Help Juniors Plan for College and Earn Scholarships from Home

At this challenging time for students, families, and educators, your health and safety are our No. 1 priorities. The disruption from school closings is hard to navigate, but like you we’re committed to ensuring juniors don’t lose college planning momentum.

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships program guides students through important steps in the college planning process at their own pace at home. When students take the first two steps—exploring colleges and practicing for the SAT—they’ll qualify for $500 and $1,000 scholarships just by getting ready for college. And they don’t even have to get off the couch.

Use this resource to tell your students about the program and help them complete the first two steps.

1. LEARN MORE

Juniors who complete the first two steps of the College Board Opportunity Scholarships are eligible for the $500 Build Your College List and $1,000 Practice for the SAT scholarships.

- Watch this video for a program overview and to learn how students can sign up at cb.org/opportunity.
- Review the educator guide and educator flyer to see what each step requires of students and how they experience the program.

2. INTRODUCE THE PROGRAM

- If you hold video calls with students, share your screen and use these slides to talk about the program.

- Virtually post or assign this handout, which shows students how to sign up for the program and complete the first 2 steps.
3. HELP STUDENTS BUILD A COLLEGE LIST

Students become eligible for a $500 scholarship when they explore colleges and create a list of 6 or more schools on BigFuture™.

- Share this 30-second video that shows students where to start.
- Share this resource, which shows students how to build a college list step by step on BigFuture.

4. SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH SAT PRACTICE

Students become eligible for a $1,000 scholarship when they practice for at least 6 hours with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy™.

- Advise students to sign into their existing Khan Academy account or create a new account, link their Khan Academy and College Board accounts, and send their scores (PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT®, or SAT) to access personalized practice recommendations.
- Encourage students to follow their practice recommendations on Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy. They can build up skills to take a full-length test—an ideal way to practice content that will serve them well in high school and beyond.
- Get familiar with Official SAT Practice coaching tools, which you can use to create a class and track student progress.
- Students can review each practice question to see step-by-step solutions and in-depth explanations. Direct students to hundreds of videos and articles to help them work through problems and learn test-taking strategies.

5. STAY CONNECTED

- Ask students to let you know what steps they complete, such as building their college list (e.g., send you an email, take and send a photo of My Action Plan once complete, hold small-group or one-on-one phone calls to share college lists with you).
- Use this tracker to record student participation throughout the program.
- Send deadline reminders to students each month for Build Your College List (final deadline: July 31) and Practice for the SAT (final deadline: October 31).