

RECRUIT YOUR COLLEGE SUPPORT TEAM



Standardized tests, applications, essays, college visits, recommendations, financial aid — for most students, applying to college isn't as easy as simply deciding to go. The good news is that you don't have to go it alone.

Tell someone you know, "I want to go!"

If you're even remotely interested in pursuing some kind of training or education after high school, don't keep it to yourself! Talk about your interests and your dreams. The people around you won't know you need support and encouragement unless you hip them to it.

Parents, teachers, counselors, athletic coaches, religious leaders, your friends' older siblings, the boss at your after-school job, your town clerk or local librarian — all these people may be able to provide answers if you have questions. Think of them as your college support team.

List the people you want to have on your team, along with the help you want from them.

<input type="radio"/> NAME	RELATIONSHIP	HOW HE/SHE CAN HELP
Mrs. Detweiler	next-door neighbor	can proofread my application essay and give me feedback on it
Mom	mom	can help me learn how to reduce my spending so I can start to save money
Mr. Houston	town clerk	may have info about scholarships at local banks and businesses

Here are some tasks you may need help with:

- identifying interests with the online tool at www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip
- using <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> to find schools that match your needs
- making sure you take all the right high school classes for graduation and for college enrollment
- deciding whether you should take the SATs, the ACTs, or both
- finding materials to help you prepare for standardized tests
- organizing your college application deadlines
- getting feedback on your application essay and asking for help to proofread it
- having teachers complete recommendations for your applications
- learning about financial aid
- finding scholarships
- filling out financial aid applications
- learning how to cut back on your spending to save money for school

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