

# High School Students...

## Are you planning to apply to college?

Follow these steps:

### Take the ACT (multiple times if you need to)

- For dates and locations visit [act.org](http://act.org)
- For ACT test prep, please [click here](#).

### Register with your counselor to take the Hansen Scholarship Test

- See if you are eligible, [click here](#).

### Complete FAFSA, [apply here](#)

- **Who should complete the FAFSA Form?** Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. Includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.
- **What do I need to complete FAFSA?** Verified account username and password (FSA ID). Parent or Spouse contributor name, date of birth, SSN and email address. Income and asset information (if required). You can obtain an FSA ID prior to October 1. The FSA ID is an electronic signature used to sign the FAFSA online. You don't have to wait until October 1, students and parents have reported problems with getting or using an FSA ID. The FSA ID must be renewed every 18 months.
- **How do I apply?** Start working on FAFSA application and submit as soon as possible after the FAFSA opens October 1 every year until you're finished with school. [Apply here](#).
- **How do I know if FAFSA approved me?** You can check online 7-10 days from the date you mailed your application. Or 3-5 days if done online. Or you can call 1-800-433-3243.

### Research majors that interest you

- Inquire about job shadowing your career of interest. Ask your counselor or community members for job shadowing opportunities.

### Research colleges to learn more about them

- Ask your counselor when college representatives are visiting your school.
- Attend local college fairs.
- Schedule college visits.

### Do those colleges have the major that you are interested in?

- Apply to your colleges of interest.
- Look into scholarships available at the college you applied to.

### Apply for local scholarships

- Ask your counselor, and visit your local high school and your local community foundation websites for local and organizational scholarships.

## Are you planning to pursue a technical degree?

### See if you are eligible to apply for a Kansas Promise Act Scholarship, [click here](#)

### Apply for the Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarship

If you are going to one of the pre-approved Northwest Kansas Schools, apply for the Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information.

- Fort Hays Tech | North Central (Beloit / Hays)
- Fort Hays Tech | Northwest
- Fort Hays State University (2-year program)
- Cloud County Community College
- Colby Community College
- Salina Area Technical College
- Hays Academy of Hair Design (Hays / Salina)
- Kansas State Polytechnic – Salina (2-year program)

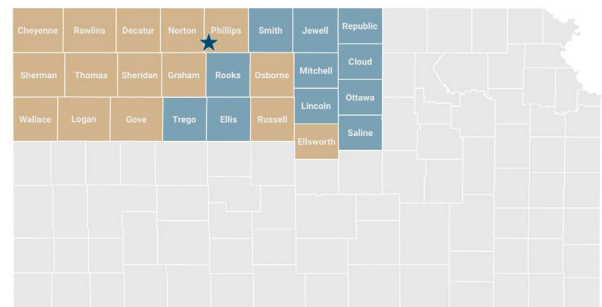
## Are you planning on going directly into the workforce?

Follow these steps:

### Update your resume

- Create a new version of your resume for every opportunity.
- Start with a short summary of who you are & why you're the right person for the job.
- Emphasize accomplishments.
- Contact possible references to put on your resume.
- Make it easy to read.

### Check out [connectnwkc.org](http://connectnwkc.org) for possible internships and job postings



Click on the map above to visit an interactive map with links to your local high school and community foundation websites where you will find additional scholarship opportunities.