

**Congratulations Keegan! You have completed the College and Money course.**

Now that you've completed this course on College and Money, we've got a few action items for you to review to keep you moving forward.

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### Action Items

1. **Review your financial aid award and know your school's value.** Take a moment to check in on your financial aid award from your school and think about your school's value. Here are a few questions to consider:

- ☐ Is this a vocational, 2-year or 4-year college?
- ☐ What is the graduation rate?
- ☐ What is the cost of attendance?
- ☐ What is the total financial aid award?
- ☐ How much of the financial aid award is made up of grants or scholarships for the entire year?
- ☐ How much of the financial aid award is made up of loans for the entire year?
- ☐ If you received the same financial aid for four years, how much you have borrowed in student loans?

If you're not yet enrolled in a college or university, use the federal [College Scorecard](#) to better estimate if the school is financially fit for you.

You can also compare your financial aid awards. The [CFPB](#) and [College Board](#) both provide interactive tools to assist you in comparisons.

2. **Develop your academic plan.** Want to make sure you keep on track with your academics and your finances? Create an academic plan and use the plan during your yearly checkup. The academic planning tool can be accessed by clicking the arrow on the right side of the page, or click on "Academic Planning Tool" in the navigation pane.

Use our [Degree Completion Plan](#) to think about all of the elements important to developing your academic plan. Then, use our Academic Plan Tool to create and adjust your plan.

3. **Schedule your checkup reminders.** Schedule reminders to check in on your academic map, your career plan, and your financial aid. As you use our Academic Plan Tool, sync these reminders to your phone and send yourself reminder text messages. And remember, never borrow more in student loans than you expect to make with your annual starting salary!