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Name
Address
City, State, ZIP
Email address
Phone number
Birth date
School subject or career interests
Year of high school graduation
High school
Please send me more information about:
University of Alaska Anchorage and associated campuses
University of Alaska Fairbanks and associated campuses
University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau and associated campuses
Comments or questions:

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Less than four years until high school graduation: 42 months … 1,300 days. (But who’s counting, right?)

Four years until you’re on your own, free to make your own choices and decisions, all of the time. So what are you going to do when the time comes? Get a job? Doing what? Go to college or a trade school? Which one? Travel? Just hang around for a while and decide later? You don’t know? That’s OK. In fact, a lot of students still don’t know what careers they want to pursue when they start college. And some of them change their minds once they’re there. Even most people in the workforce change their careers at least once. But the more education you have, the more options it gives you.

But it’s not OK to wait until you graduate from high school to start planning. It’s time right now to begin identifying your interests and skills. Take classes and get involved in extracurricular activities, work experiences and community service that will help you reach your goals. Find teachers, counselors and other adults you trust to help you get ready.

Four years might seem like a long way off, but the decisions you make today will help determine the choices that will be available to you tomorrow.

I’m looking forward to meeting new people and getting the opportunity to study what I want. I expect college to teach me to respect new ideas and views of others, while in the same way shaping my own.

I am going to college because I want to become a pharmacist and I want to be the first in my family to graduate from college.

That’s how much more the U.S. government estimates a college graduate can earn over his or her lifetime than someone who doesn’t go any further than high school. Even someone with a two-year associate’s degree is likely to earn a quarter of a million dollars more than a high school graduate. And today, most of the new jobs in the U.S. require more than a high school education.

Money’s not the only reason to go to college. But you could have a job with a similar income or even better, a job that you’d like. In college, you’ll also gain a broader perspective of the world around you, and within your discipline. You’ll learn to express yourself, to think and make decisions on your own, and to use your knowledge and skills at work and in your personal life.

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Odds are you’ll find a job even without a college degree, but what kind of job? Will it be a job that you like? One where you can use your skills and do things that interest you? Will it be a job that you choose, or one you settle for because you’re not qualified for anything better?

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But it’s not all about job opportunities. College is also an opportunity to learn more about yourself and your interests, to develop your skills and to make friends that will last a lifetime.

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You've already spent the last eight years going to school. You're looking at another four years before you get your high school diploma, and somebody's telling you that you need to go to even more school after that?

Sure, you're going to learn more than you ever thought possible in the classroom, but that's just one part of going to college. It's the complete package – campus living, concerts, dances, theater, activities and recreation, fraternities and sororities, social and cultural events, and more.

You'll find new friends from across the state, the country and from around the world. You'll find that even the classroom is an adventure. Many colleges offer exchange programs where you can attend college in another state or country. There are research opportunities where you learn by doing. And courses that could help you find a solution to global warming, engineer futuristic buildings, become a famous broadcaster or start your own business. It's up to you.

College will take you to places you've never been before. It's an opportunity for experiences you can't have anywhere else. But you'll only get there if you start planning your journey now.

“I have always done my best to invest any money I earned wisely, and part of that money has been invested in a college fund. I am also hoping to get a scholarship in either sports or academics.”

Jeremy Langton
Junior, Lathrop High School, Fairbanks

“College is a big expense, but you don't have to break the bank to reach your goals. If you think you can't afford college, there are a lot of resources to help make it more affordable. Financial aid can come from colleges, state and federal governments, civic groups, foundations, businesses and community organizations. Today, more than half of all college students in the U.S. receive some form of financial aid.”

Great grades + Alaska students = $ for college

“I can't even guess what to expect from college, but I know that I will be making lifelong friends and choosing a career. College is going to shape me into an adult.”

Marnita Coenraad
Senior, Juneau-Douglas High School, Juneau

“Juggles lots of things”

“Balancing work and fun”

“Adventure starts here”

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### Tuition and Fees Comparison

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### Finding the Right Place

#### Why Should I Start Planning Now?

- **Croen, Andrew**: I've been prepping (for college) by going to the Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI). "RAHI is a bridging program that assists rural Alaska, college-bound students in making the academic and social transition between high school and college."
- **Smith, Emily**: "I've used SAT prep classes to help me qualify, SAT and ACT."

#### How Much Does College Cost?

College and related expenses can be a significant financial burden. Here are some tips to help you manage costs:

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### What Courses Do I Need to Take in High School?

The following courses are recommended for college preparation:

- **Math**: 3-4 years
- **English**: 4 years
- **Science**: 2-3 years
- **Social Studies**: 2-3 years
- **Electives**: 2-3 years

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what direction you’d like to head in. If you don’t know what you want to do yet, that’s fine, too. UA is a great place to get started on all those options. If your plans include being a doctor, dentist or lawyer, you can get the undergraduate degree you need at UA. If your plans include being a doctor, dentist or lawyer, you can get the undergraduate degree you need at UA. computer science, physics, education and engineering. With more than 400 majors, and certificates, two-year, four-year and graduate programs to choose from, you can go to school around the corner or across the state. You’ll also find that many of your fellow students are “on the road” themselves. One out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else, from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland. You’ll also find that many of your fellow students are “on the road” themselves. One out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else, from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland. You’ll also find that many of your fellow students are “on the road” themselves. One out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else, from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland. You’ll also find that many of your fellow students are “on the road” themselves. One out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else, from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland. You’ll also find that many of your fellow students are “on the road” themselves. One out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else, from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland.

five best things about ua

1. on the road

Just because you go to school in your home state doesn’t mean you can’t experience new and exciting places. UA is as close — or as far away — as you want it to be. With three main campuses, in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, and a network of community campuses and extension centers, you can go to school around the corner or across the state. Looking for some more adventure? UA has exchange programs where you can pursue a UK degree in Nevada or New Zealand, Scotland or Sicily — and lots of places in between. If you want to hear some real UA student exchange stories, visit gotocollege.alaska.edu.

2. your very own place

At college, you can have your very own place to decorate however you want, and live (or not live) as much as you like. UAA, UAF and UAS all have on-campus housing, and you can choose the living arrangement that works best for you — residence halls or campus neighborhoods. Take a virtual housing tour at gotocollege.alaska.edu.

3. fun outside the classroom

We all know the college experience is more than just the classroom, and it’s no different at UA. You can choose to spend your free time cheering on the Division I ice hockey team, and Division II men’s and women’s basketball or other DI intercollegiate sports teams. Or maybe you’d rather join one of the intramural sports teams, playing everything from badminton to intramural, and flag football to water polo at one of our own athletic facilities. You can also join a fraternity or sorority, or dozens of other special interest clubs, like computing, debate and art. Find your favorite group online at gotocollege.alaska.edu.

4. don’t break the bank

Going to UA also makes sense for your — or your parents’ — bank account. UA costs less, like a public, in-state university, but has low student-teacher ratios and plenty of personal attention, like a private university. It also offers funding and financial aid options to Alaska students that aren’t available to them anywhere else. Figure out how to get the best deal at gotocollege.alaska.edu.