

# **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 makes 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?



#### 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

#### **Family Contribution**

- Military benefits: gibill.va.gov
- College Savings Plans

#### **Student Loans**

- Questa Foundation: questafoundation.org
- Federal Student Loans: studentaid.gov
- 3Rivers Student Loan: 3riversfcu.org/students

- Student Earnings21st Century Scholars
  - Workforce Ready Grant: nextleveljobs.org
  - NE Indiana FAME: northeastindianafame.com
  - Job or Work Study
  - Military Guard/Reserves
  - Trade Unions: neibt.org & ohiostatebtc.org
  - Scholarships Available from Your School
  - 3Rivers Scholarship: 3riversfcu.org/scholarship
  - Community Scholarships We can help you find them! college@trfcu.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.



**CAITLYN LAWSON** Youth & College Advisor

260.399.8230 clawson@trfcu.org



DASHYIA HAYWOOD Youth & College Advisor

260.222.3440 dmhaywood@trfcu.org



JAMES CASHMAN Youth & College Manager

260.310.5022 jcashman@trfcu.org

