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You Say You Wanna Go to College...?

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Fonzworth Bentley puts the cool in college.

Bright and Early

Many colleges accept early applications beginning on November 1. It may be years before you pay attention to that deadline, but it's never too early to start thinking about what colleges require.

- **Classes** - College applications require a *high school transcript*, which lists the classes you took and the grades you earned. Talk to your school counselor about the classes you should be taking and work hard. It's better to challenge yourself with tougher classes than slide by in easier ones.
- **Writing Skills** - Colleges want students with excellent *writing skills and personalities*. For this reason, most applications call for essays about your goals, skills and influencers. Get in the habit of rereading your work to check for correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

True or False?

Question #5: If I haven't heard of a college or university, it can't be very good.

To learn why this is almost always false, check out the KnowHow2Go Web site. For more myths about college and financial aid, click the links below:

[Myths for Middle Schoolers](#)

[Myths for Freshmen](#)

[Myths for Sophomores](#)

[Myths for Juniors](#)

[Myths for Seniors](#)

- **Test Preparation** - Odds are you'll have to take *at least one standardized test* this year. The best way to prepare is to study, know the work and take the right courses. Many schools will want to see your test results along with your application. Find out if "practice tests" are available through your school.
- **Extracurricular Activities** - Colleges want students who are well-rounded and dedicated. Once your schoolwork is finished, think about the activities you enjoy and join a club, play a sport or volunteer in your community.
- **Letters of Recommendation** - Most college applications include *letters of recommendation from a teacher and guidance counselor*. Start building relationships with caring adults like coaches, community or faith-based leaders and teachers now.

To check out the application Fonzworth Bentley had to fill out for Morehouse College, click [here](#)

Not Going to College Can be SCARY

This isn't a Halloween trick. Over a lifetime, a high school dropout working full time will earn \$300,000 less than a high school graduate and more than \$1 million less than a college graduate. It's easy to see that if you want to do well, graduating is what you've got to do first. Here are a few more good reasons why you should stay in school:

- High school dropouts are four times more likely than college graduates to be unemployed.
- Graduating from high school will most likely determine how well you live for the rest of your life.
- On average, high school graduates earn \$175 more per week than high school dropouts. College graduates earn \$368 more per week than high school graduates.

The big lesson here? You've got a lot to lose by giving up and everything to gain by being serious about school. For more good reasons to go to college, click [here](#).

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