

College/Career Guide

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Explore Careers

mynextmove.org

WHAT KIND OF WORK INTERESTS & INSPIRES YOU?



Is the work enjoyable?

Learn and get experience with job shadowing, internships, or volunteering.



Where can you work?

Some specialized jobs are limited to specific regions, while others are broadly available.



Does your career support your life goals? What kind of lifestyle do you

aspire to have?

Explore Schools

nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

WHERE WILL YOU LEARN?

Consider whether the school has:



Opportunities to develop meaningful connections to peers, teachers, and mentors.



A selection of extracurricular activities that appeal to you.



Opportunities to learn hands-on with multiple job and internship options.



Options that allow vou to finish with minimal student debt.

NOTE: Accomplishing these things make your life during school and after graduation better:

- Social Wellness
- Community/Belonging
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Financial Freedom

Explore Paying

studentaid.gov

HOW WILL YOU PAY FOR SCHOOL?

Funding Categories

- 1. Scholarships
 - Scholarships Available From Your School
 - 3Rivers Scholarship: 3riversfcu.org/scholarship
 - Community Scholarships: We can help you find them! Email us at college@trfcu.org
- 2. Family Contribution
 - Job or Work Study: workandlearnindiana.com
 - Military Guard/Reserves
 - Military Benefits: gibill.va.gov
 - College Savings Plans
- 3. Community Loans, Funding, and Resources
 - Questa Foundation: questafoundation.org
 - Workforce Ready Grant: nextleveljobs.org
 - NE Indiana FAME: northeastindianafame.com
 - Trade Unions: neibt.org & ohiostatebtc.org
 - 21st Century Scholars: learnmoreindiana.org/scholars
- 4. Federal Funding
 - Federal Student Loans: studentaid.gov
- 5. Private Student Loans
 - 3Rivers Student Loan: 3riversfcu.org/students



How to Lower Costs

- Obtain Dual Credit & AP Classes
- Earn College Credits: clep.collegeboard.org
- Buy & Make Food vs. Eating Out
- Live at Home vs. On Campus
- Rent or Buy Used Textbooks vs. New
- Take Advantage of Student Discounts
- Consider Student Exchange Programs: nse.org

What you will need to file your FAFSA online at studentaid.gov:

- ☐ Social Security Number
- ☐ Driver's License
- □ Tax Returns
- ☐ W-2 Forms
- ☐ Bank & Investment Statements
- ☐ FAFSA Usernames/Passwords

Call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1.800.433.3243 for assistance.

What you will need to apply for a 3Rivers Student Loan at 3riversfcu.org/students:

Students:

- □ Driver's License
- □ Social Security Card
- ☐ Open a 3Rivers Checking/Savings Account: 3riversfcu.org/join

Cosigner:

- □ W-2 From Last Year
- ☐ W-2 From 2 Years Ago
- □ Recent Paystub
- ☐ Open a 3Rivers Checking/Savings Account: 3riversfcu.org/join

Let's Talk!

Our Youth & College Team is here to support you.



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