

Boys & Girls Clubs of America

What are you going to do after high school?
Think College

Why Go?

- Getting a college degree will give you more career options
- Gives you more choices for where you work, where you live and where you spend your leisure time
- Put you in a better position to help your family and your community
- High School graduates are three times more likely than bachelor degree recipients to be unemployed
- College graduates tend to work in jobs that improve the quality of their lives
- Skills can easily be applied to different jobs in many settings
- College graduates have increased capacity to make informed and efficient decisions as a consumer
- College graduates earn 70 percent more money on average than those with only a high school diploma

College Bound

- Develop good study habits
- Aim for good grades
- Take college preparatory courses in middle and high school
- Get involved in extracurricular activities, volunteer
- Tell your parents, teachers, Club staff or an adult you respect that you want to go
- Talk to someone that has attended college
- Visit your guidance counselor
- Attend a college fair
- Research colleges that fit your interests, budget, location, etc.
- Visit a college campus to see what it's really like
- Take the PSAT and SAT or ACT early
- Research what scholarships, college work-study and financial aid
- Get letters of recommendation
- Create a portfolio of your best papers and projects, report cards, jobs and volunteer experiences, awards and honors
- Talk to people in career fields that you are interested