

Careers that interest me:

1. _____

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4. _____

Colleges I might want to attend:

1. _____

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3. _____

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5. _____

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Check off milestones toward higher education as you achieve them!

Grades 6-8

- Participate in [6th grade college visits](#) in April
- Achieve proficient scores on assessment tests
- Go to career days and [science fairs](#)
- Sign up for vacation, after school or summer programs in art, music, science, math, robotics
- Play [Quest for College](#) board game
- Open a college savings account; continue to save

Grades 9-12

- Become familiar with your high school's graduation requirements
- Meet graduation requirements and prepare for college by taking and being successful in appropriate coursework
- Start a portfolio of awards, honors and activities so that you can build a resume; update annually
- Go to career days and [science fairs](#)
- Challenge yourself by taking honors or [AP classes](#)
- Take [dual enrollment](#) courses for college credit
- Participate in a job shadow day, or volunteer internship
- Consult with [MEFA website](#), for college financing strategies
- Apply to Berkshire Chamber's [Youth Leadership Program](#)

- Achieve proficient or higher scores on assessment tests
- Earn an [Adams Scholarship](#) providing free tuition at a public higher education institution in MA with qualifying test scores
- Apply to community programs such as [MountainOne Junior Board of Directors](#) or Berkshire DA Youth Advisory Board
- Participate in [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) preparation and testing
- Take junior year [Accuplacer](#) to determine college readiness and placement levels
- Talk to your school guidance counselor about how to prepare for and find the college that's right for you
- Attend a college information session at your school
- Attend a regional college fair in your area and speak to college representatives
- Visit three or more college campuses
- Track your college plans and applications through [YourPlan for College](#), [Naviance](#), or [CareerCruising](#)
- Attend financial assistance presentations; research financial aid and apply for national, local and college scholarships
- Complete [FAFSA forms](#) and college financial aid forms to qualify for financial aid
- APPLY TO COLLEGE!!
- GO TO COLLEGE!!

