

Guide to College Project

_____ **Step One:** Figure out what school you are going to next year. You must already be accepted or definitely will be accepted (community college). Your project should require a minimum of 15 hours of work outside regular class time. Use the “Log Form” to record the exact hours you spend working on your project.

Forms: The College Project Time Log

_____ **Step Two: College Visit**

Details: You will visit your college and ask specific questions and get a feel for the campus and student life.

Forms: College Visit Worksheet

_____ **Step Three: Campus Map**

Details: Figuring out where everything is on campus can be a real learning curve the first semester of college. Do it before you go! You will need to create a map finding the locations that answer the questions on the “Campus Map Instructions” handout. The map can be done on the computer or by hand on a poster.

Forms: Campus Map instructions

_____ **Step Four: Professional Associations & Clubs**

Details: Find a minimum of two college clubs and/or professional associations you can join that fit in your potential career path. Describe each in at least one paragraph including the activities the clubs participate in, the dues, and the benefits of joining for your future career.

Forms: Professional Association & Clubs Rubric

_____ **Step Five: Course Mapping**

Details: Using your college’s course catalog you will determine the order and courses you will take for every semester until you graduate.

Forms: Course Mapping Instructions

_____ **Step Six: College Budget**

Details: Figure out how much it will cost you to attend college to get your degree. Price out everything from tuition, to transportation back home.

Forms: How much will your education cost?

_____ **Step Seven: Scholarships**

Details: Apply to at least two scholarships of your choice outside the ones your college gives you.

Forms: Attach photo copies of completed scholarship applications.

_____ **Step Eight: Create a Portfolio**

Details: The portfolio is a collection of all the forms and documentation from the previous steps, collected, neatly packaged in a simple binder not to exceed ½ inch in thickness. It shows how much effort you've put into your project and makes it easier for me to grade you. You will receive a separate handout with all of the documents that need to go in the portfolio.

Forms: Portfolio Rubric

_____ **Step Nine: Give an Oral Presentation**

Details: The oral presentation will be 8 to 10 minutes in length in addition to some time for questions and answers. You will receive a separate form which goes over everything you will need to talk about.

Forms: Oral Presentation Rubric

_____ **Step Ten: Personal Reflection & Evaluation**

Details: Write an extended reflective essay regarding the completed project and describing how you benefited from the experience and wisdom for next year's seniors (minimum of 2 pages double spaced, 1" margins).

Forms: College Project Reflection & Evaluation Instructions