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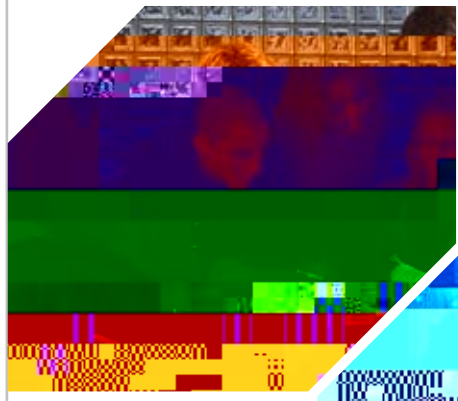
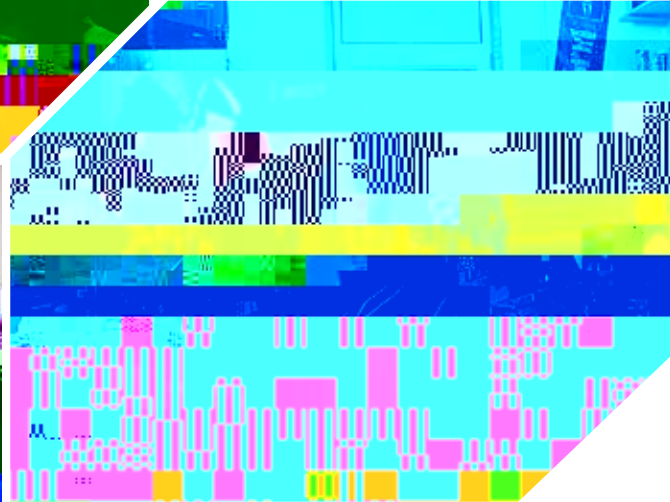


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"I've been participating in as many extracurricular activities as I can, whether it's baseball and football or debate and student council. I also make sure I maintain high grades in school. These two together greatly improve my chances of receiving both financial aid and/or scholarships."

Get a job? Doing what? Go to college or a trade school? Which one?

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 and mentors who can help you



That's some serious money. I don't think I can expect my parents to pay for all of that, so I've made sure I have a job every summer, and I've worked hard on my grades."

College is a big expense, but you don't have to break the bank on your way toward reaching your goals. If you think you can't afford college, there are a lot of resources to help make it more affordable. Options range from colleges themselves, to state and federal governments, to civic groups, foundations, businesses and community organizations. Today, more than half of those attending college in the U.S. receive some form of financial aid. Here's a sampling of funding sources:

If you and your family haven't started saving yet, now's the time to start. College savings can have tax advantages for your parents and, in Alaska, you can automatically save your Permanent Fund dividends by designating them to a college savings plan on the PFD application.

This is money that usually comes from a financial institution such as a bank, or from state or federal programs, and must be paid back.

Many students have jobs in college. Working helps you earn money and can give you a chance to explore your interests. You can also work on campus or in the community. Some students work in retail, food service, or as tutors. Others work in research or in the arts. Working can help you pay for your education and gain valuable experience.

Both are money that doesn't have to be paid back. Grants generally are based on your and your parents' income, while scholarships are awarded to students meeting special requirements or demonstrating special talents such as outstanding academic performance in high school or athletic ability. University of Alaska Scholars Awards are available to the top 10 percent of graduating seniors from all qualified high schools in the state.

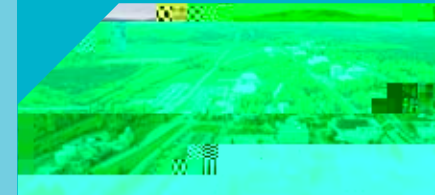
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"Being in a different part of the state with my peers is something I really look forward to. It's a new experience. I'm looking at another four years before you get your high school diploma, and somebody's telling you that you need to go to even more school after that?"

ports like basketball, hockey, volleyball

opportunities

location



You may already know that thousands of high school graduates from Alaska choose UA for its excellent academic, athletic, social and cultural programs. But did you know that UA offers plenty of cultural variety and diversity, too? That one out of every 10 students at UA is from somewhere else ... from Maine to Missouri and Panama to Poland? **It's your choice.**

Did you know that UA is as close - or as far away - as you want it to be? That with three main campuses and a network of community campuses and extension centers, you can attend UA around the corner or across the state? That through exchange programs

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a year or so

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and associated campuses

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all 4 years of high school

freshman year

SES in required subjects

and electives.

Get INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AND EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

junior year



Pull out this sheet & keep it as a reminder of your high school game plan.