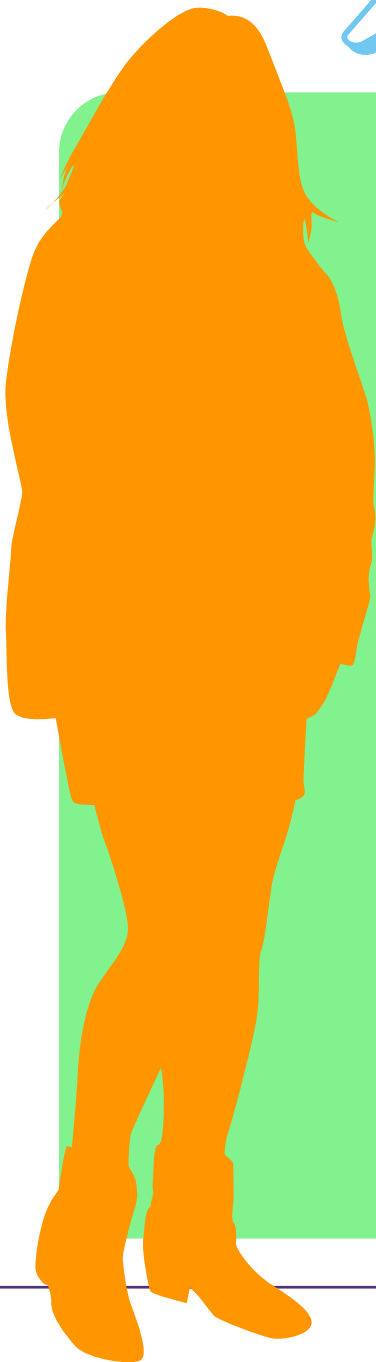




## What Do I Need to Know About Planning for College or Work?

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### Plan for Your Future

You have the right to explore different pathways to prepare for a successful future. This guide will help you learn about supports and resources available throughout New York State for college and vocational training.

#### Section 1

[How do I figure out what I want to do in the future? What is right for me?](#)

Learning about your skills, interests and abilities is the first step in exploring and preparing for your future.

#### Section 2

[I am not sure if I want to go to college or to a job training school. How do I figure it out?](#)

If you are thinking about going to college, begin the conversation with your school guidance counselor, family member, caseworker, agency staff, or another trusted adult in your life.

#### Section 3

[I am ready to start exploring my options. Are there resources that can help me?](#)

There are a variety of college and career planning resources that will help you begin your journey.



## NEED TO KNOW SERIES

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### Section 4

#### [How do I pay for college or job training?](#)

There are many resources to assist you in paying for college or a job training program. Resources such as scholarships, grants, and loans are available to assist with funding.

### Section 5

#### [Are there services that can help me while I am in college?](#)

Need support while in college? There are a variety of programs that can help—not only financially but provide other supports to you as you embark on your academic journey.

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### Pro Tips

- College is called “higher education”, so if you see these words used, know it is the same as college.
- What is vocational training? If you’re learning a skill that could lead to a specific job, like how to repair cars or how to be a chef, you’re getting vocational training. Vocational means “related to a career”. A vocation is a job or career, so something vocational is related to a specific kind of work.

### Section 6

#### [Where do I live while I am in college?](#)

There are several options of places to live while in college. Many colleges offer dormitory options that are located right on campus, which are referred to as residential buildings. They provide a bed, dressers, and bathrooms that are all available to you! There are perks to living on-campus like being able to access your classes and friends without having to travel, creating new friendships, and support from Residential Advisors and Residential Directors who live on campus as well. College offers meal plans that you can choose from, regardless if you live on campus or in the community. Other options for living could include an apartment on or off campus or staying where you currently live.

### Section 7

#### [I have a disability. Are there services that can help me while I am in college or while going to a vocational training program?](#)

There are several resources available if you have a disability and are considering a college or vocational program. This section will explore resources and accommodations that may be available to you based on your needs at your institution.