

## To Do List For Adult Students:

- \_\_ Don't have a high school diploma? Complete a GED certificate.
- \_\_ Research jobs and careers through the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* at [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- \_\_ Use sites like College Navigator ([www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)) or Ohio Career Information Systems ([www.ocis.org](http://www.ocis.org)) to find the right school for your intentions.
- \_\_ Contact employers to recommend schools that provide training in the skills you will need for your choice career.
- \_\_ Ask employer if assistance is available to help you pay for school.
- \_\_ Check out scholarship searching sites, like U.S. Department of Labor's scholarship search at [www.careerinfonet.org/scholarship](http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarship) search or through College Now and OCIS.
- \_\_ Apply for federal student aid with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- \_\_ Get to know the financial aid and admissions staff at the school you plan to enroll to finalize your enrollment and breakdown of aid available.

### Extra Help:

- U.S. Department of Labor's career search at [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org) if you're not sure about a career.
- Get your money's worth out of your education. Be informed on costs and aid. [www.studentaid.gov/resources#consumer-protection](http://www.studentaid.gov/resources#consumer-protection)
- Breakdown on the different types of federal funding: [www.studentaid.gov/types](http://www.studentaid.gov/types)
- The differences between federal student loans and private loans: [www.studentaid.gov/federal-vs-private](http://www.studentaid.gov/federal-vs-private)
- To determine which loans to accept and how much to borrow: [www.studentaid.gov/types/loans](http://www.studentaid.gov/types/loans)
- Read IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to see how you might benefit from federal income tax credits for education expenses.

