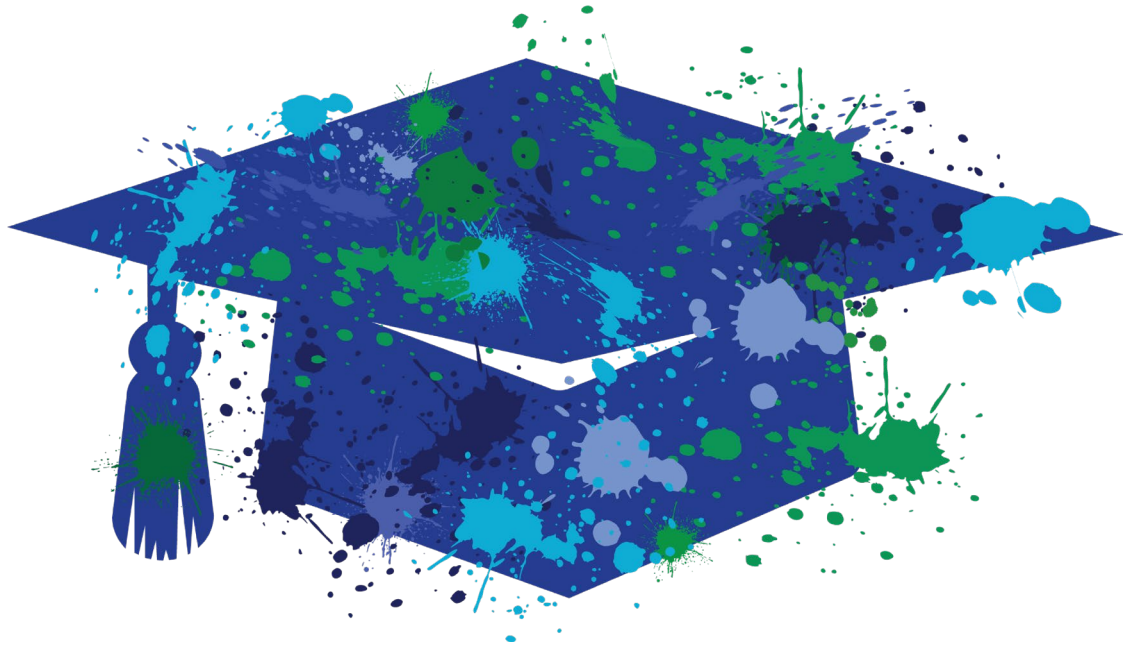

Change Can Be Good!

FAFSA and OKcollegestart Updates

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Today's Topics

- FAFSA Changes and Updates
- Oklahoma FAFSA Law
- FAFSA Resources
- OKcollegestart Changes and Updates
- FAFSA Completion Resources and Support

Why the Change?

- **December 2019– Fostering Undergraduate Talent By Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act**
  - Allows IRS to disclose federal tax information (FTI) to Federal Student Aid, part of the US. Department of Education, in order to improve the administration of:
    - FAFSA
    - Income-driven repayment plans (student loans)
    - Total & Permanent Disability Loan Discharge
  - Original plan was to begin in October 2022 with the 2023-24 FAFSA

Why the Changes?

- **December 2020 = FAFSA Simplification Act**
  - Requires a major overhaul of:
    - FAFSA form
    - Financial need analysis
    - Many policies and procedures for schools that participate

Why the Changes?

- Over 40 years since any major changes had been made
- Need for more automation and less obstacles for students
- **Goals**
  - Streamline the FAFSA process
  - Increase eligibility for Federal Student Aid

Why the Changes?

In One Word…

- For the 2024-25 FAFSA, October 1st launch was moved to December 30, meeting the January 1 deadline imposed by lawmakers
- ‘Soft launch’ intended to analyze how everything was going before fully operational
- Website was taken down frequently to gather/analyze data
- Soft launch ended January 8

How’s it Going?

Widespread Issues

- **FSA ID**
  - Some phone numbers rejected due to being associated with another account
  - Parents without Social Security numbers unable to create an FSA ID as planned
  - Some are waiting nearly two weeks before they receive confirmation of match with SSA
- **FAFSA**
  - Student signature dropped from the form when parent accesses FAFSA
  - Form is not complete due to missing signatures, even when not required
  - Parents unable to access student's FAFSA using link in email invitation
- **FSA Information Center**
  - Long waits
  - Calls over a set limit are dropped

- **Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs)**
  - FAFSA data will be processed in ‘batches’ and sent out to higher ed institutions
  - Test period when schools will analyze their systems to ensure everything’s working
  - Once ISIR process has cleared, schools will begin working on financial aid offer letters
  - FSA has announce ISIRs should be available ‘the first half of March’

What to Expect

FAFSA Submission Summaries

- Students should begin receiving their summaries around the same time (formerly known as the Student Aid Report, or SAR)

This summary is the signal that their FAFSA has been processed and sent to the colleges listed on their FAFSA. Students won't be able to edit their submitted FAFSA information until they have received this summary.

- **Deadlines**
  - We’re all in the same boat; most colleges are extending critical deadlines
- **Housing**
  - Many decisions can’t be made until eligibility has been determined
- **Institutional Aid**
  - First come, first served

Areas of Concern

- **When to consider:**
  - Pressing scholarship or housing deadline that college won't extend
  - Parents without SSNs
    - If student's FAFSA is online, parents' part should be too
    - Online FAFSA will take precedent over paper FAFSA
  - Consider if a glitch in the system blocks ability to move forward on FAFSA
  - Paper FAFSAs won't be processed until after backlog of online FAFSAs
  - Will be a receipt date on paper form when received by FSA

Paper FAFSA's (last resort)

Good News

FSA is taking on a large number of employees to provide 'concierge' services to students/parents and under-resourced higher ed institutions.

End result will be a shorter, more automated process with eligibility formulas that will increase the number of eligible students and amounts they can receive.

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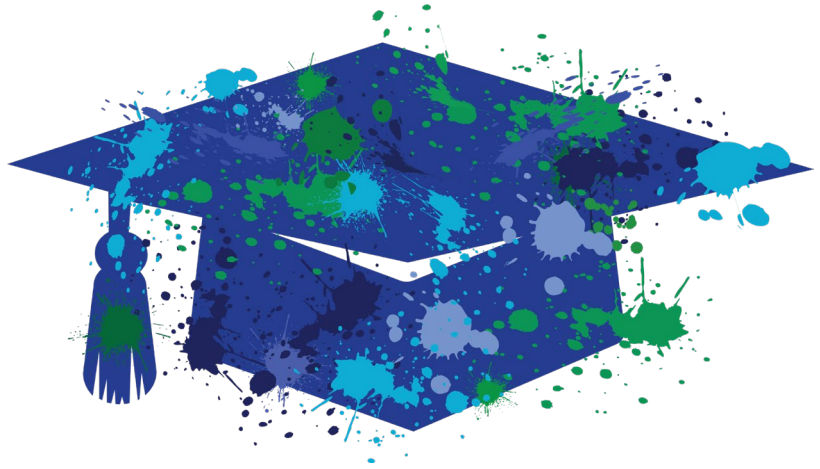

FAFSA Graduation Requirement Law

Beginning with the **2024-2025** school year, students must complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to graduate from a public high school.*

Resources:

https://sde.ok.gov/college-career

**There are opportunities for students to opt out.*

The Law: Senate Bill 93

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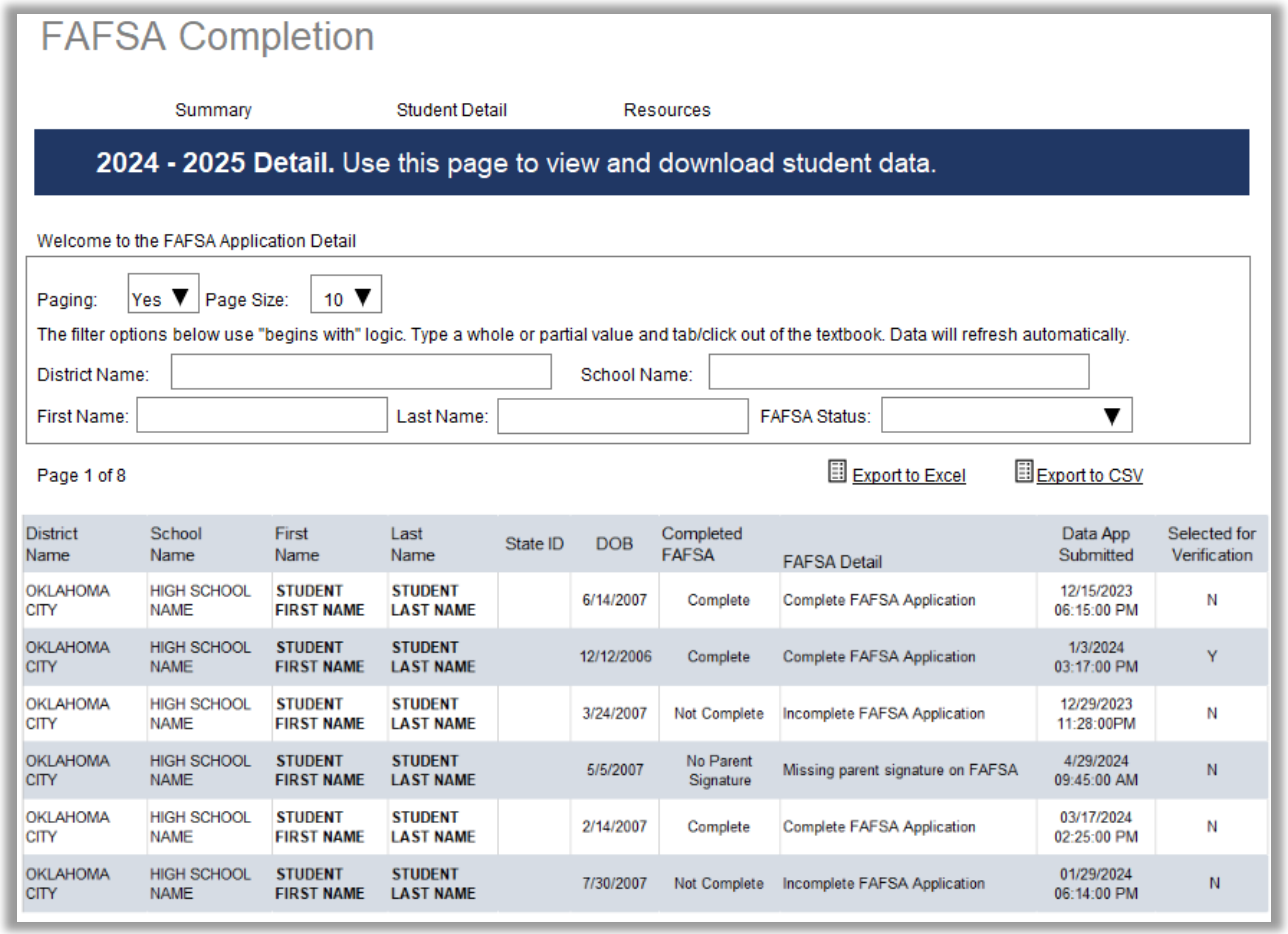

FAFSA Completion

Summary Student Detail Resources

2024 - 2025 Detail. Use this page to view and download student data.

Welcome to the FAFSA Application Detail

Paging: Yes ▼ Page Size: 10 ▼

The filter options below use "begins with" logic. Type a whole or partial value and tab/click out of the textbook. Data will refresh automatically.

District Name: School Name:

First Name: Last Name: FAFSA Status: ▼

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District Name	School Name	First Name	Last Name	State ID	DOB	Completed FAFSA	FAFSA Detail	Data App Submitted	Selected for Verification
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		6/14/2007	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	12/15/2023 06:15:00 PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		12/12/2006	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	1/3/2024 03:17:00 PM	Y
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		3/24/2007	Not Complete	Incomplete FAFSA Application	12/29/2023 11:28:00PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		5/5/2007	No Parent Signature	Missing parent signature on FAFSA	4/29/2024 09:45:00 AM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		2/14/2007	Complete	Complete FAFSA Application	03/17/2024 02:25:00 PM	N
OKLAHOMA CITY	HIGH SCHOOL NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	STUDENT LAST NAME		7/30/2007	Not Complete	Incomplete FAFSA Application	01/29/2024 06:14:00 PM	N

The free FAFSA data portal allows educators to track FAFSA progress, provide targeted assistance, and view date of submission and completion status for high school seniors.

Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal

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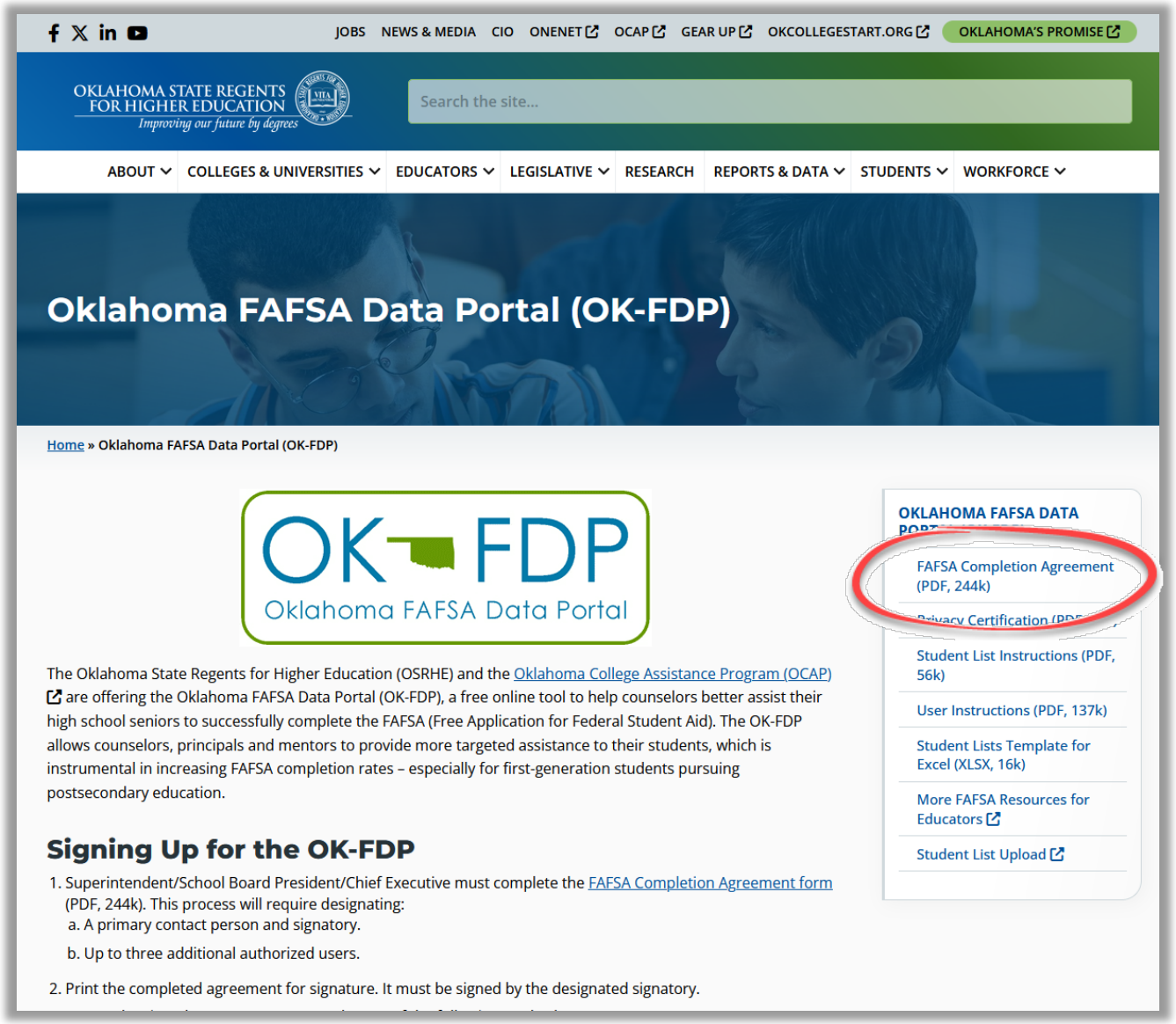

Find step-by-step guidance, links to required forms, and more FAFSA resources on the FAFSA Data Portal website.

OKhighered.org/OK-FDP

Resources

Resources

- Paper form - https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/2024-25-fafsa.pdf
  - (or search for 2024-25 FAFSA pdf)
- How to Delete a FAFSA video (from uAspire) – search for How to Delete 2024-25 FAFSA
- uAspire Cost Calculator - https://www.uaspire.org/calculator
- FSA Information Center: 1.800.433.3243 (1.800.4 FED AID)

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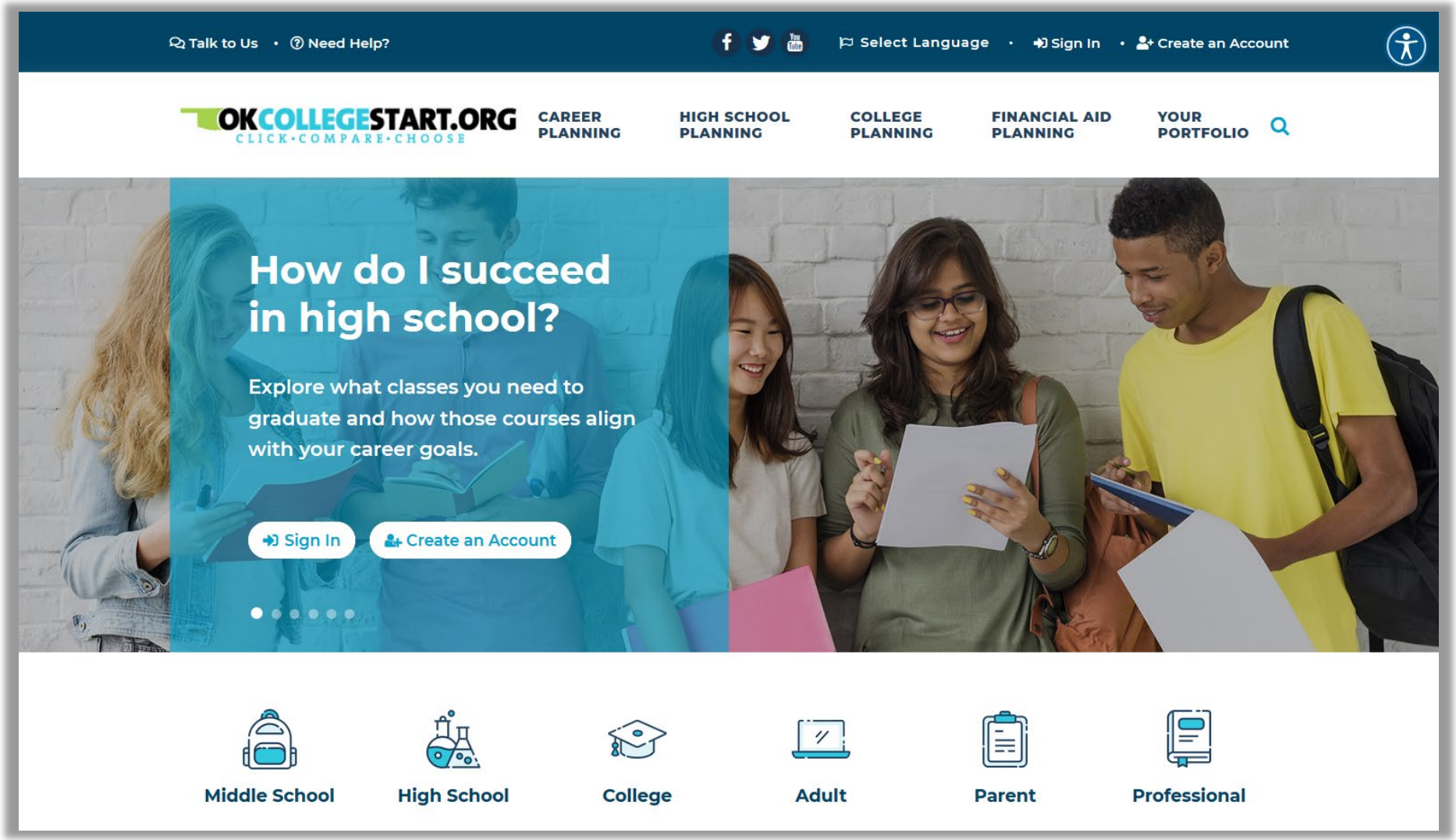
Free FAFSA Completion Resources

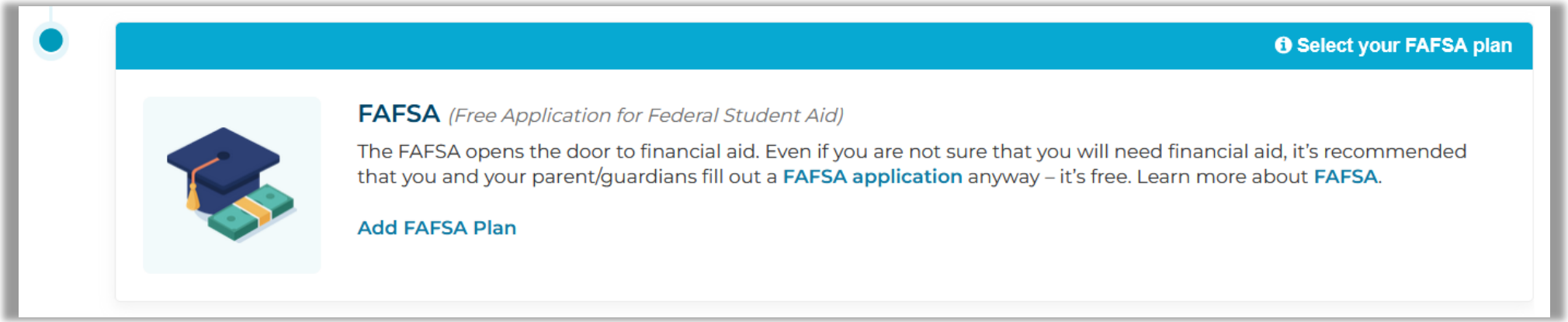
OKcollegestart Changes

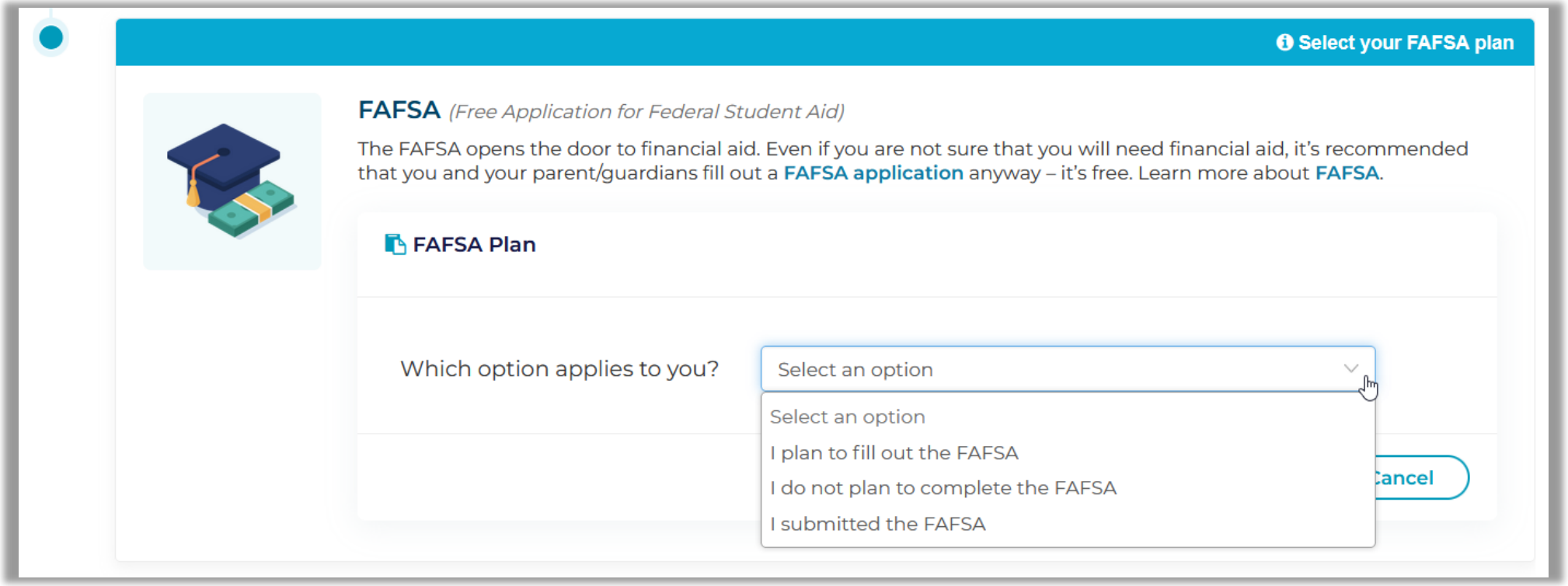


What is OKcollegestart?

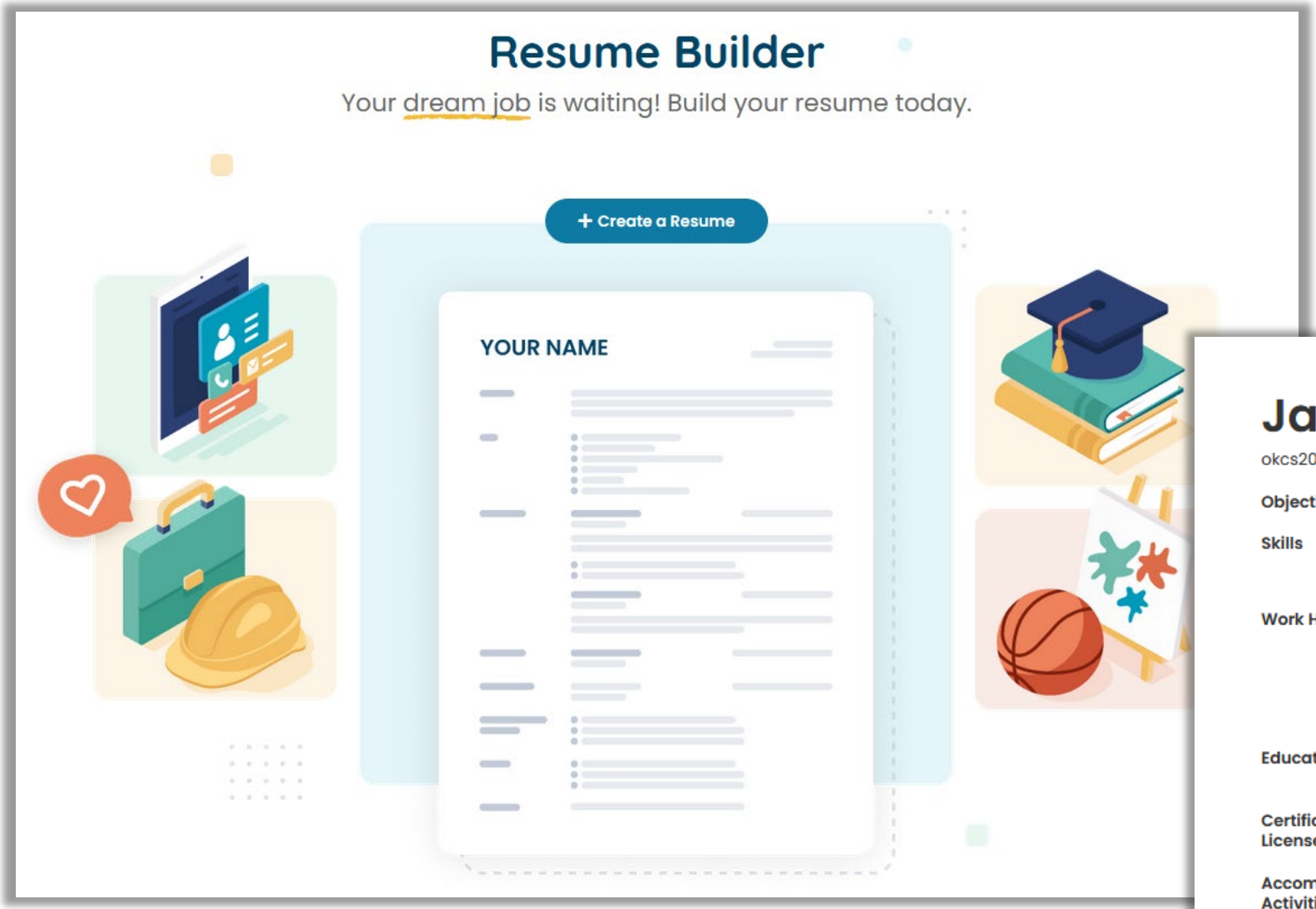
- Accounts for all ages
- Google Translate into 100+ languages
- Mobile friendly
- Oklahoma’s Promise application
- Built in accessibility features

OKcollegestart Features





FAFSA ICAP Activity on OKcollegestart



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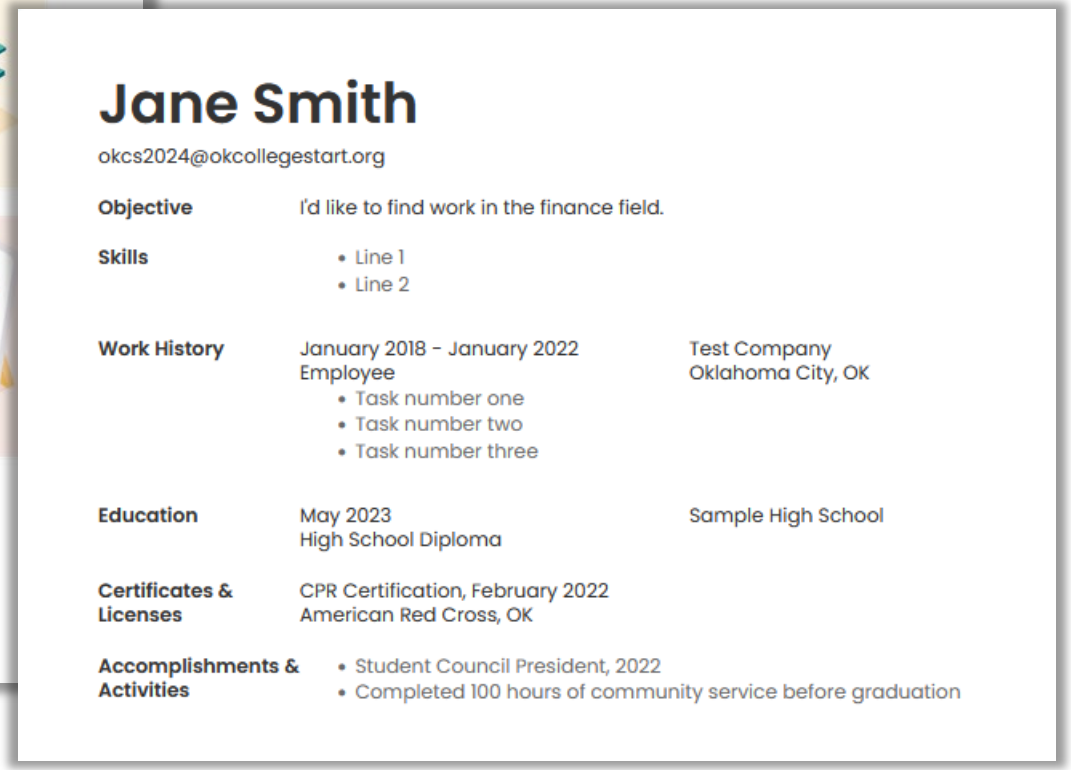


Jane Smith

okcs2024@okcollegestart.org

Objective — I'd like to find work in the finance field.

Skills
- Line 1
- Line 2

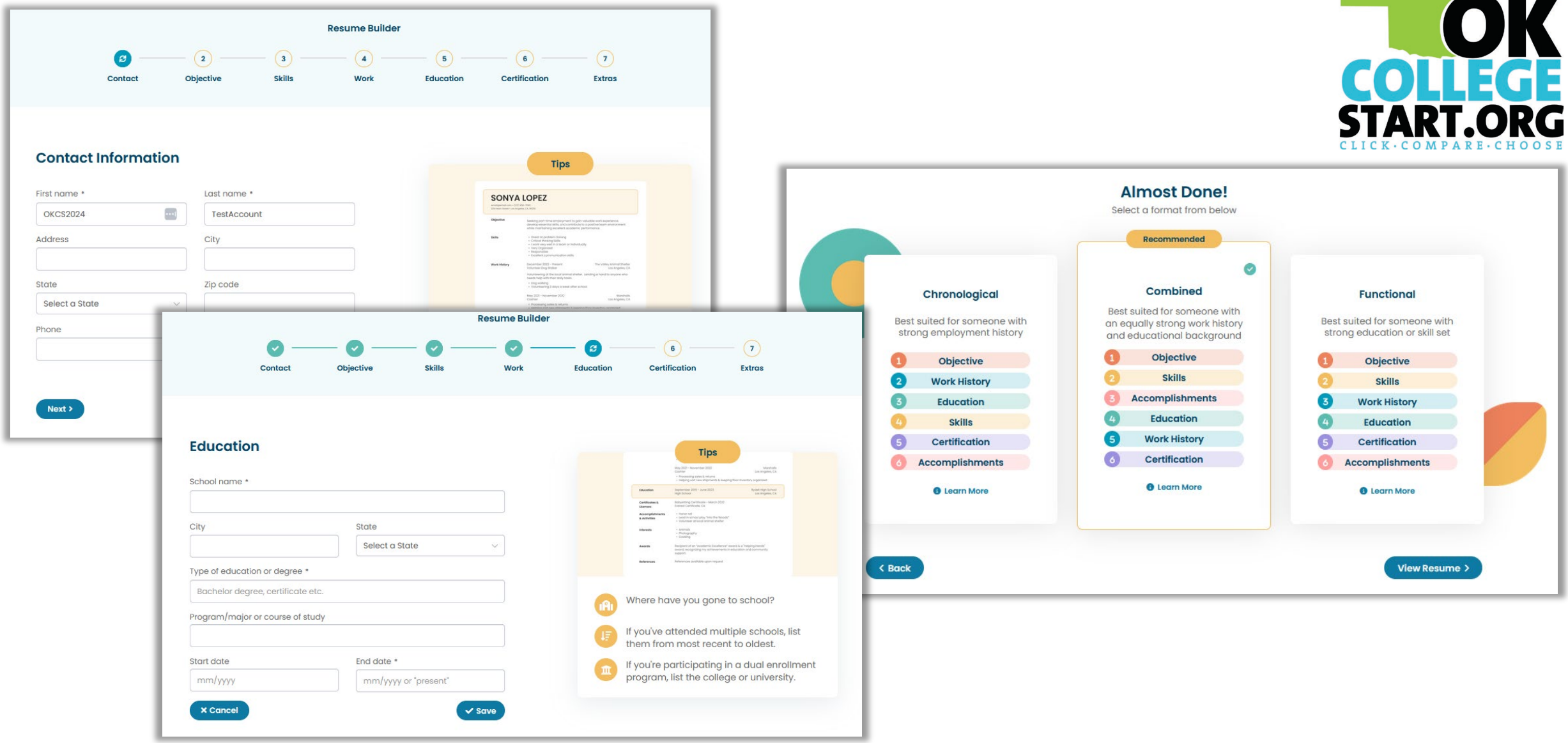
Work History — January 2018 - January 2022 — Test Company
Employee — Oklahoma City, OK
- Task number one
- Task number two
- Task number three

Education — May 2023 — Sample High School
High School Diploma

Certificates & Licenses — CPR Certification, February 2022
American Red Cross, OK

Accomplishments & Activities
- Student Council President, 2022
- Completed 100 hours of community service before graduation

Resume Builder Redesign



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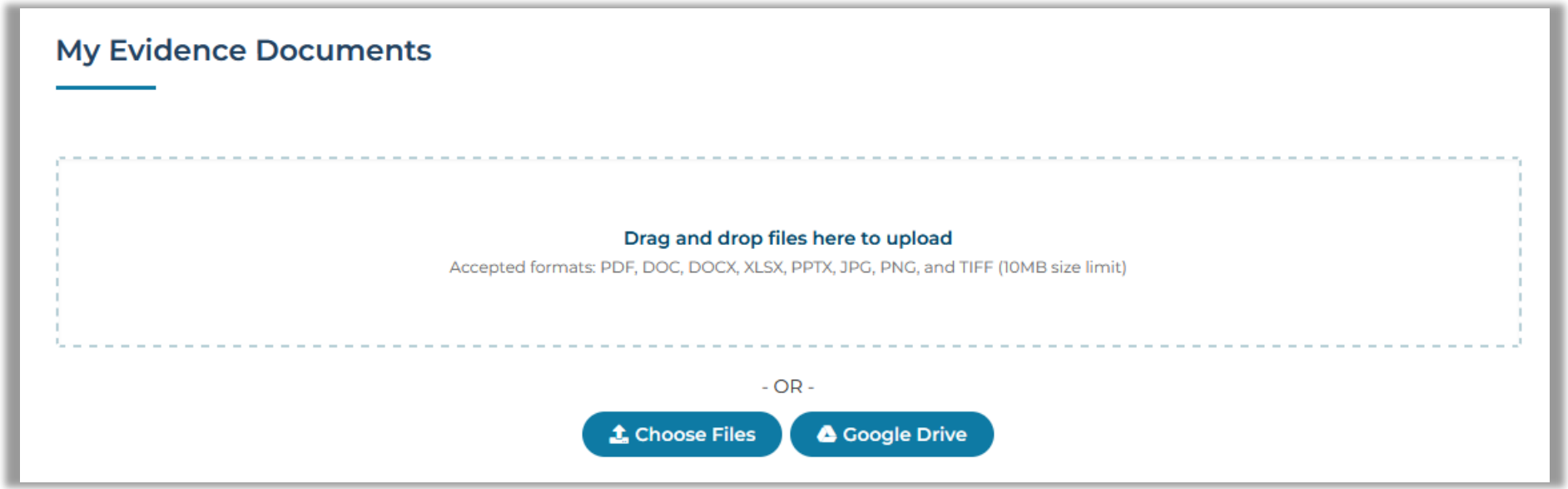
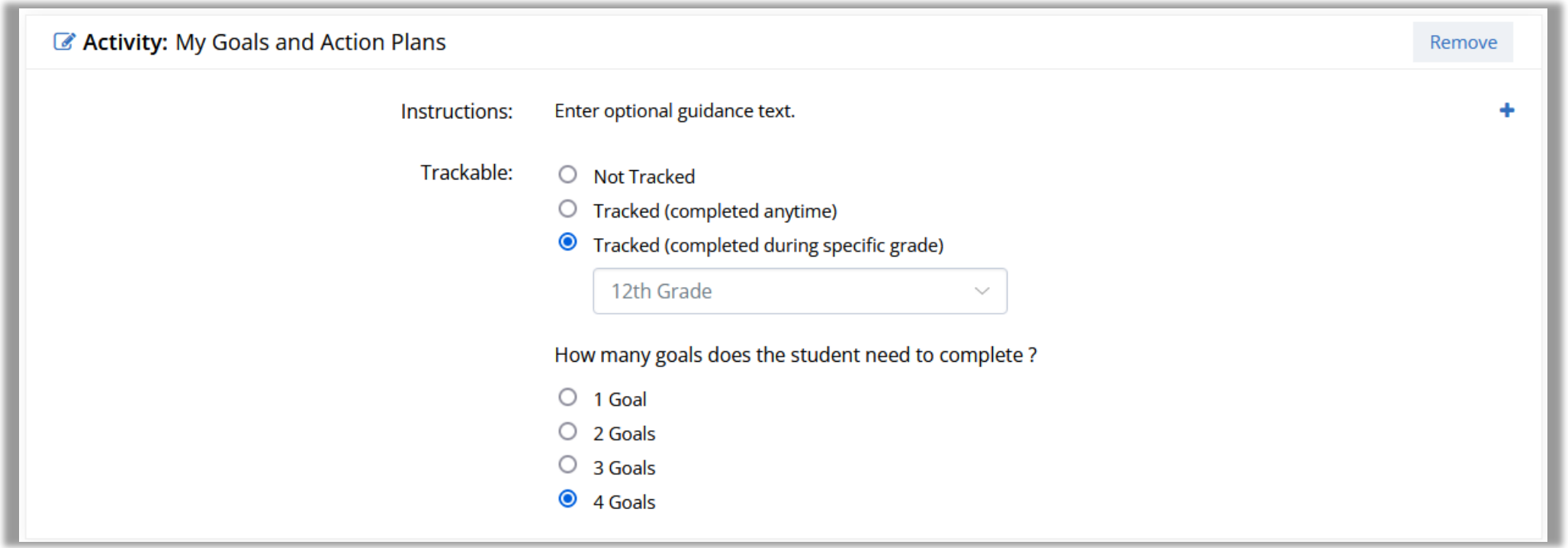


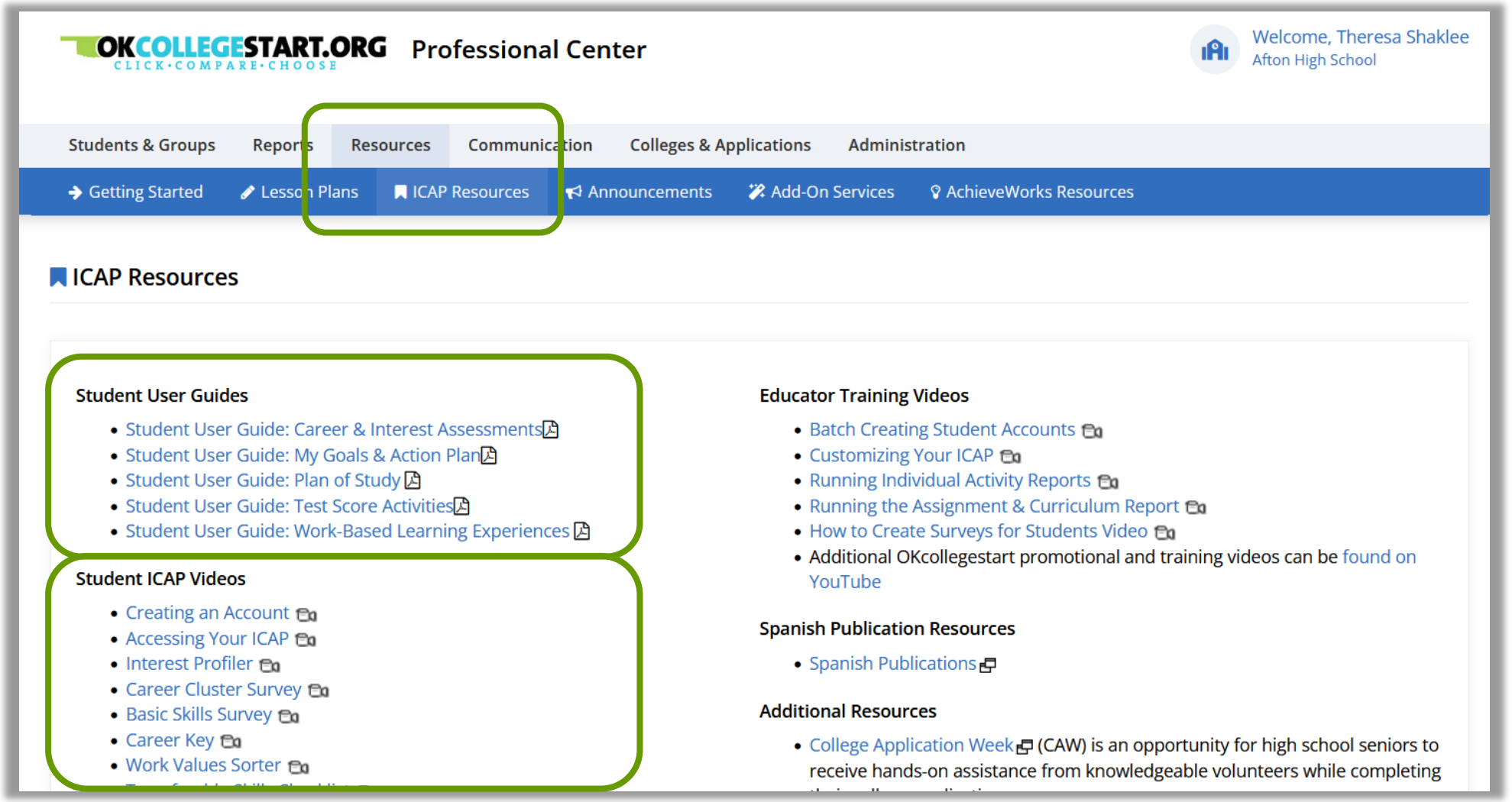
- **Google Drive** upload will expand to other activities in the coming months

Upload Google Drive Files



Tip: Add instructions so students know they need to have four goals set before the activity will be marked complete.

Require 4 Goals on My Goals



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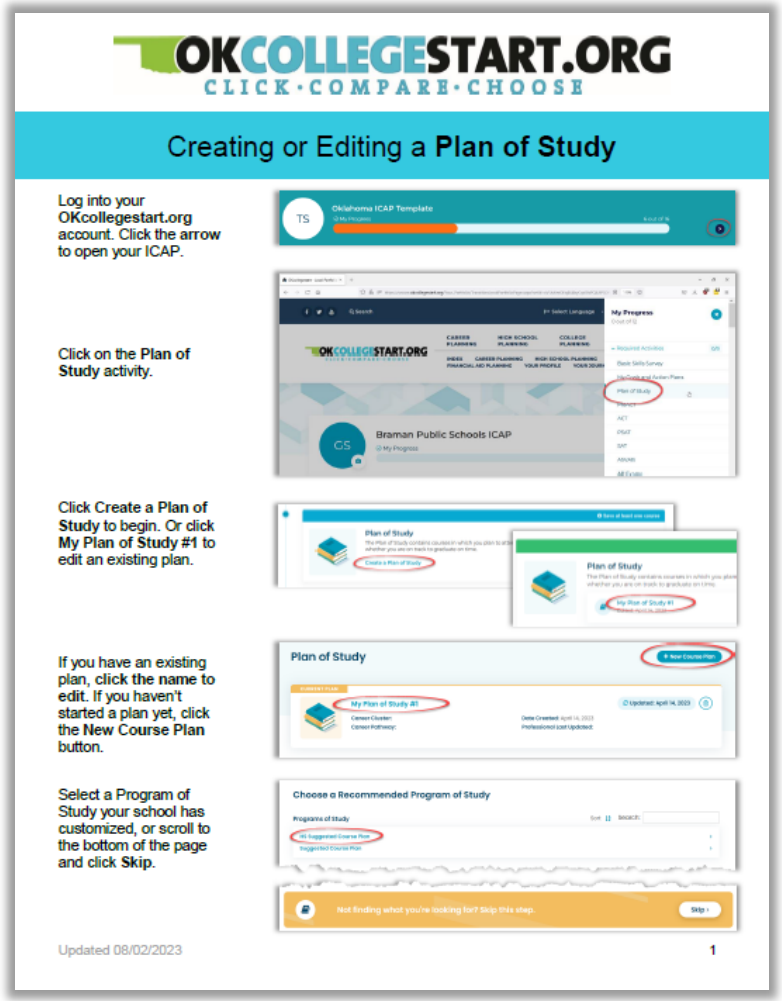

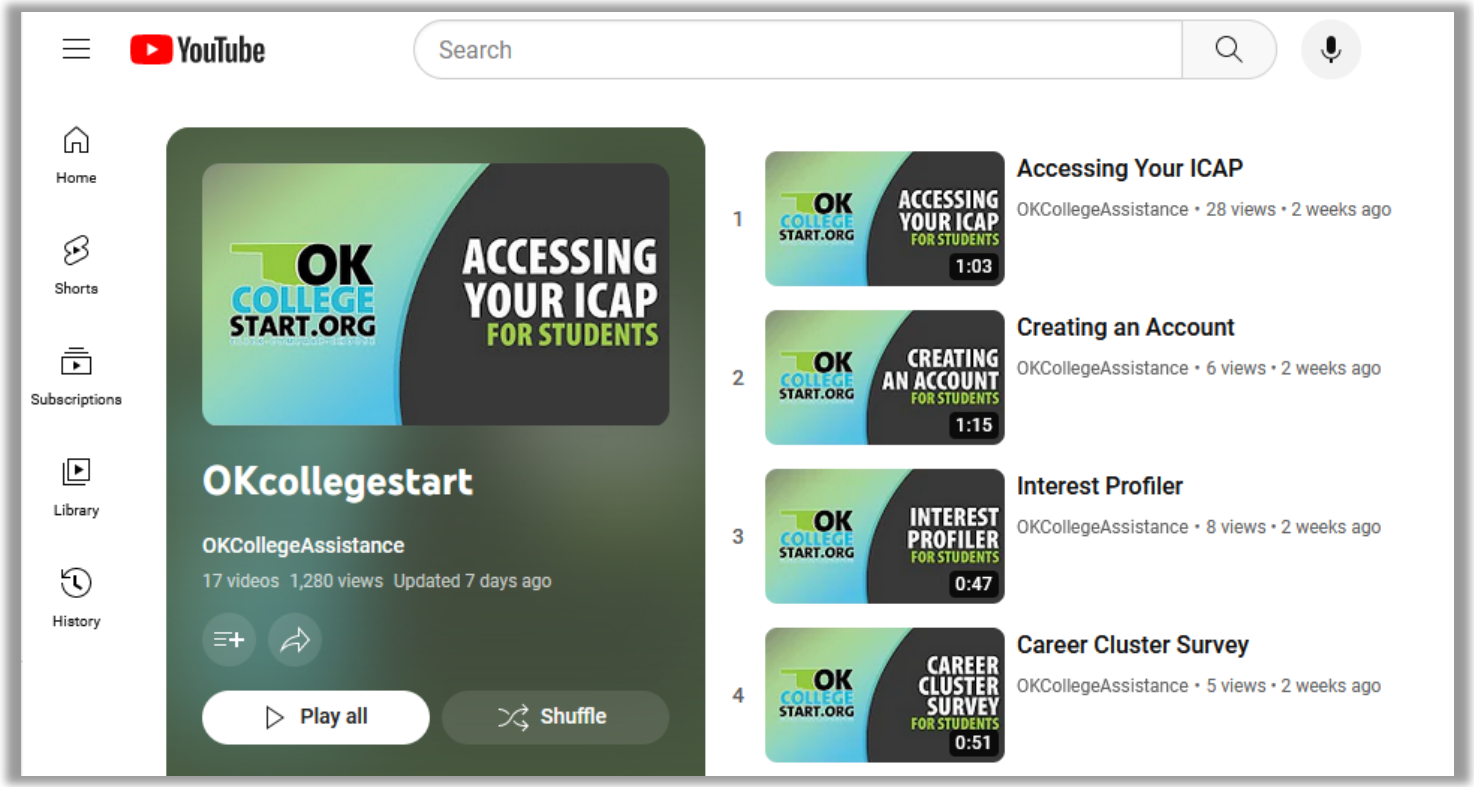

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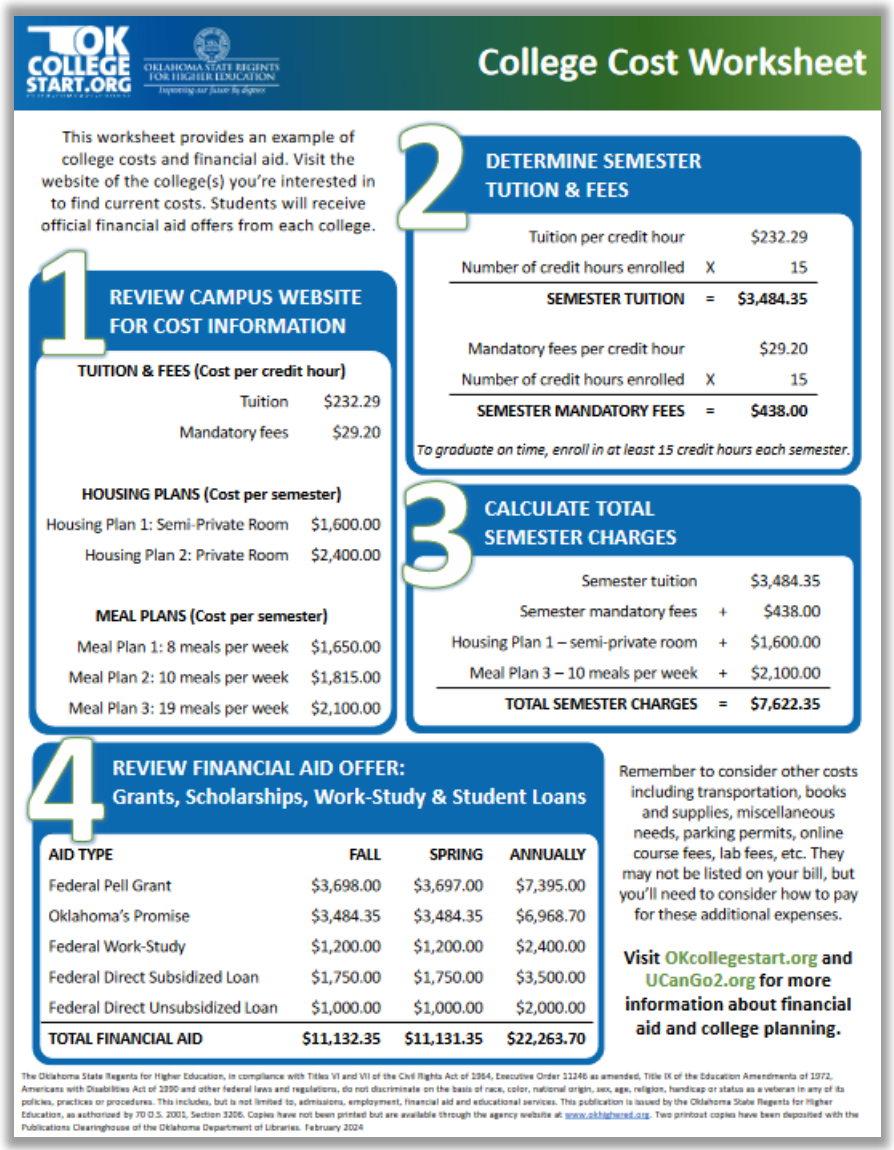

College Cost Worksheet

This worksheet provides an example of college costs and financial aid. Visit the website of the college(s) you're interested in to find current costs. Students will receive official financial aid offers from each college.

1 REVIEW CAMPUS WEBSITE FOR COST INFORMATION

TUITION & FEES (Cost per credit hour)

Tuition	$232.29
Mandatory fees	$29.20

HOUSING PLANS (Cost per semester)

Housing Plan 1: Semi-Private Room	$1,600.00
Housing Plan 2: Private Room	$2,400.00

MEAL PLANS (Cost per semester)

Meal Plan 1: 8 meals per week	$1,650.00
Meal Plan 2: 10 meals per week	$1,815.00
Meal Plan 3: 19 meals per week	$2,100.00

2 DETERMINE SEMESTER TUTION & FEES

Tuition per credit hour		$232.29
Number of credit hours enrolled	X	15
SEMESTER TUITION	=	**$3,484.35**
Mandatory fees per credit hour		$29.20
Number of credit hours enrolled	X	15
SEMESTER MANDATORY FEES	=	**$438.00**

To graduate on time, enroll in at least 15 credit hours each semester.

3 CALCULATE TOTAL SEMESTER CHARGES

Semester tuition		$3,484.35
Semester mandatory fees	+	$438.00
Housing Plan 1 – semi-private room	+	$1,600.00
Meal Plan 3 – 10 meals per week	+	$2,100.00
TOTAL SEMESTER CHARGES	=	**$7,622.35**

4 REVIEW FINANCIAL AID OFFER: Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study & Student Loans

AID TYPE	FALL	SPRING	ANNUALLY
Federal Pell Grant	$3,698.00	$3,697.00	$7,395.00
Oklahoma's Promise	$3,484.35	$3,484.35	$6,968.70
Federal Work-Study	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$2,400.00
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	$1,750.00	$1,750.00	$3,500.00
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID	**$11,132.35**	**$11,131.35**	**$22,263.70**

Remember to consider other costs including transportation, books and supplies, miscellaneous needs, parking permits, online course fees, lab fees, etc. They may not be listed on your bill, but you'll need to consider how to pay for these additional expenses.

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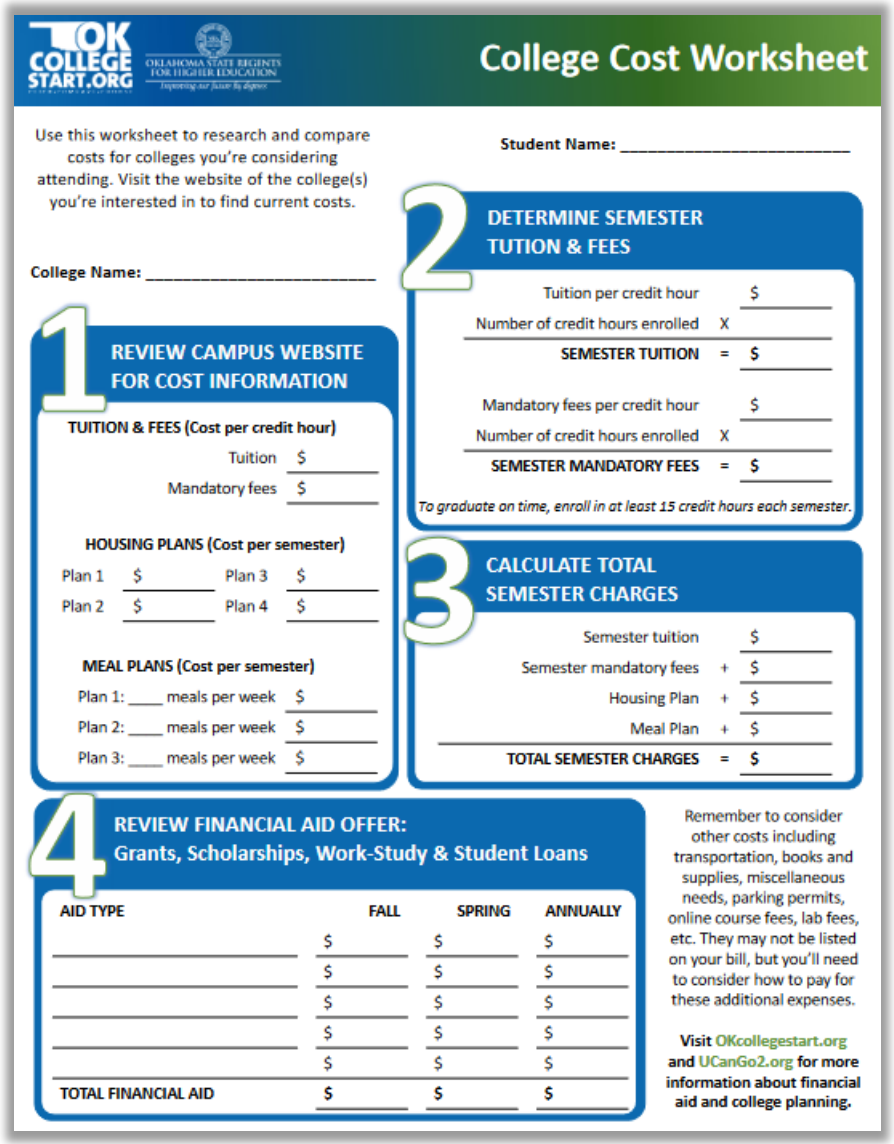

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Plan 2	$	Plan 4	$

MEAL PLANS (Cost per semester)

Plan 1: ___ meals per week	$
Plan 2: ___ meals per week	$
Plan 3: ___ meals per week	$

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SEMESTER MANDATORY FEES	=	**$**

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