



# Student Activities

October  
**NEXT  
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MONTH

## Take 5 for your future!

Complete just 5 of these activities and you'll be better prepared for college and career.

### 5-10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Complete the Work Values inventory** to discover what kind of work environment and office culture will best match up with your personal values.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Work\\_Values](http://bit.ly/NS_Work_Values)
- Learn about how you can start earning** micro-scholarships from colleges (as early as 9th grade) by cataloging your high school achievements.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_RaiseMe](http://bit.ly/NS_RaiseMe)
- Check out scholarship opportunities** offered by the Idaho State Board of Education and figure out which one (or more) you're eligible to apply for.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_OSBE\\_Scholarships](http://bit.ly/NS_OSBE_Scholarships)
- Create a FAFSA ID** so you can electronically sign and submit your financial aid application when it's complete.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FAFSAID](http://bit.ly/NS_FAFSAID)
- Watch a video** to help you think about how you'll manage money in the future.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_ManageMoney](http://bit.ly/NS_ManageMoney)
- Look at the Next Steps calendar** and find a college or career exploration event you might want to attend. Put it in your phone calendar and invite your family to join you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Events](http://bit.ly/NS_Events)
- Sign up to get connected** with a college recruiter at the Idaho college that interests you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CollegeDirectory](http://bit.ly/NS_CollegeDirectory)

- Read up on the direct admissions letter** from the Idaho State Board of Education and Idaho's colleges and universities.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_DirectAdmissions](http://bit.ly/NS_DirectAdmissions)
- Consider the questions** you might want to ask your counselor.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_SRQuestions](http://bit.ly/NS_SRQuestions)

### 10-15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Visit your new Next Steps** (grade-level specific) learning plans. Pick one career or college exploration activity to complete.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CareerInfo](http://bit.ly/NS_CareerInfo)
- Take the Future Findr quiz** to learn how your skills and interests might translate to a career.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FutureFindr](http://bit.ly/NS_FutureFindr)
- Take the Learning Styles Survey** to find out how you learn best. The results can help you study more productively.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_LearningStyles](http://bit.ly/NS_LearningStyles)
- Submit a college application** to one or more Idaho colleges and universities.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_ApplyIdaho](http://bit.ly/NS_ApplyIdaho)
- Apply for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_IdahoOpportunity](http://bit.ly/NS_IdahoOpportunity)
- Learn about college costs** and your options for paying for college.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CollegeCosts](http://bit.ly/NS_CollegeCosts)



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## 10-15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE (CONT.)

- Review the page for your grade-level** on the Next Steps website. Download the checklist to see what else you might want to do to stay on track.  
[bit.ly/NextStepsIdaho](https://bit.ly/NextStepsIdaho)
- Search for apprenticeship opportunities** in your area.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Apprenticeships](https://bit.ly/NS_Apprenticeships)
- Learn about Career & Technical Education.**  
Find out if there's a program that interests you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CTE](https://bit.ly/NS_CTE)
- Have you asked yourself,** "How do I decide what to do after high school?" If so, review this advice on the Next Steps website.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Decide](https://bit.ly/NS_Decide)
- Search careers that interest you.** Learn about the training you'll need, understand earning potential and find job openings in Idaho.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_JobScape](https://bit.ly/NS_JobScape)
- Beef up your resume** and/or scholarship applications. Find one volunteer opportunity in your area that might be of interest to you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Volunteer](https://bit.ly/NS_Volunteer)
- Think you know all** the college/career vocabulary words? Take a look at this list and quiz your friends to master the lingo.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Vocabulary](https://bit.ly/NS_Vocabulary)

- Consider the military** and if it might be a good fit for you by learning about the careers and training available.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Military](https://bit.ly/NS_Military)
- Review your course plan/transcript** and Idaho's graduation requirements to double-check that you're on course to graduate on time.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_GraduationRequirements](https://bit.ly/NS_GraduationRequirements)
- Locate your EDUID#** by talking to your counselor (you need this to apply to college using the Next Steps website).

## 20+ MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Check out Khan Academy** and how their free resources can help you study for the SAT.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_KhanAcademy](https://bit.ly/NS_KhanAcademy)
- Fill out the FAFSA.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FAFSA](https://bit.ly/NS_FAFSA)
- Start writing your resume.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_ResumeBuilder](https://bit.ly/NS_ResumeBuilder)
- Read these cover letter writing tips.** Start thinking about how you might turn your experience into a story that will make future employers want to meet you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CoverLetter](https://bit.ly/NS_CoverLetter)
- Explore your college options** in Idaho using the Next Steps Colleges Directory. Pick two schools you might be interested in attending.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CollegeDirectory](https://bit.ly/NS_CollegeDirectory)
- Talk to your counselor** about what you are planning for your future. Use our guide as a starting point.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_HSQuestions](https://bit.ly/NS_HSQuestions)