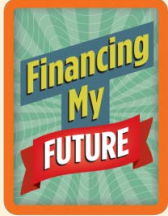


## Financing My Future



### Badge Overview

Declare your dreams for your educational future and then figure out how to finance them so you can start planning thoughtfully for your future. When you've earned this badge, you'll have a plan for your educational future—including ideas on how to pay for it.

### Badge Components

#### 1. Declare your dreams

Think about your dreams and goals, and which career you want to explore. Earn this step by finding someone successful in that career and find out how they got their start. Specifically, what is their educational/training background?

#### 2. Decide what you need and want

There are many things to consider when looking at your educational options.

- Earn this step by creating a list of the features that are important to you, and rank them from most to least important. Consider things such as location, program-offerings, campus life, student organizations, safety, and student support.

#### 3. Go comparison shopping

With your parent's permission, earn this step by heading online to find 3 different options of school's that may be right for you based on your features list. You can look at vocational or technical schools, community colleges, public, or even private colleges and universities. Look at their websites and photos, and many may even offer virtual tours!

#### 4. Explore your financial aid options

Earn this step by first heading to this [webpage](#) to see the different financial aid options there are to fund your education. Then, conduct a scholarship search to find 5 scholarships you could apply for in the future.

- Did you know that Gold Award Girl Scouts can apply for special scholarships? Check them out on GSSEF's website [here](#).

#### 5. Build a blueprint for your future

Earn this step by completing the [worksheet](#) with your Education Blueprint. High school graduation and the next steps, but it is important to start laying the groundwork for your future!

### Materials

- Access to internet
- Something to write with
- [My Education Blueprint Worksheet](#)

### Florida Educational Standards

The content of all Girl Scout national proficiency Badges and Journeys have been correlated by grade level to national and state learning objectives.

[Click here](#) for more information on how Girl Scout Badge-work supports Florida's educational standards.



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