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That's how much more the U.S. government estimates a college graduate can earn in a lifetime over someone who doesn't go any further than high school. And today, most of the new jobs in the U.S. require more than a high school education.

But money's not the only reason to go to college. Odds are you'll find a job even without a college degree, but what kind of job? Will it be a job you choose, or one you have to settle for?

At college, you'll gain a better understanding of science and technology, of your community and your world. You'll fine-tune your ability to think and express yourself, to make decisions on and off the job. College can help put you in charge of your career and your life.

Senior Year

MEET WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR to explore colleges and their requirements, and make sure you're taking the right classes.

- TAKE THE PSAT to prepare for the SAT and ACT and to notify schools of your interest in them. You can also take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) starting this year.
- EXPLORE COLLEGES ON THE WEB, or tie a campus visit into vacation plans.

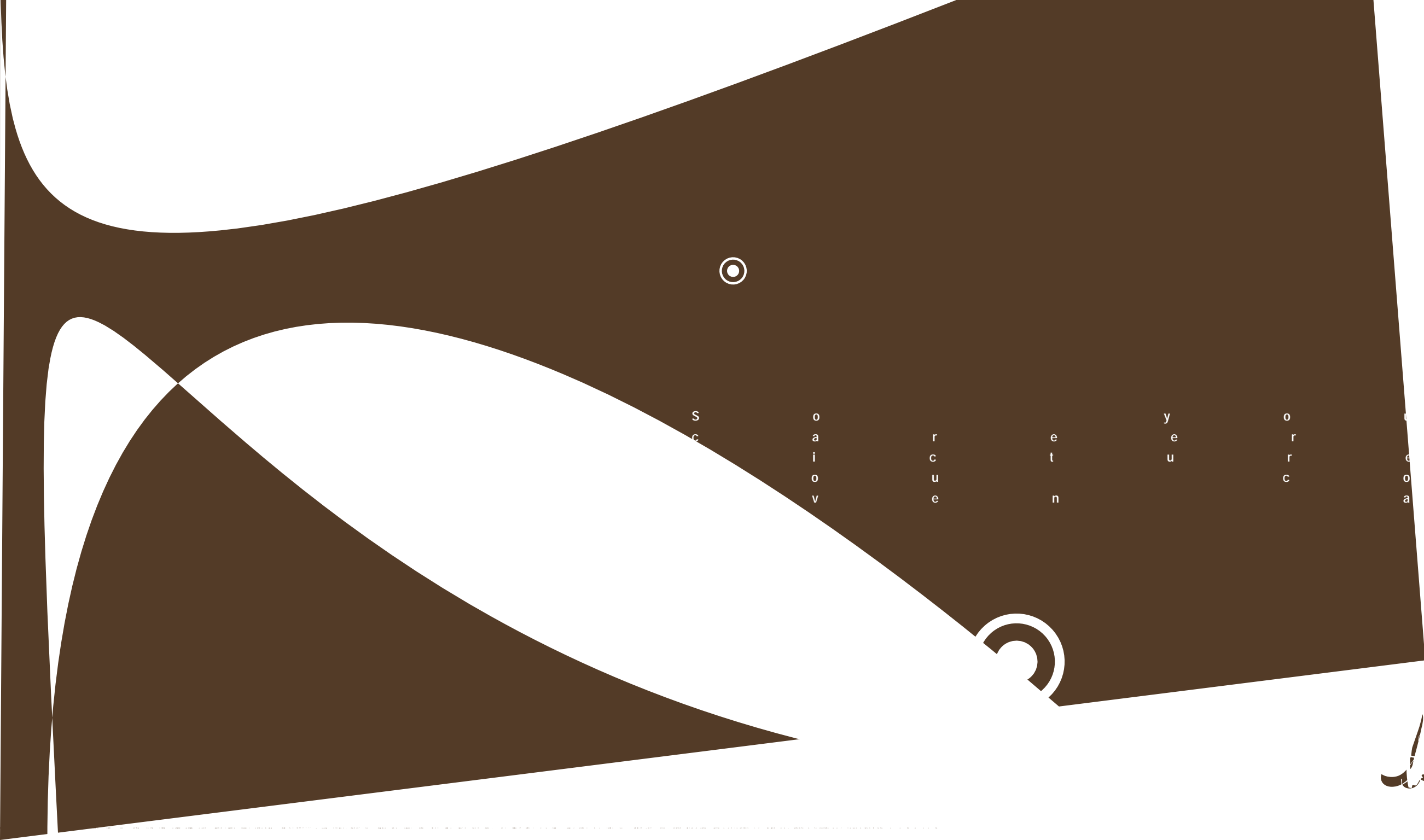
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Get a job to earn money for college.

Take AP classes in required subjects and electives.

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4 DO I NEED TO TAKE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Requirements vary from school to school. Generally you'll need:

- 4 years of English (including composition)
- 3-4 years of math

