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| HOW TO FIND A GREAT SUMMER JOBSummer break is a great time to earn money for college. Even better than a summer job or internship is an opportunity to gain work experience and skills. The experience may spark a new passion or help students decide that a particular area or topic isn't a good fit for them. Tips for finding a summer job:**Think about goals.** Help your child figure out what they want to get out of the summer so they can focus their search.**Tap into personal connections.** Encourage your teen to talk to family, friends, and teachers who can connect them with people who can help.**Look for resources at school.** Do the counselors have suggestions for a job search? Does the school have a job listing and internship board?**Find local resources.** Find local employers online or by asking around your neighborhood. **Create an internship.** Offer services for free. An internship is a great way to learn skills, explore a career, and make professional contacts. **Become an entrepreneur.** Your child could start a business using their skills and experience, such as walking dogs, mowing lawns, or tutoring. **Expand a current job.** If your child already has a job you like, consider taking on more duties there. Use the summer to gain more experience and knowledge. **Volunteer.** Volunteering is a great way to learn about oneself and others. |  |  | *Enter Summer Opportunities*  | ***Enter Summer Opportunities*** |
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| STUDENT CHECKLIST* Plan to use your summer wisely: Work, volunteer, or take a summer course (away or at a local college).
* Participate in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts, science, etc.
* Save a percentage of any summer earnings to the account.
 |  |  | MYTHBUSTER**MYTH:** Community college is just an extension of high school.**REALITY**: Community college is college. It requires skills gained in high school. While community colleges provide higher education for all, they have standards that students must meet to advance academically.You can help your child take challenging classes and bring their skills — especially in English and math — up to the level expected for success in college. That way, your child can avoid having to take remedial classes in college and not have to pay for them.. |
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| FAMILY CHECKLIST * This summer, help your child stay involved with camps, programs, volunteering, or even a job. Combat boredom and prevent learning loss by insisting your teen stay on a (somewhat) regular schedule, participating in summer programs, volunteering, or finding a job (even mowing lawns or babysitting!).
* Set up a college savings plan if you haven’t already. Talk to your local bank or credit union about setting up a college savings account for your student. Encourage your child to contribute a percentage of summer earnings to the account.
* If possible, visit college campuses while on vacation. If you are on vacation near a college, stop by to walk around and have lunch at a dining hall or near campus. Many schools offer free tours even in summer.
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