

September 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents  
FROM: David L. Buhler  
SUBJECT: StepUp to Higher Education Update and College Guide

Background

For the Utah System of Higher Education to reach the “big goal” of having 66% of Utah’s workforce with postsecondary degrees by 2020, it is essential to increase college participation from student populations who may have never considered higher education as a viable option. The StepUp Utah higher education campaign is a social awareness campaign to reach out to these students, paid for and made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education (the College Access Challenge Grant (CACG)). The campaign encourages all Utah youth to dream big about their futures, and then act on those dreams by preparing for and completing college. Whether aiming for a one-year certificate or a four-year degree, StepUp provides tips, tools, resources and conversation starters on preparing and paying for college so that obtaining a higher education can be a reality for all Utahns.

Issue

The StepUp Utah campaign was launched in Fall of 2012 and centers on a comprehensive website, StepUpUtah.com, which serves as a “front desk” to higher education in Utah. The campaign and website target three key groups with supporting messages: 12 years of age and under: **Encourage the Dream**; youth 12 and over: **Inspire to Act**; and parents, families, mentors and educators: **Support the Journey**. Nearly all of the grassroots efforts strive to promote the website, therefore one of the most important measures to the campaign is web traffic. During the latest reporting period, traffic to the site increased by 116% with 43,996 visits and page views as well as time spent on the website continues to be above industry standards.

The StepUp Facebook page attained 321 additional ‘likes’ this reporting period, which is a 115% increase. The Teen Take Over Facebook contest increased page ‘likes’ by 125, with 8,536 students ages 12-17 engaging with our page during a month-long promotion.

Radio has been another foundational component to support the overall campaign with live D.J. reads and sponsorships. A broad range of talking points were provided for the DJ’s to cover – from paying for college to taking the ACT, and taking the right college prep courses in high school. An estimated 9,300 high school-aged students were directly exposed to our message through radio station community events, van hits, and station remotes at community events (fun runs, haunted houses, RSL game, Hogle Zoo, and concerts). Further, all television and radio media partners matched our media dollars with 1:1 bonus advertising. So for every dollar spent, an additional dollar was given in the form of additional spots, web and email banners, social media posts, and/or community event involvement.

The KJZZ high school sports partnership showcased the StepUp message to over 18,000 fans at 10 high school football games throughout the state with in-game promotions, PA announcements and sideline banners. As an added value we received Larry H. Miller Movie Theater advertising and on-air TV spots.

One the most critical and visible collateral pieces that has been integrated into the campaign is the College Guide publication. This year the guide continues to have a teen magazine feel with an “Instagram” student photo feel and fun facts about Utah colleges and universities. This year we added USHE’s math recommendations, as well as some focus on how junior high students should prepare for college. Further, we added a spread on the importance of taking 15 credits and the back cover incorporates messages to parents on how they can help their children prepare for college.

This year we increased our printing amount by 5,000 for a total of 80,000. A majority of the guides will be distributed to Utah’s high school seniors through Utah Council’s Post High School Tour. Additionally, these guides are being sent to all our Utah Scholars junior high partner schools, USHE ImPACT subgrantees, College Access Network programs, distributed at the annual Counselor Conference, and through several other outreach and access programs. The guides are available free of charge and can be ordered through the StepUp website.

The StepUp Utah campaign is well underway for the 2014-15 academic year. The *Encourage the Dream* campaign will launch a children’s book and worksheets, “*Monte and the World of Possibilities*”, this October in conjunction with the Governor’s Office and KSL. More tools will also be developed to be used in elementary schools, community centers, and afterschool programs such as pencils, bookmarks, and bracelets. The *Inspire to Act* campaign will build upon the “Teen Takeover” work of last year and expand in digital media. Additionally, we are deepening the StepUp brand and resources through the program expansion of Utah College Application Week that is partnering this year with 14 school districts 50 high schools. Finally, the parents/mentors – *Support the Journey* campaign will be a focus of our website overhaul in addition to the creation of videos used to inform parents of the tools and resources to help them support their children’s quest for higher education. These specific parent resources will be developed and supported in conjunction with the Governor’s Office.

Overall, the StepUp campaign, made possible by the CACG federal grant, has helped further the Regents strategic priority of increasing participation in higher education. It has been instrumental in helping the Utah System of Higher Education increase awareness and momentum toward increasing academic and financial preparation so more Utah citizens might participate in postsecondary education.

#### Commissioner’s Recommendation

This is an information item only, no formal action by the Board is required. However, the Board is encouraged to read and take note of the information in this memorandum and review the attached college guide, and note that further follow-up will be handled by the Commissioner’s Office as part of the Board’s Participation strategic objective.

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David L. Buhler  
Commissioner of Higher Education

DLB/MMK  
Attachment



# STEP UP

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## Forward Thinking

4 steps to your future success

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## Teen Takeover

First we blindfolded them.  
Then we blindsided them.

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## Road Trip

Map out your goals and your  
campus tours.

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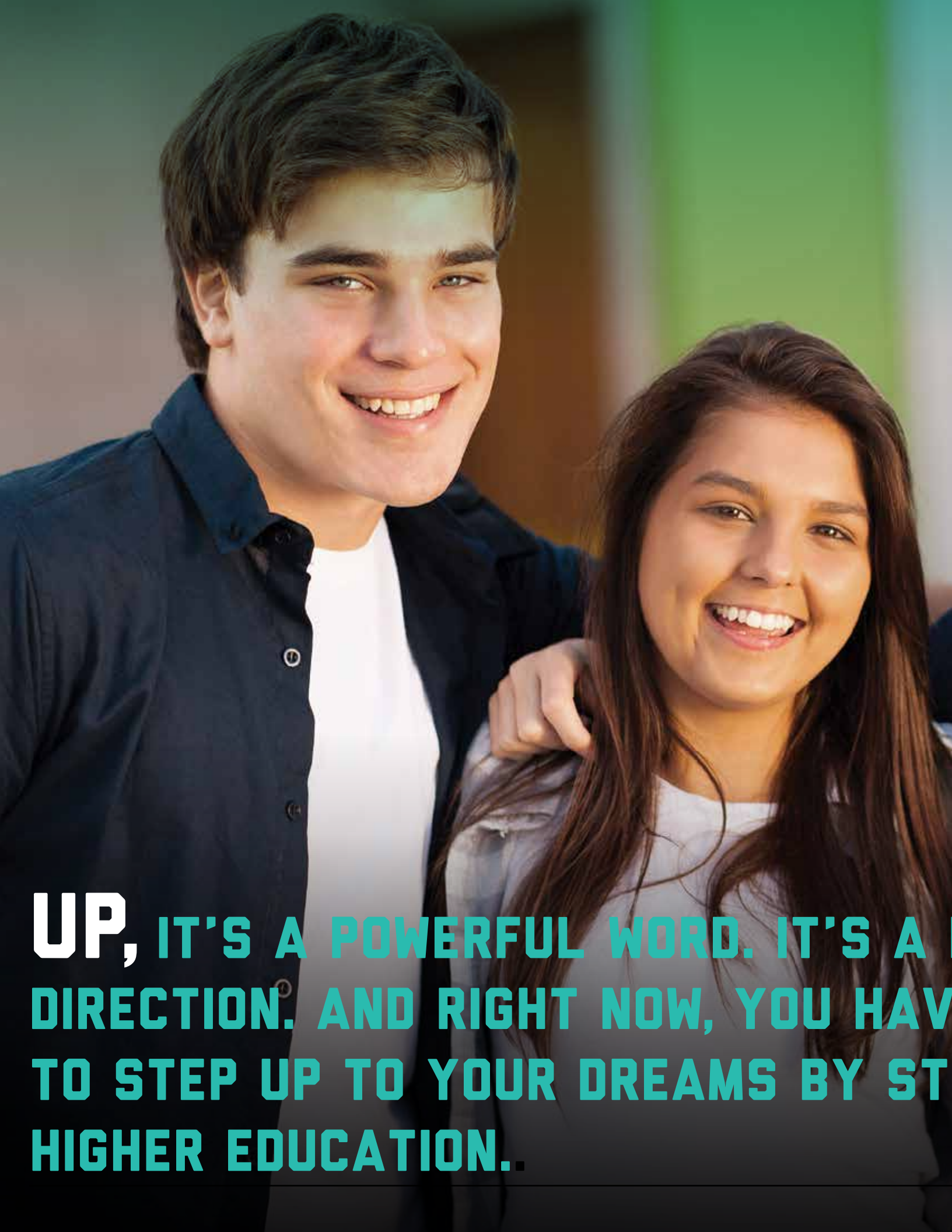
## FAFSA ASAP

Now is the time to apply for free  
money.

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**College Guide**





**UP,** IT'S A POWERFUL WORD. IT'S A  
DIRECTION. AND RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE  
TO STEP UP TO YOUR DREAMS BY GETTING  
HIGHER EDUCATION.

A young man and woman are smiling and looking towards the camera. The man is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt over a white t-shirt and carrying a black backpack. The woman is on the left, wearing a blue denim jacket over a white t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

**STEPUP**<sup>®</sup>

TO HIGHER EDUCATION

**POWERFUL  
THE OPPORTUNITY  
EPPING UP TO**

# COLLEGE GUIDE

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Do what you want to do. Be who you want to be. With one-year certificates to four-year degrees and beyond, college can deliver your dreams. Regardless of roadblocks, when you have the desire, it's more than possible—it's inevitable. So don't let anything stand in your way.

How can you start? In your hands at this very moment is a College Planning Guide that will help you every step of the way. Keep it handy and explore its pages for all the tools and tips that can help you make college a reality.



You're going places, and we want to be a part of it. Post a photo of you holding your college guide somewhere that shows us something about your goals for higher education. Maybe it's in front of the building of your dream job. Perhaps it's you in the library, hitting the books. Don't forget to tag us: StepUpUtah (or for Instagram) #StepUpGuide



# STEPUP ROUNDUP

1

## Visit [StepUpUtah.com](http://StepUpUtah.com)

Click 'Stay on Track' for a grade-by-grade checklist.

2

## Read the College and Career Readiness Recommendations

Go to page 10 to review this important information with parents, counselors or family.



3

## Visit [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org)

Utah's one-stop shop to assist students in education and career planning.

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## Take the Career Interest Inventory at [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org)

The inventory will help you figure out what careers might interest you the most.



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## Research Colleges Through [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org)

Which institutions have the degrees that interest you?

6

## Set Up a Meeting with Your Counselor

Reviewing your plan to be college- and career-ready is a must.

7

## Take Challenging Classes in High School

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE) classes help you prepare for college.

8

## Talk to Your Counselor, A Lot

Your counselor can give you advice about course choices, college readiness, taking practice tests on [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org), signing up for the ACT and SAT, and much more.

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## Visit [StepUpUtah.com](http://StepUpUtah.com), Again

Click on 'Financial Aid' to learn about the different options available to help you pay for college.



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## Visit Colleges

Visit different college campuses where you can ask questions, take tours, and get more information on their application procedures and deadlines.

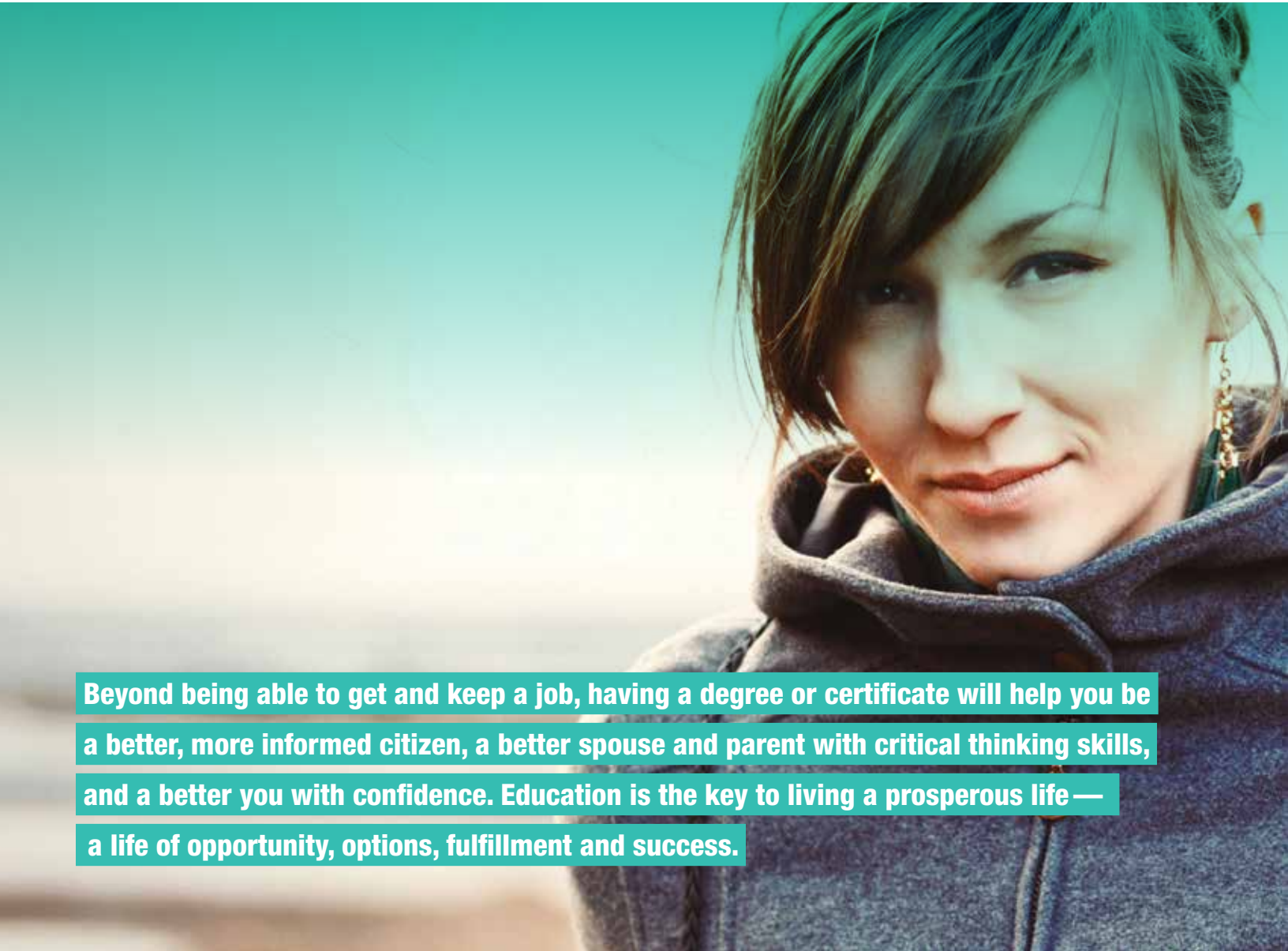


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## Keep Studying and Working Hard

Every year of high school counts toward opening a future full of possibilities.

# POWER UP



Beyond being able to get and keep a job, having a degree or certificate will help you be a better, more informed citizen, a better spouse and parent with critical thinking skills, and a better you with confidence. Education is the key to living a prosperous life — a life of opportunity, options, fulfillment and success.

**HIGHLIGHTED** words can be found in the glossary at the end of this guide.





## FROM ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATES TO FOUR-YEAR DEGREES

When you step up to higher education, you invite power into your life. The power of freedom. The power to choose your destiny. You'll feel it when you walk through those college doors, because those doors will open to your dreams, whatever they may be. Maybe an **associate degree** in nursing. Possibly a **bachelor's degree** in business. Even a **certificate** in diesel mechanics or a degree in computer information systems. The options are endless. But here's the great thing: no matter what higher education looks like to you, it means success for everyone in the form of better pay, less unemployment, more security for you and your family, better benefits like health insurance and retirement plans, and most of all, opportunity.

Whether you're after living your passion or earning money, we all know a job is not just a job. There's a lot of variety out there, and going to college can position you for the best opportunities. Did you know the vast majority of jobs in the future will require some level of postsecondary (college) education? It's true. That's why Utah has set the goal to see 66% of our adult population receive a postsecondary education by the year 2020.



How will going to college empower you? Share with us on Instagram #StepUpPowerUp

# UPGRADE



Visit [www.UtahFutures.org](http://www.UtahFutures.org)

Click [Browse UtahFutures.org](http://Browse.UtahFutures.org) to learn more

# UTAHFUTURES.ORG

As you know, UtahFutures is an online tool that offers excellent college and career planning steps for students, job seekers, counselors, and parents—all while offering a direct connection to Utah employers. As great as it is, the site is going through an upgrade which will deliver the same valuable information and planning tools with an all-new look. Plus, the course and career plotting experience will be more complete and easier to navigate. Watch for the new website coming in January 2015.

**WANT TO BE COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY? BUILD YOUR PLAN FOR SUCCESS WITH UTAHFUTURE'S TOOLS, INCLUDING:**

- ▶ **Find available scholarship opportunities**
- ▶ **Resume building tools**
- ▶ **Occupation index help**
- ▶ **How to land and keep a job**
- ▶ **Job openings**
- ▶ **Vocational practice tests**
- ▶ **Academic practice tests**
- ▶ **Financial aid applications**
- ▶ **Occupational videos**
- ▶ **Volunteer opportunities**



We want you to share your progress. Post your latest success from visiting UtahFutures and tag us: StepUpUtah



# FOLLOW UP



**Be ready for college and career. Check out these steps, then follow up on your progress.**

The Utah State Board of Regents and the Utah State Board of Education believe all students should have education and career goals that will prepare them to experience fulfilling lives, actively participate as educated citizens, and thrive in a particularly competitive and global marketplace. A college- and career-ready student is prepared to succeed in college and in postsecondary workforce training programs. Opposite, you'll find joint recommendations for students to be college- and career-ready.



# 1 BUILD AN ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

- Take challenging classes in high school to develop an understanding of different subjects and a solid academic preparation for college-level courses.
- Take **Advanced Placement (AP)**, **International Baccalaureate (IB)**, or **Concurrent Enrollment (CE)** classes that lead to college credit and provide direct experience in college-level studies. Select Concurrent Enrollment classes that apply to general education, a certificate, or a degree that fits your educational plans.

# 2 DEVELOP INTELLECTUAL AND CAREER CAPACITY

- Select courses in high school that challenge the intellect and develop critical thinking, analysis, and problem-solving strategies.
- Practice creative problem solving, increase written and oral communication, teamwork skills, and become technology proficient.
- Establish time management and study habits to prepare for the greater amount of independent work required in college.

# 3 EVALUATE PROGRESS FOR COLLEGE

- Do the very best academic work possible in every class taken from middle school through the senior year of high school.
- Speak with a counselor about your course choices; ask for advice on enhancing college readiness skills.
- Throughout the middle and high school years, use external methods (such as the **ACT Aspire** or **ACCUPLACER**) to determine how close you are to being ready for college.
- Adjust study habits and school course choices appropriately to address weaknesses and stay on track.

# 4 EXPLORE POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

- Visit at least one college campus; take a guided tour and ask questions.
- Learn how much college costs. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) by the priority deadline. Ask a financial aid advisor about **scholarships**, **grants**, **loans**, and **work study**.
- Complete the steps necessary for college entry: take a college entrance exam (**ACT or SAT**) and submit an admission application well before the deadline.



Visit a college campus and post your most interesting shot on Instagram #StepUpTour

# TEEN TAKEOVER

Utah high school students were invited to enter a competition that placed them in real jobs that require a real college degree. So, what did our Teen Takeover winners win? A reality check.

Take a look at some Q & As from our brave teens below and see them in action at [stepuputah.com/teentakeover](http://stepuputah.com/teentakeover)



## **JULIO** ROSE PARK, UT

**Q:** Why did you enter the Teen Takeover Challenge?

**A:** I want to play professional soccer, but if that doesn't work out the way I want it to, I need to be prepared. The challenge seemed really interesting and I wanted to explore more careers and see what I really want to do.



## **ANDRIANNA** PROVO, UT

**Q:** What's your biggest motivation for going to college?

**A:** Probably the people in my life who I've seen go through college. I've seen how much it impacts their lives—how it's affected them and how it's gotten them where they are today. Going to college will help me become an expert in my field. I'll be able to learn about what I want to do and how to do it.



## **JOE** SALT LAKE, UT

**Q:** Why do you think college would be a good idea?

**A:** It's important to get a job and be successful. I think my chances of getting a job after college are much better—I know they're much better.



# SHAKEUP



## **NOAH** NORTH SALT LAKE, UT

**Q:** How do you think college will prepare you for the real world?

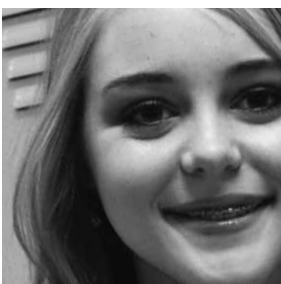
**A:** After taking all the classes you have to take in high school, you get to take classes you want to take and learn what you're interested in. Beyond learning the special training required for the job you want, you'll learn self-motivation and problem solving that will help you in your life, regardless of what field you decide to go into.



## **ELVA** LAYTON, UT

**Q:** How did your participation in this challenge change the way you think about going to college?

**A:** It's always been in my plan to go to college. I've never thought of not going. But after today, it's like, I need to go to college. I was in a workplace with people who knew what they were doing and I didn't. I'm going so I can gain the skills I need for my career, but also for everyday life: how to contribute and be successful.



## **ELEONORA** SALT LAKE, UT

**Q:** Do you have any friends who are on the fence about going to college? Why would you encourage them to go?

**A:** I think it's important as a nation to stay competitive globally, but it's also important for the individual. The population is rising and job opportunities are getting smaller. It's going to become even more important for our generation to achieve that higher level of education.

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# UTAH'S LINEUP

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## FUN FACTS ABOUT LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

1.

### Utah State University

**ON THE MAP:** 80% of USU students live away from home, making USU Utah's largest residential campus. Logan has been ranked as the #2 "Best College Town" in the nation.

2.

### Weber State University

**ON THE MAP:** WSU offers more than 215 undergraduate programs, including the Bachelor of Integrated Studies program, which allows you to create a degree as unique as you.

3.

### LDS Business College

**ON THE MAP:** Weekly devotionals are held in the Assembly Hall on Historic Temple Square.

4.

### Salt Lake Community College

**ON THE MAP:** The College ranks 3rd in the nation in the number of associate degrees awarded.

5.

### University of Utah

**ON THE MAP:** What will you find on campus? A Nobel Prize winner, 15 Guggenheim recipients and the largest student-run venture fund in the United States.

6.

### Westminster College

**ON THE MAP:** Westminster has more than 60 different student clubs and organizations.

7.

### Utah Valley University

**ON THE MAP:** Several times throughout the school year you can enjoy some of the best dining around by visiting Restaurant Forte—a fine-dining restaurant located on UVU's campus and featuring some of the latest creations of our award-winning culinary arts program.

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### Brigham Young University

**ON THE MAP:** Live cougars once terrorized the campus (this was back in 1924, and the incident was quickly remedied).

1. Utah State University

2. Weber State University

- 3. LDS Business College
- 4. Salt Lake Community College
- 5. University of Utah
- 6. Westminster College

- 7. Utah Valley University
- 8. Brigham Young University

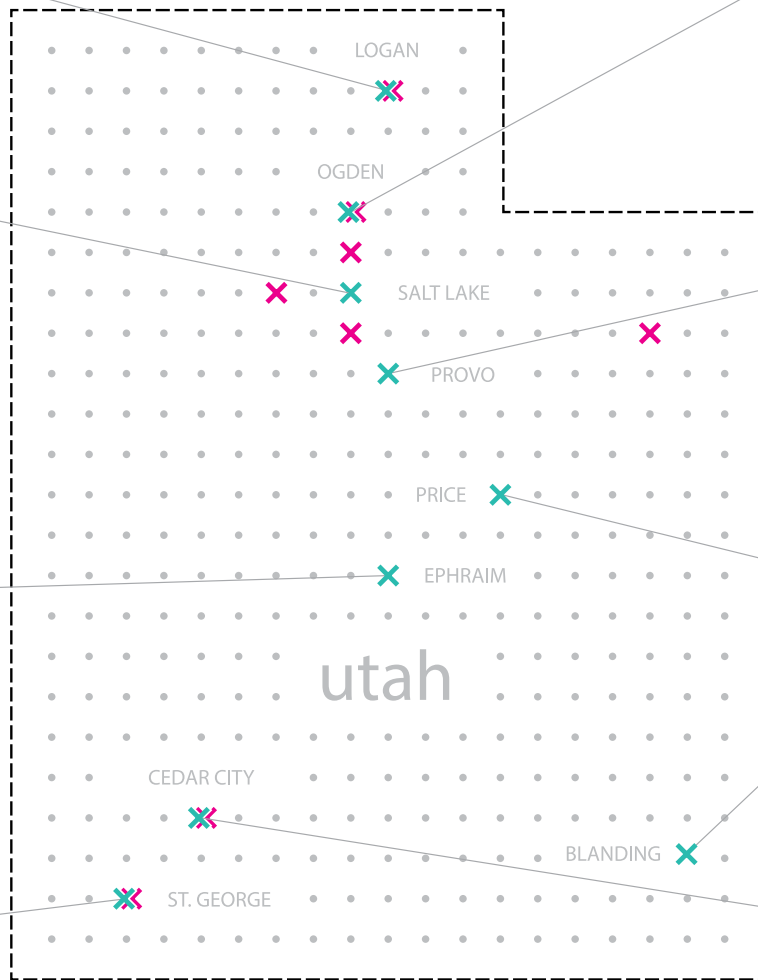
10. Snow College

9. USU Eastern

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12. Dixie State University

11. Southern Utah University



13\* \*Eight UCAT Applied Technology Colleges (ATC's)

## 9. USU Eastern

**ON THE MAP:** Home of the Utah raptor made famous in the movie Jurassic Park. If you dare, you can visit this nimble and vicious predator in the college's world-class Prehistoric Museum in Price.

## 10. Snow College

**ON THE MAP:** Snow College is surrounded by world-class rock climbing, golfing, fishing, atv/snowmobiling, heritage-rich history, and is only a short drive to most of the state's premier national parks and major cities.

## 11. Southern Utah University

**ON THE MAP:** With national and state parks surrounding SUU on all sides, the University has more than 150 chartered clubs and student organizations devoted to exploring our world.

## 12. Dixie State University

**ON THE MAP:** Enjoy 300+ days of sunshine and an average temperature of 70 degrees. St. George is ranked by Forbes Magazine as the #1 Happiest City in the U.S. for college graduates.

## 13. Utah College of Applied Technology

**ON THE MAP:** UCAT's Applied Technology Colleges have an 88 percent placement rate among students who completed certificate programs. These students were hired in their field or placed in additional education during 2013.



# GET READY TO TE



**The earlier you start thinking about college, the better. 8th graders, you, my friends, are at an advantage. If you plan now, you can carefully choose the courses to take in grades 9-12, and these courses can make a difference in being ready for college.**

**First, why college? College allows you to turn what you love into a fun, meaningful career with all kinds of benefits. Enjoy doodling? Try graphic design. Into cars? Try diesel mechanics. Whatever your dream may be, college will help you make it a reality.**

# AR IT UP



Tweet Dreams: What do you want to be when you 'grow up'? Tell us your dreams and inspire others while you're at it #StepUpDreams

## START AND STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH BY FOLLOWING THIS CURRICULUM IN GRADES 9-12:

- ▶ **4 years/credits of English**
- ▶ **4 years/credits of math**
- ▶ **3.5 years/credits of social science**
- ▶ **3 years/credits of lab based science**
- ▶ **2 years/credits of a world language**

- Check in regularly with your counselor and talk to your parents or family members for help in researching course options and special programs available in high school that will give you a step up when it comes to your college interests and goals. One example is the Utah Scholars Initiative. Go online to see if you attend a partner school and are eligible for Utah Scholars benefits: [utahscholars.org](http://utahscholars.org).
- Take advantage of opportunities to participate in leadership, school, or community activities. You'll be able to learn new things, and it looks great on a college application.
- If you aren't already, start saving for college and prepare now to apply for the **Regents' Scholarship** as well as others. Paying for college is possible.
- Take the right classes, develop strong study habits, keep your grades up, and do well on the ACT. You can do it. For a grade-by-grade checklist, visit [stepuputah.com/stay-on-track/grade-checklists/](http://stepuputah.com/stay-on-track/grade-checklists/)

# YOUR MATH HOOKUP





# Utah System of Higher Education Recommendations on High School Mathematics Preparation

**DO THE MATH. IF YOU FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW, YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO BE READY FOR COLLEGE AND GRADUATE ON TIME. THOSE STATISTICS SOUND PRETTY GOOD TO US. TAKE A LOOK.**

## Recommendation 1:

Each year in high school (four years), students should take the most rigorous Mathematics course for which they qualify.

## Recommendation 2:

All students should successfully complete Secondary Math I, II and III, or Secondary Math Honors I, II and III.

\*Note: Secondary Math I, II and III cover more content than Math 1010 (Intermediate Algebra). Math 1010 should not be substituted for any component of the Secondary Math I, II, III sequence.

## Recommendation 3:

Students who intend to pursue associates (AA/AS) or **baccalaureate** degrees should complete one or more Mathematics courses from the following list:

### RECOMMENDED COURSES BEYOND SECONDARY MATH I, II AND III:

- HS Calculus\* or AP Calculus\* or IB Math\*
- HS Precalculus\*\*
- AP Statistics
- Any other course equivalent to one satisfying a Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) General Education Quantitative Literacy requirement including: Math 1030, 1040, 1050 or any Math course with Math 1050 as a pre-requisite

\* Students interested in STEM or other math-intensive careers should take one or more of the classes identified with a single asterisk in advance of high school graduation.

\*\* HS Precalculus covers the content of Math 1050, Math 1060 and some statistics.



# COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SETUP



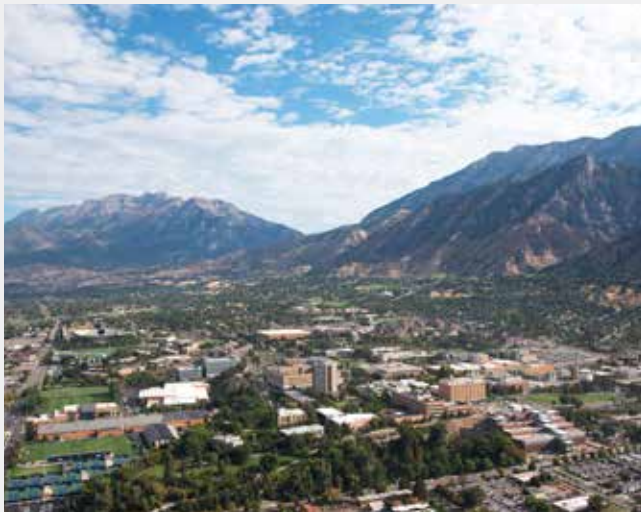
Where are you headed? We want to know which campus you're checking out, along with any of your own observed 'fun facts'. #StepUpCampus



# BYU

## Brigham Young University

Brigham Young University seeks to develop students of faith, intellect and character who have the skills and the desire to continue learning and to serve others throughout their lives. Established in 1875, the university provides an outstanding education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of its sponsor, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Recognized for its strong academic programs, BYU is known for its intellectually minded and internationally experienced student body, world-class teaching, and Division I athletic teams.



# DSU

## Dixie State University

Dixie State University is an open enrollment institution that believes in educational access for all students. Accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, DSU strives to enrich its community and the lives of its students by promoting a culture of learning, values, and community. Dixie State offers 54 undergraduate programs and 25 highly sought after baccalaureate programs. DSU also remains true to its community college mission by offering associate degrees and certificate programs that meet the needs of students and the community. With the lowest in-state and out-of-state tuition costs of any of Utah's four-year institutions, DSU offers an affordable educational opportunity in a picturesque setting among the red rocks of St. George and Washington County.



### Take a Tour

We'll arrange a personal tour for you—contact us one to two weeks in advance to schedule a visit at 801-422-4431.

### How to Apply

**Online:** BeSmart.com  
**Telephone:** 801-422-2507  
**Deadline:** Priority = Dec. 1, Final= Feb. 1

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$5,000 (LDS)  
\$10,000 (Non-LDS)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:**  
[fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)  
**Deadline:** May 1  
**Telephone:** 801-422-4104

### Get in Touch

Visit [admissions.byu.edu](http://admissions.byu.edu) or call 801-422-5000

### Mascot

Cosmo the Cougar



### Take a Tour

Tours are offered Monday through Friday, and Saturdays, by appointment. Call today 435-652-7590

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.dixie.edu/futurestudents](http://www.dixie.edu/futurestudents)  
**Telephone:** 435-652-7590  
**Deadline:** Aug. 15

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$4,456 (Resident)  
\$12,794 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:**  
[www.dixie.edu/financial](http://www.dixie.edu/financial)  
**Deadline:** None – Apply as soon as possible  
**Telephone:** 435-652-7575

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.dixie.edu](http://www.dixie.edu) or call 435-652-7590

### Mascot

Big Dee





# LDSBC

## LDS Business College

LDS Business College's mission is education but its focus is careers. The college has relationships with employers who are waiting to hire its graduates. Returned missionaries who attend within one year of their honorable release date receive half off their first semester tuition. Students learn in a personalized setting with an average of 24 students per class. Learning is enhanced by a rich, spiritual environment, weekly devotionals, and Institute of Religion courses. Temple Square, Gateway and City Creek Mall, major entertainment and sporting events are all within walking distance of campus. The College's 2,000 students come from every state and more than 60 countries worldwide.



# SLCC

## Salt Lake Community College

As Utah's most diverse institution of higher education, SLCC is an open access, comprehensive community college. Offering a full range of academic programs and economic development opportunities, the College specializes in workforce development and general education for transfer to four year universities. The College emphasizes small class sizes with support for each student. SLCC combines high value and affordability with quality education. The College offers a personal feel by maintaining a student to faculty ratio of 20:1. Scholarships and financial aid are available for students who qualify.



### Take a Tour

Campus tours are offered Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 801-524-8159 or email [tours@ldsbc.edu](mailto:tours@ldsbc.edu) to schedule your personal tour.

### How to Apply

**Online:** BeSmart.com  
**Telephone:** 801-524-8145  
**Deadline:** 10 days before class begins (for U.S. residents); March 1 for freshman scholarships.

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$3,060 (LDS)  
\$6,120 (Non-LDS)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
**Deadline:** Rolling  
**Telephone:** 801-524-8111

### Get in Touch

Visit [ldsbc.edu](http://ldsbc.edu) or call 801-524-8145

### Mascot

Lion



### Take a Tour

We offer campus tours year round and are glad to schedule an individual campus visit to answer your questions. For more details, please call 801-957-4543.

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.slcc.edu](http://www.slcc.edu)  
**Telephone:** 801-957-4543  
**Deadline:** August 15

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$3,468 (Resident)  
\$11,010 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** <http://www.slcc.edu/financialaid/index.aspx>  
**Deadline:** April 15  
**Telephone:** 801-957-4410

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.slcc.edu](http://www.slcc.edu) or call 801-957-4111

### Mascot

Bruin Bear



# SNOW

Snow College

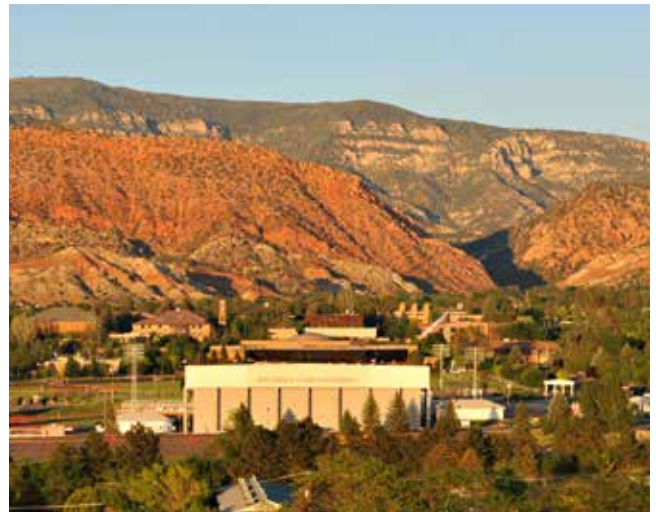
Consistently ranked as a top institution in the nation, Snow College is the place for students looking to achieve academic success in a fun and safe residential campus environment. With campuses located in Ephraim and Richfield, Snow College also offers online classes and degree options; students can complete degrees in Associate of Arts, Science or Applied Science, Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in commercial music, in addition to numerous specialized, short-term vocational training certificates and diplomas. Furthermore, Snow College's tuition, fees, and housing combined are the most affordable in the State of Utah. Discover a quality education at an affordable price. Learn the tools to succeed in your future. Experience Snow College!



# SUU

Southern Utah University

SUU is the only school in Utah to guarantee every student graduates not just with a diploma, but with a resume of professional experience. As Utah's designated liberal arts and sciences university, SUU offers the traditional college experience, with hands-on learning from professors who get to know students as individuals, working alongside them in undergraduate research, service and study abroad. With 8,000 students across 150 programs, 80 percent of SUU's classes have less than 30 students, yet the University is large enough to compete in Division I Big Sky Conference athletics, sponsor 150 student organizations, and employ top national scholars. Beyond campus, students enjoy 13 nearby national and state parks, just minutes from Cedar City, the ninth most affordable college town in the U.S.



### Take a Tour

Tours are offered Monday through Friday by appointment. Call today 800-848-3399 or visit [www.snow.edu/visit](http://www.snow.edu/visit)

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.snow.edu](http://www.snow.edu)  
Just click the application link.  
**Telephone:** 800-848-3399  
**Email:** [snowcollege@snow.edu](mailto:snowcollege@snow.edu)  
**Deadline:** Open Admission

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$3,388 (Resident)  
\$10,952 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** [www.snow.edu/finaid](http://www.snow.edu/finaid)  
**Deadline:** June 1  
**Telephone:** 435-283-7130

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.snow.edu](http://www.snow.edu) or call 800-848-3399

### Mascot

Buster the Badger



### Take a Tour

Tours are offered Monday through Friday. Call today 435-586-7741 or visit [www.suu.edu/campustour](http://www.suu.edu/campustour)

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.suu.edu/apply](http://www.suu.edu/apply)  
**Telephone:** 435-586-7740  
**Email:** [adminfo@suu.edu](mailto:adminfo@suu.edu)  
**Deadline:** May 1

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$6,136 (Resident)  
\$18,596 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** [www.suu.edu/ss/financial](http://www.suu.edu/ss/financial)  
**Deadline:** July 1  
**Telephone:** 435-586-7735

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.suu.edu](http://www.suu.edu) or call 435-586-7700

### Mascot

Thunderbird





# U of U

## University of Utah

The University of Utah, a proud member of the Pac-12 Conference, is located in Salt Lake City at the base of the Wasatch mountain range and is Utah's flagship university. Founded in 1850, it serves more than 33,000 students from across the United States and the world. With more than 90 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 100 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law, dentistry, and medicine, the University prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. Learn more about what the U has to offer online at [www.utah.edu](http://www.utah.edu).



# UCAT

## Utah College of Applied Technology

UCAT is Utah's system of eight regional "applied technology colleges" (ATCs). The ATCs offer 290 accredited certificates preparing students for a variety of technical fields. In as little as three to 18 months you will gain the skills you need to become employed in a great job. Many programs also articulate to associate degrees at other colleges and universities. High school students attend tuition-free and adults pay just \$1.75 - \$2.00 per clock hour. Financial aid is available to those who qualify. You can enroll anytime and classes are taught in self-paced, hands-on environment.



### Take a Tour

Visit [admissions.utah.edu/visit](http://admissions.utah.edu/visit) or call 801-581-8761 or 800-685-8856.

### How to Apply

**Online:** [admissions.utah.edu/apply](http://admissions.utah.edu/apply)

**Telephone:** 801-581-8761

**Deadline:** Priority December 1, Regular April 1

### Tuition and Fees

(15 credit hours, 2 Semesters)  
\$7,876 (Resident)  
\$25,208 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** [financialaid.utah.edu](http://financialaid.utah.edu)

**Deadline:** December 1 (scholarships); March 1 (priority FAFSA deadline)

**Telephone:** 801-581-6211

### Get in Touch

Visit [admissions.utah.edu](http://admissions.utah.edu) or call 801-581-8761

### Mascot

Swoop the red-tailed hawk



### Bridgerland ATC (Logan/Brigham City)

Visit [www.batc.edu](http://www.batc.edu) • Call 435-753-6780

### Davis ATC (Kaysville)

Visit [www.datc.edu](http://www.datc.edu) • Call 877-815-DATC (3282)

### Dixie ATC (St. George)

Visit [www.dxatc.edu](http://www.dxatc.edu) • Call 435-674-8400

### Mountainland ATC (Lehi/Orem/Sp.Fork)

Visit [www.mlac.edu](http://www.mlac.edu) • Call 801-753-MATC (6282)

### Ogden-Weber ATC (Ogden)

Visit [www.owatc.edu](http://www.owatc.edu) • Call 801-627-8300

### Southwest ATC (Cedar City/Kanab)

Visit [www.swatc.edu](http://www.swatc.edu) • Call 435-586-2899

### Tooele ATC (Tooele)

Visit [www.tatc.edu](http://www.tatc.edu) • Call 435-248-1800

### Uintah Basin ATC (Roosevelt/Vernal)

Visit [www.ubatc.edu](http://www.ubatc.edu) • Call 435-722-6900

### UCAT Statewide

Visit [www.ucat.edu](http://www.ucat.edu) • Call 801-341-6000



# USU

## Utah State University

At Utah State University, you'll be pushed to be better, go further, to participate and to lead. Located in Logan, USU is the complete package that offers an incredible value for students. With top-notch faculty, amazing student life, hands-on undergraduate research, NCAA Division 1 athletics, and the largest residential campus in Utah, USU has big-school opportunities with a small-school feel. In fact, *Forbes* ranked USU as the "#3 Highest Ranked Public Institution in the nation with the lowest tuition" and *U.S. News and World Report* ranked USU as "#12 of the nation's best public universities for graduates with the least debt." So, if you want a community, not a commute; an education, not a lecture; become one of us. Become an Aggie.



### Take a Tour

Visit [www.usu.edu/campustour](http://www.usu.edu/campustour) or call 435-797-1079

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.usu.edu/admissions/applyonline](http://www.usu.edu/admissions/applyonline)  
**Telephone:** 800-488-8108 or 435-797-1079  
**Email:** [admit@usu.edu](mailto:admit@usu.edu)  
**Deadline:** April 1

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$6,384 (Resident)  
\$18,490 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** [www.usu.edu/finaid/applying](http://www.usu.edu/finaid/applying)  
**Deadline:** July 1 (Fall semester), November 1 (Spring semester), April 1 (Summer semester)  
**Telephone:** 435-797-0173

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.usu.edu](http://www.usu.edu) or call 800-488-8108

### Mascot

Big Blue the Aggie Bull

# USU EASTERN

## Utah State University Eastern

USU Eastern is the community college of Utah State University – a perfect place to start large (think big fish in small, personalized classrooms) and move on to even greater opportunities because students who go here are part of the larger USU system, complete with USU diplomas. USU Eastern has been nationally ranked for its success rate in helping students graduate or transfer into four-year universities. Its Price campus is less than two hours from Salt Lake City and its Blanding Campus just one hour from Moab.



### Take a Tour

Visit: <http://eastern.usu.edu/become/html/apply> or call 1-888-202-USUE(8783)

### How to Apply

**Online:** <http://eastern.usu.edu/become/html/apply>  
**Telephone:** 1-888-202-USUE(8783) or 435-613-5226  
**Email:** <http://eastern.usu.edu/become/>  
**Deadline:** Open Enrollment

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$3,372 (Resident)  
\$6,275 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>  
**Deadline:** None  
**Telephone:** 1-888-202-8783

### Get in Touch

Visit <http://eastern.usu.edu/price/> or call 1-888-202-USUE(8783)

### Mascot

Golden Eagle

# UVU

## Utah Valley University

As a teaching university dedicated to student success, Utah Valley University offers professional certificates and diplomas, more than 120 associate and baccalaureate degrees and a targeted number of master's degrees for a rapidly increasing number of students with diverse interests and backgrounds. Located in Orem, Utah, between the Wasatch Mountains and Utah Lake, UVU is what the prestigious Carnegie Foundation calls a "community engaged" institution. This means two things: first, UVU students prepare for professional life through "engaged learning," or the integration of academic and hands-on learning. Second, UVU has a long-standing commitment to serving the needs of the local community.



# WSU

## Weber State University

Weber State University offers a variety of two- and four-year degrees, and multiple graduate programs. A leader in undergraduate education, WSU provides a small-class environment, where students work closely with faculty and participate in research and community service. Outside the classroom, students take part in more than 175 clubs, cheer on 16 NCAA teams, and enjoy cultural and recreational offerings. Combining low tuition with more than \$104 million annually in scholarships and financial aid, WSU is one of the most affordable universities in the West.



### Take a Tour

Visit [www.uvu.edu/futurestudents](http://www.uvu.edu/futurestudents) or call 801-863-8811

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.uvu.edu/admissions](http://www.uvu.edu/admissions)  
**Telephone:** 801-863-8706  
**Email:** [admissions@uvu.edu](mailto:admissions@uvu.edu)  
**Deadline:** August 1

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
 \$5,270 (Resident)  
 \$14,802 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:**  
<http://www.uvu.edu/financialaid/apply/>  
**Deadline:** (This date varies depending on the type of aid)  
**Telephone:** 801-863-8442

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.uvu.edu](http://www.uvu.edu) or call 801-863-4636

### Mascot

Willy the Wolverine



### Take a Tour

Visit [www.getintoweber.com](http://www.getintoweber.com) and click "Visit Campus." Call 801-626-6050 or email [admissions@weber.edu](mailto:admissions@weber.edu)

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.getintoweber.com](http://www.getintoweber.com)  
**Telephone:** 801-626-6050  
**Email:** [admissions@weber.edu](mailto:admissions@weber.edu)  
**Deadline:** Open

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
 \$5,184 (Resident)  
 \$13,838 (Non-Resident)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:**  
[weber.edu/financialaid](http://weber.edu/financialaid)  
**Deadline:** March 1  
**Telephone:** 801.626.7569

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.getintoweber.com](http://www.getintoweber.com) or call 801-626-6050.

### Mascot

Waldo the Wildcat



WEBER STATE  
UNIVERSITY



# WESTMINSTER

Westminster College

Westminster is a nationally recognized, comprehensive liberal arts college. With a broad array of graduate and undergraduate programs, Westminster is distinguished by its unique environment for learning. Westminster prepares students for success through active and engaged learning, real-world experiences, and its vibrant campus community. With a beautiful campus located in the Sugar House neighborhood, classes are never more than a five minute walk away. Westminster's unique location, adjacent to the Rocky Mountains and the dynamic city of Salt Lake, further enriches the college experience.



Utah Educational Savings Plan®

Utah's Official Nonprofit 529 College Savings Program

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## SAVE FOR COLLEGE. INSPIRE THEIR FUTURE.

The Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) is Utah's official nonprofit 529 college savings program. UESP is dedicated to helping Utah families save for future higher education expenses.

Saving for college with UESP helps make it possible for you to achieve a higher education. When you and your family save with UESP, you may also save on federal and Utah state taxes.

UESP requires no minimum deposits or balances, so you can save a little or a lot, according to your schedule.

Open a UESP account online at [uesp.org](http://uesp.org) and begin saving today.

### Important Legal Information

Read the Program Description for more information and consider all investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. Call 800.418.2551 for a copy of the Program Description or visit [uesp.org](http://uesp.org).

Investments are not guaranteed by UESP, the Utah State Board of Regents, UHEAA, or any other state or federal agency. However, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance is provided for the FDIC-insured accounts. Please read the Program Description to learn about the FDIC-insured accounts. Your investment could lose value.

Non-Utah taxpayers and residents: You should determine whether the state in which you or your beneficiary pays taxes or lives offers a 529 plan that provides state tax or other benefits not otherwise available to you by investing in UESP. You should consider such state tax treatment and benefits, if any, before investing in UESP.

### Take a Tour

Visit [www.westminstercollege.edu/visit](http://www.westminstercollege.edu/visit) or call 801-832-2200 or 800-748-4753

### How to Apply

**Online:** [www.westminstercollege.edu/apply](http://www.westminstercollege.edu/apply)

**Telephone:** 801-832-2200

**Deadline:** Rolling admissions

### Tuition and Fees

(2 Semesters)  
\$30,364  
(\$24,200 Average  
Freshman Aid)

### Financial Aid

**Direct link to application:**

[www.westminstercollege.edu/aid](http://www.westminstercollege.edu/aid)

**Deadline:** Rolling

**Telephone:** 801-832-2500

### Get in Touch

Visit [www.westminstercollege.edu/admissions](http://www.westminstercollege.edu/admissions) or call

801-832-2200 or 800-748-4753

### Mascot

Griffin



WESTMINSTER  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



# FACTS AT A GLANCE

FACTS AT A GLANCE  INSTITUTIONS	FALL 2013 ENROLLMENT	CERTIFICATES	AAS	AS/AA	BS/BA	MASTERS	PH.D/ PROF.
Brigham Young University <i>www.byu.edu</i> 801-422-5000	<b>27,187</b>				<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Dixie State University <i>www.dixie.edu</i> 435-652-7590	<b>8,350</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		
LDS Business College <i>www.ldsbc.edu</i> 801-524-8145	<b>2,000</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Salt Lake Community College <i>www.slcc.edu</i> 801-957-4111	<b>31,137</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Snow College <i>www.snow.edu</i> 1-800-848-3399	<b>4,503</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X*</b>		
Southern Utah University <i>www.suu.edu</i> 435-586-7700	<b>7,745</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
University of Utah <i>www.utah.edu</i> 801-581-7200	<b>32,077</b>				<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Utah College of Applied Technology <i>www.ucat.edu</i> 801-341-6000	<b>35,972</b>	<b>X</b>					
Utah State University <i>www.usu.edu</i> 800-488-8108	<b>27,812</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Utah State University Eastern <i>www.eastern.usu.edu</i> 800-202-8783	<b>2,130</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Utah Valley University <i>www.uvu.edu</i> 801-863-4636	<b>30,564</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Weber State University <i>www.weber.edu</i> 801-626-6050	<b>25,301</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Westminster College <i>www.westminstercollege.edu</i> 801-832-2200 800-748-4753	<b>3,300</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	

\*Bachelor of Music with an Emphasis in Commercial Music

# CE WORKUP

FALL ADMISSION DEADLINE/APP FEE	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE	14-15 TUITION & FEES FOR 1 YEAR (BASED ON 15 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER)	AVG. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING	AVG. ON-CAMPUS MEAL PLAN COST FOR 1 YEAR (19 MEALS/WK)	FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE
Priority December 1 Final February 1 \$35	February 1	\$5,000 LDS \$10,000 Non-LDS	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$3,830</b>	May 1
August 15 \$35	March 1	\$4,456 Resident \$12,794 Non-Resident	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	March 1
10 days prior to semester \$35	March 1	\$3,060 LDS \$6,120 Non-LDS	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	July 1
August 15 \$40	March 1	\$3,468 Resident \$11,010 Non-Resident	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	April 15
Open \$30	March 1	\$3,388 Resident \$10,952 Non- Resident	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	June 1
May 1 \$50	Priority December 1	\$6,138 Resident \$18,596 Non-Resident	<b>\$3,190</b>	<b>\$3,680</b>	July 1
Priority December 1 Regular April 1 \$45	December 1	\$7,876 Resident \$25,208 Non-Resident	<b>\$4,338</b>	<b>\$3,952</b>	March 1
Year-Round	Year-Round	Utah HS Students \$0 Adults \$1.75-\$2.00/ clock hr	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	Year Round
April 1 \$40	Priority December 1	\$6,384 Resident \$18,490 Non-Resident	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,400</b>	March 15
Open \$40	March 1	\$3,372 Resident \$6,275 Non-Resident	<b>\$1,700</b> Price <b>\$1,200</b> Blanding	<b>\$3,398</b>	March 1
August 1 \$35	First Priority February 1	\$5,270 Resident \$14,802 Non-Resident	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	Varies
Open \$30	Priority January 13 Transfer Students March 1	\$5,184 Resident \$13,838 Non-Resident	<b>\$3,308</b>	<b>\$2,496</b>	March 1
Rolling \$50	Priority March 1 Exemplary Achievement Award February 15	\$30,364 Average Freshman Aid = \$24,200	<b>\$4,908</b>	<b>\$2,810</b>	Rolling

# PAY UP

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE

Getting a college education is an investment that will provide a lifetime of returns, so don't let finances stand in your way. There are many resources available to help you afford higher education, and the first step is to become informed. Here are a few suggestions that will help as you explore your options:

- Pay attention to the financial literacy course you take during your junior or senior year.
- Take advantage of your high school counseling center's resources.
- Actively listen and take part in college presentations and events at your high school.
- Visit the college(s) that interests you. Schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor on campus when you plan your visit and have a parent or guardian go with you if possible.
- Explore the wide variety of financial aid and scholarship information at [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org) or [StepUpUtah.com](http://StepUpUtah.com)
- Estimate your eligibility for federal student aid at [FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://FAFSA4caster.ed.gov) so you can plan accordingly.





# WHAT NOW?

For more information on “Paying for College” events, visit [blog.uheaa.org](http://blog.uheaa.org)

## FAFSA

Need money for college? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step to obtaining federal financial aid (grants, work-study, and student loans) to help you pay for college. Visit [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) for more information.

## Scholarships

Here’s some motivation: scholarships are a form of financial aid that do not need to be repaid, and are usually awarded for academic merit as well as merit in service, leadership, talent, and more. There are hundreds available, so check with the college(s) that interests you and visit the [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org) Scholarship Search component. You’ll be glad you did.

One particular scholarship worth mentioning is the Regents’ Scholarship. This scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study and saving for college. For detailed information, visit [regentsscholarship.org](http://regentsscholarship.org)

## Savings Plan

The [Utah Education Savings Plan](http://Utah Education Savings Plan) (UESP) allows you to save money now to use for college later. Visit [uesp.org](http://uesp.org) for more information.



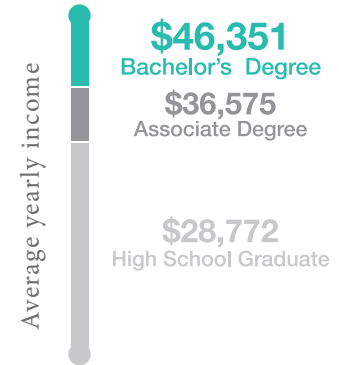
# FINISH UP



**Tuition. Books. Supplies. Parking. Housing. Every additional year of college costs. But there's good news. On average, if you take 15 credits each semester, you'll have an associate degree in two years or a bachelor's degree in four. That means you'll be out making the world a better place and earning money doing it even sooner. So, remember these three little words: 15 to Finish.**

# 15 to Finish means:

- You'll graduate faster and enjoy the benefits of a college degree sooner. Check out the numbers. They're in your favor. Take advantage of your high school counseling center's resources.



- You'll spend less money on tuition and living expenses. Many colleges charge the same tuition for 15 credits as for 12, so it's like getting one class free every semester.

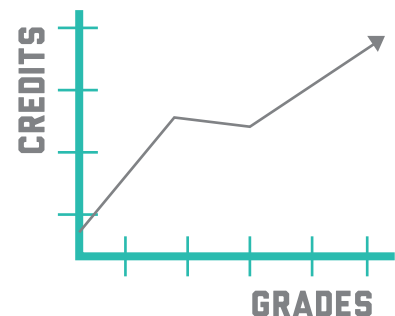


- You'll beat the statistics. In Utah only 29% of students get a bachelor's degree in four years, only about 50% graduate in eight years, and some won't finish at all.

**12 = 5**  
CREDITS YEARS

**15 = 4**  
CREDITS YEARS

- Your grades will be great. Studies show that students who take 15 credits have higher grades than students who take fewer credits.



Learn more by visiting [15tofinishutah.com](http://15tofinishutah.com) and make sure you check out our YouTube videos.

# COLLEGE TERMS

## Look it up

**ACCUPLACER** – The purpose of ACCUPLACER tests is to provide you with useful information about your academic skills in math, English, and reading. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. You cannot “pass” or “fail” the placement tests, but it is very important that you do your very best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skills.

**ACT (American College Testing Program)** – A four-part examination designed to measure a student’s scholastic development. The test covers English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences. Many colleges require students to take this test or the SAT and submit their test scores when they apply for admission. It is recommended that students take the ACT or the SAT during their junior year in high school and then again as a senior.

**ACT Aspire (formerly called pre-ACT, ACT Plan, or ACT Explore)** – An online testing system for students in grades 3-8, as well as early high school, which includes English, math, reading, science, and writing contents for all grades. The assessment is used to highlight progress towards ACT College Readiness Standards and Benchmarks and is aligned to what students are learning in school.

**Admissions & Scholarship Index** – Admissions and scholarship decisions can be based on an index of GPA and ACT scores at some of our institutions of higher education. The score may also be used for placement. For more information please contact the institution of your choice to determine if this is applicable.

**Advanced Placement Program (AP)** – A service of the College Board that provides high schools with course descriptions in college subjects and Advanced Placement Examinations in those subjects. High schools teach the courses and give the examinations to interested students. Those who pass the exams are eligible for advanced placement, college credit, or both.

**Applied Technology College (ATC)** – A college that prepares technically-skilled workers in specific occupations that generally do not require an associate or more advanced degree. ATC students can earn certificates that prepare them directly for employment in a few months to a little more than a year. Most ATC programs admit all who apply. High school students enroll tuition-free and receive high school credit while qualifying for technical skills.

**Applied Associate Degree (A.A.S.)** – Two-year programs that provide broader knowledge in fields ranging from Biomanufacturing and Computer Information Systems to Dental Hygiene and Digital Media. The in-depth knowledge and skills acquired in an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree prepare students for employment in a career track with advancement opportunities.

**Associate Degree (A.A., A.S.)** – Two-year programs that provide the academic foundation for transfer to a four-year bachelor’s degree program. Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) programs cover the curriculum taught in the first two years of a four-year program of study.

**Bachelor’s Degree/baccalaureate (B.A., B.S.)** – Four-year programs that provide in-depth, specialized knowledge in a major or field of study. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees prepare students for employment in fields from Accounting to Theatre, or for further studies.

**Career Assessment Inventory (CAI)** – An assessment test given to

students to direct them toward occupations that may be of interest. In the Assessment Link component of UtahFutures.org, a list of occupations of interest can be generated from the student’s CAI scores.

**Certificate** – Generally one-year programs that lead directly to entry level employment in a specific occupation such as aviation pilot, diesel mechanic, or respiratory therapist.

**Community College** – A two-year college that serves the residents of a local or regional area. Most of these colleges admit all or most of the students who apply. Some programs, such as nursing, may be more selective. Students receive an associate degree after two years of successful full-time study. Additionally, many technical programs of study are taught at these colleges. Many students who enter general education programs (equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor’s degree program) transfer to a four-year college or university.

**Concurrent Enrollment (CE)** – The concurrent enrollment program makes college courses available to eligible high school students during their junior and senior years. Students earn both high school credit and regular college credit which is recorded on a college transcript.

**Credit Hour** – A unit used to measure the amount of school work a student has enrolled for or completed. In a credit hour system, each course is assigned a specific number of credit hours. This number is usually based on the number of classroom meetings per week. Thus a course that meets for one hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday is a three credit hour course.

**Doctorate Degree (PhD)** – Provides further training in a more specialized area, in occupations similar to master’s or professional degrees.

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** – The amount a student and his or her family are expected to pay toward the cost of attendance. It is calculated from the financial information provided by the student and his or her family, including the student’s spouse, if applicable.

**FERPA** – The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal privacy law that gives parents certain protections with regard to their children’s education records, such as report cards, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact and family information, and class schedules. Parents have the right to review their child’s education records and to request changes under limited circumstances. To protect a child’s privacy, the law generally requires schools to ask for written consent before disclosing their personally identifiable information to individuals other than the child.

When a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, all rights afforded to the parents under FERPA transfer to the student (“eligible student”). However, FERPA provides ways in which a school may—but is not required to—share information from an eligible student’s education records with parents, without the student’s consent.

**Financial Aid** – Money awarded to students to help them pay for education. Aid is given as loans, grants, scholarships, or work-study. Some forms of financial aid are required to be repaid after graduation.

**Financial Need** – The difference between the cost of attendance and the student’s expected family contribution.

**FAFSA** – The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a free financial



aid application form used to determine eligibility for need-based federal financial aid. Applications are accepted after January 1. Early application is strongly encouraged. Students should apply during their senior year. Visit [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov).

**Grant** – A form of financial aid that does not have to be repaid or earned by working. Grants are usually based on financial need; however, academic merit may also be considered.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)** – A program offered in some schools that provides academically challenging courses. IB Diploma students take courses in six subjects and complete a “core” that includes community service and an extended essay. High schools teach the courses, but the broad curriculum is provided by International Baccalaureate and students around the world take the same final exams. Courses can last one or two years, and a passing grade on the final exams or the attainment of an IB diploma can make a student eligible for college credit, advanced placement in college classes, or other benefits.

**Higher Education (also called postsecondary education)** – A term that refers to colleges, universities, and any education beyond high school that leads to a certificate or a college degree.

**Loan** – A loan is money you borrow and must pay back with interest, so be sure you understand your options and responsibilities.

**Master’s or Professional Degree** – Programs offered at a post graduate level, usually after earning a bachelor’s degree or relevant work experience. Master’s degrees prepare students for occupations that include education, engineering, or business.

**Merit-based Aid** – Financial aid that is dependent on academic, artistic, or athletic merit. This type of aid does not require demonstration of financial need.

**Need-based Aid** – Financial aid that is dependent on demonstration of financial need. Most sources of financial aid that are provided by the government are need-based.

**New Century Scholarship** – The New Century Scholarship encourages students to accelerate their education by earning an associate degree in high school from an institution within the Utah System of Higher Education. The scholarship may be used at a four-year public college or university within the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as at Brigham Young University-Provo, and Westminster College. For detailed information, please visit [newcenturyscholarship.org](http://newcenturyscholarship.org).

**Open Admissions** – The college admissions policy of admitting virtually all applicants with high school diplomas or their equivalent. Conventional academic qualifications, such as high school subjects taken, high school grades, and admissions test scores are not used to limit enrollment, but can affect placement.

**Pell Grant** – Money awarded directly to students by the federal government. Only undergraduate students may receive federal Pell Grants. To apply for a federal Pell Grant and other federal financial aid, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov).

**PSAT** – The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It’s a standardized test that provides first-hand practice for the SAT. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

**Regents’ Scholarship** – The Regents’ Scholarship encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college academically and financially by taking a core course of study and saving for college. The scholarship may be used at any public college or university in the Utah System of Higher

Education, as well as at Brigham Young University-Provo, LDS Business College, and Westminster College. For detailed information, please visit [regentscholarship.org](http://regentscholarship.org).

**Rolling Admissions** – An admissions procedure by which the college evaluates applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are screened as soon as they submit all application materials. The college may consider applications on a weekly or monthly schedule. Applicants receive a notice of the decision a short time after application.

**Scholarship** – A form of financial aid that does not have to be repaid or earned through employment. Scholarship usually refers to an award based on academic merit; however, scholarships are also awarded for performing community service, leadership, talent, etc. Financial need may also be required. The [UtahFutures.org](http://UtahFutures.org) Scholarship Search component includes descriptions of many hundreds of financial assistance sources.

**SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)** – The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well you can apply that knowledge. It tests your knowledge of reading, writing and math: subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school. Colleges and universities require students to take this test or the ACT prior to applying for admission.

**Semester** – An academic calendar period of about 16-18 weeks that makes up half of the usual academic year for schools that use this calendar system.

**College and Career Plan (SEOP)** – Individual student planning consists of school counselors coordinating ongoing systemic activities designed to help individual students establish personal goals and develop future plans. School counselors coordinate activities that help all students plan, monitor and manage their own learning as well as meet competencies in the areas of academic/learning development, life career development, multicultural/global citizen development and personal/social development.

**Subsidized Loan** – A need-based loan, such as a Direct Subsidized Stafford. The federal government pays the interest on subsidized loans during the borrower’s in-school, grace, and deferment periods.

**Transcript** – An official copy of a student’s educational record.

**Tuition** – The charge for attending a college or university class.

**University** – An institution of higher learning that offers both undergraduate (associate and bachelor’s) and graduate (master’s and doctoral) programs. Universities vary considerably in programs offered and in size. Compared to colleges, universities are usually larger, offer more courses and majors, and have more research facilities. Universities may be divided into a number of “colleges,” such as the College of Education or the College of Business. Each college has several departments, and each department may offer more than one major.

**Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP)** – Utah’s top-ranked, tax-advantaged 529 savings plan to help you save for the future cost of college. Opening accounts is free and there are no minimum or ongoing contribution requirements. Save according to your own schedule and budget.

**UtahFutures.org** – A one-stop shop for people to explore and organize training, education and career information.

**Work-Study** – A federally funded part-time employment program for undergraduate and graduate students. Eligibility is based on financial need. The earnings help students meet a portion of their educational expenses. The federal government subsidizes a portion of the student’s salary. This makes it cheaper for employers to hire students who have demonstrated financial need.

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## WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP KIDS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE.

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### BE EMPOWERED

You've probably said this to your children, but the same applies to you as a parent or guardian. Have a question? Look it up. There are endless resources to help you become informed. A good place to begin is with the Internet or social media.

### START NOW

It's never too early to start talking about college. In fact, the earlier the better. Middle school: Ask about their dreams and how college can help make them a reality. High school: Be honest about your expectations and help them make a plan, including college applications, scholarships, and even a few life skills like laundry, cooking, and money management.

### LOOK LOCALLY

With more than a dozen colleges and universities right in your own backyard, there's a place that is ideal for your child's higher education. Learn about each institution and talk with your child about scheduling some campus tours.

### HAVE THE TALK

Paying for college is expensive, but should be viewed as an investment in your child's future that will pay dividends throughout their life. It is important that together you talk and explore the many financial aid opportunities that are available. If you have questions, call our admissions counselors and financial aid advisors who can share options to assist in planning.

### DEADLINES MATTER

While you should encourage your child to stay ahead of the game with deadlines for scholarships and applications, you should be informed as well. Sit down together and mark up a calendar with important dates.

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