

Adult Student College Prep Checklist



- LOOK INTO GETTING A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; TRY SEARCHING ONLINE FOR "HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENT AND YOUR STATE'S NAME"
- ASK EMPLOYERS TO RECOMMEND SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE TRAINING IN THE SKILLS YOU WILL NEED FOR THE CAREER YOU CHOOSE
- USE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS
- APPLY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID BY FILLING OUT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) FORM
- USE THE ONLINE COLLEGE SCORECARD TO COMPARE SCHOOLS' ANNUAL COSTS, GRADUATION RATE, AND MEDIAN SALARY AFTER ATTENDING
- UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS AND PRIVATE LOANS
- SEE HOW YOU MIGHT BENEFIT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES
- RESEARCH CAREERS AND THE NEED FOR VARIOUS JOBS ONLINE IN THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK
- USE THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS' ONLINE COLLEGE NAVIGATOR TOOL
- ASK YOUR EMPLOYER IF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU PAY FOR SCHOOL
- GET TO KNOW THE FINANCIAL AID STAFF AT THE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND; THEY CAN HELP YOU WITH AID APPLICATIONS AND EXPLAIN THE TYPES OF AID AVAILABLE
- LEARN ABOUT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR YOUR EDUCATION
- USE THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU'S ONLINE FINANCIAL PATH TO GRADUATION TOOL TO DETERMINE EACH SCHOOL'S NET PRICE - YOUR ACTUAL OUT-OF-POCKET COST



IN THE FUTURE I WANT TO BE...

**SERVING STUDENTS IN PINELLAS COUNTY,
PINELLAS ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
(PATHE) AT THE
USF ST. PETERBURG CAMPUS PROVIDES
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR K-12
STUDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DIFFERENT
OPPORTUNITIES POST HIGH SCHOOL.**

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE GOALS!**

**SCAN BELOW TO
RECIEVE MORE
INFORMATION!**

