEP 3
Cross off colleges that appear to not have what you're looking for. Rank the remaining colleges in order of preference.

Level of importance	Factors to consider	College (fill in names of colleges that interest you)			
		1.	2.	3.	4.
	Program of study: Which programs does the college offer to help you achieve your career goals?				
	School size: Would you prefer a large or small school? What is the student population?				
	Class size: How large do you like your classes to be? What is the student-to-teacher ratio?				
	Support programs: Which programs does the college offer to help you stay in school and graduate?				
	City and neighborhood: Do you prefer a city or a small town? What is the population of the city or town?				
	Campus culture: When visiting each college, get a feel for its "personality." How or why does it match yours?				
	Distance from home: How close do you want to live to your family?				
	Extracurricular activities: Do you have activities in your life that you can't live without?				
	Religious affiliation: Do you want to attend a college affiliated with your				

Tips

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- Complete interest/skills assessments
 - College exploration
 - Network
 - Get familiar with college application requirements
 - Career exploration
 - Take electives interesting to you

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Types of Applications

- **Institutional Application**
 - **Common App**
 - **Common Black App**
 - **MN State Application**
- **University of Minnesota Application**



Application Deadlines

EARLY DECISION

- Only can do this for one school
- Binding decision: If accepted, student must attend that school
- Needs counselor approval

EARLY ACTION

- An early application that is non-binding
- Receive an earlier response about acceptance

REGULAR DECISION

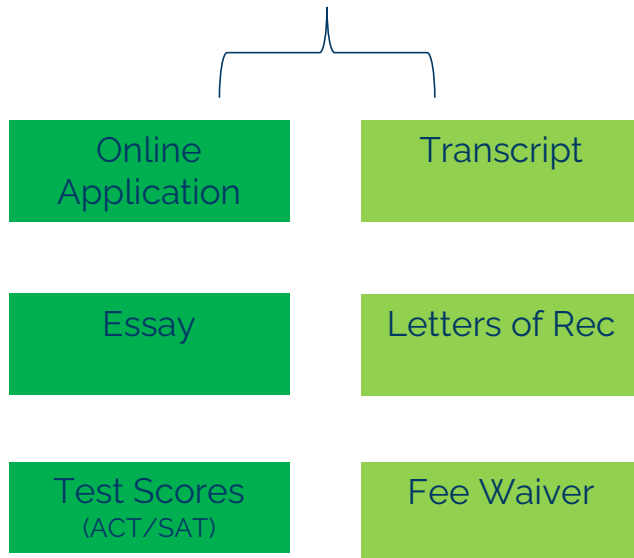
- Typically the final deadline for a school
- Non-binding

ROLLING DEADLINE

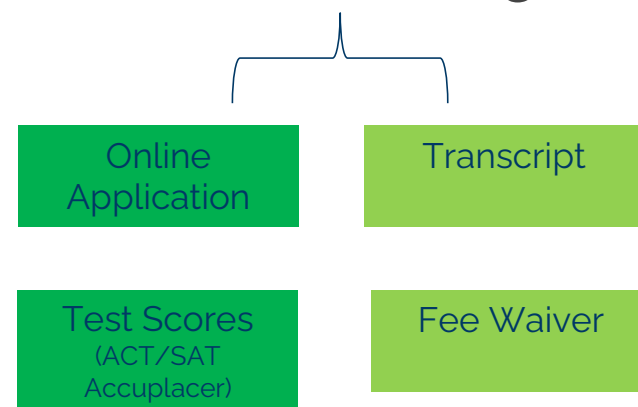
- College will accept applications until their incoming class is full

Application Pieces

4-Year College



2-Year College



Essay and Personal Statements

- **Follow directions**
- **Proofread**
- **Be yourself**
- **Reduce, reuse, recycle**
- **Remember you have an audience**



Letters of Recommendation

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- Highlight your strengths and skills beyond test scores and grades
- Describe real-life examples of personality and character
- Discuss your involvement and leadership in the school and community

Brag Sheet

- Your class participation
- Some of your best work/projects
- What you learned in their class
- Anything they need to discuss for specific work examples

Entrance Exams

ACT/SAT

The ACT and SAT tests determine how well students are prepared for college.

ACT: <https://www.act.org/>

SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

[Fairtest – National Center for Fair & Open Testing](#)

Accuplacer

Accuplacer evaluates students' skills to help colleges place them in courses that match their skills.

Accuplacer: <https://www.accuplacer.org/>

Transfer Credits - High School Courses

Honors Classes

Advanced Placement (AP)

College in the Schools (CIS)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Organize Your Application Information



WORKSHEET: ORGANIZE YOUR APPLICATION INFORMATION

Make copies of this page, and complete the information for each college you are seriously considering.

COLLEGE NAME	
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COLLEGE INFORMATION

Address for application: _____

City, state, zip: _____

School website: _____

Application website: _____

Admissions office phone: _____ Fax: _____

CEEB code* (College): _____ (High School): _____

Federal school code:** _____ FAFSA submitted: ____/____/____

*CEEB codes can be found at www.collegeboard.org.
 **Federal school codes can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-app/FSCsearch>.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations required? YES NO

	Requested	Received	Thank You Sent
Reference 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPLICATION DUE	____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> ET/ <input type="checkbox"/> MT/ <input type="checkbox"/> CT/ <input type="checkbox"/> PT
<input type="checkbox"/> Postmark date <input type="checkbox"/> Arrive-by date <input type="checkbox"/> Submit online date	
Application Submitted	

ESSAYS

Essays required? YES NO

	Complete
Topic 1:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topic 2:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topic 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TRANSCRIPTS

High school transcripts requested? YES NO

College transcripts (if already earned college credits) requested? YES NO

ENTRANCE EXAMS

Test required Test optional Test blind

Ordered scores sent from ACT/SAT? YES NO

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

College Knowledge Month

How many Minnesota campuses offer a free application option for students?

56

CAMPUSES

Minnesota Private College Council (18)

Minnesota State (33)

University of Minnesota (5)

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FREE FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

all year

54

FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

during College Knowledge Month: October 1-31

some use promo codes

22-23 school year

34

FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

all year



Taking time to figure out what you want to do after high school is a self exploration process. You may be exploring careers or searching for a specific educational program. Or, you might be ready to apply for admission and learn about ways to pay for college. Use this calendar to help explore your options, and plan ahead for what comes next.

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OCTOBER 2022

college knowledge month









SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FAFSA FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 27						
Join us for virtual financial aid events, each Tuesday evening, Sept 27 to Oct 25. The series - Ready Set FAFSA! - will cover the financial aid process in 5 different sessions with professionals and live Q and A. The events are free for MN students and families. A \$500 scholarship opportunity and interpreters are available in Hmong, Spanish, and Somali. Space is limited, visit bit.ly/mngoestocollege for more information and to register.						
1: Ready Set FAFSA!						
2: Talk to your school counselor! They are a great resource for all things college and career related.	3: If you're going to a community or technical college, schedule your ACCUPLACER exam at the college of your choice.	4: Think about your academic and personal goals. Take and/or review an interest assessment.	5: College Fairs - local or virtual - are a great way to talk to colleges and universities near and far. Register for the National College Fair in Mpls, and/or learn about virtual college fairs you can attend. Visit mngoestocollege.org/fairs	6: NACAC National College Fair	7: Applying for federal student aid? Create your FSA ID! Visit fsaid.ed.gov for more information.	8: Explore websites for colleges and careers that interest you. Here's a great site to start your search: myhighered.mn.gov
9: Check colleges' requirements and deadlines.	10: Use the Graduate Employment Outcomes Tool to see estimated wages based on major and college type. Go to bit.ly/GOJobs	11: Prepare your resume and request letters of recommendation.	12: Review your academic record. Order official transcripts by following your school guidelines.	13: Start drafting your personal statement.	14: Review college costs. Find out if your school is hosting a financial aid night or FAFSA/Dream Act completion event.	15: Do a social media check. Make sure your online presence reflects the image you project in your college applications.
16: Did you know that 52 Minnesota campuses don't charge application fees during October and 33 campuses are free to apply all year? Find out where at bit.ly/MNFreeApp . Eligible students can request a fee waiver from any campus.	17: 3: Ready Set FAFSA!	18: Check out and attend virtual group events at colleges that might interest you.	19: Considering a career in the military? The ASVAB test helps reveal career strengths for prospective Soldiers. bit.ly/ASVABresources .	20: Talk to your parents or guardian(s) about your plans.	21: Undocumented students can apply for the MN Dream Act to receive in-state tuition. bit.ly/21Homes	22: Have someone proofread your essay or personal statement. bit.ly/proof
23: Double-check each college's requirements.	24: Complete and submit applications.	25: You GOT THIS!	26: Didn't finish all your applications? Set deadlines to keep yourself on track!	27: MEA Break! Visit colleges, if you can.	28: Start your search for scholarships to help you pay for college!	29: ACT Test Date
30: Pay close attention to your email for important communications from colleges.						

Access more planning resources on the Minnesota Goes to College website bit.ly/mngoestocollege

<https://sites.google.com/view/minnesotagoestocollege/site-support/free-application-opportunities?authuser=0>

Tips

-  Create college-only email
-  Check email & student portal daily
-  Start college list organizer
-  Get familiar with college application requirements
-  Proofread
-  Deadlines

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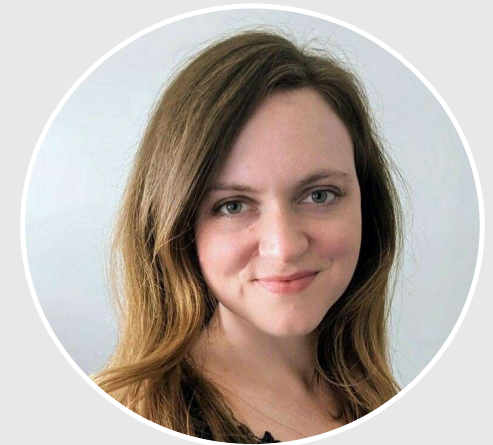
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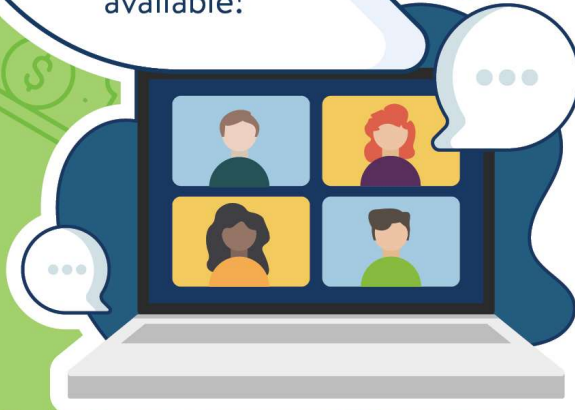
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