

## #Take5 For Your Future

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### 5-10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Complete the Work Values inventory** to discover what kind of work environment and office culture will best match up with your personal values.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Values](http://bit.ly/NS_Values)
- Learn about how you can start earning** micro-scholarships from colleges (as early as 9th grade) by cataloging your high school achievements.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_RaiseMe](http://bit.ly/NS_RaiseMe)
- Check out scholarship opportunities** offered by the Idaho State Board of Education and figure out which one (or more) you're eligible to apply for.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Scholarship](http://bit.ly/NS_Scholarship)
- Create a FAFSA ID** so you can electronically sign and submit your financial aid application when it's complete.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FAFSAID](http://bit.ly/NS_FAFSAID)
- Watch a video** to help you think about how you'll manage money in the future.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_ManagingMoney](http://bit.ly/NS_ManagingMoney)
- Look at the Next Steps Idaho calendar** and find a college or career exploration event you might want to attend. Put it in your phone calendar and invite your family to join you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Events](http://bit.ly/NS_Events)
- Sign up to get connected** with a college recruiter at the Idaho college that interests you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CollegeDirectory](http://bit.ly/NS_CollegeDirectory)

- Read up on the direct admissions initiative** from the Idaho State Board of Education and Idaho's colleges and universities.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Admissions](http://bit.ly/NS_Admissions)
- Consider the questions** you might want to ask your counselor.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Counselor\\_Questions](http://bit.ly/NS_Counselor_Questions)

### 10-15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Visit your new Next Steps Idaho** (grade-level specific) learning plans. Pick one career or college exploration activity to complete.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CareerInfo](http://bit.ly/NS_CareerInfo)
- Take the Future Finder quiz** to learn how your skills and interests might translate to a career.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FutureFinder](http://bit.ly/NS_FutureFinder)
- Take the Learning Styles Survey** to find out how you learn best. The results can help you study more productively.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_LearningStyles](http://bit.ly/NS_LearningStyles)
- Submit a college application** to one or more Idaho colleges and universities.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_ApplyIdaho](http://bit.ly/NS_ApplyIdaho)
- Apply for the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Idaho\\_Opportunity](http://bit.ly/NS_Idaho_Opportunity)
- Learn about college costs** and your options for paying for college.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Cost\\_Estimator](http://bit.ly/NS_Cost_Estimator)

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### 10-15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE (CONT.)

- Review the page for your grade-level** on the Next Steps Idaho website. Download the checklist to see what else you might want to do to stay on track.  
[bit.ly/NextStepsIdaho](http://bit.ly/NextStepsIdaho)
- Search for apprenticeship opportunities** in your area.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Apprentice](http://bit.ly/NS_Apprentice)
- Consider a more hands-on career and technical education.** Discover a program that interests you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Technical\\_Programs](http://bit.ly/NS_Technical_Programs)
- Have you asked yourself, "How do I decide what to do after high school?"** If so, review this advice on the Next Steps Idaho website.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_After\\_HS](http://bit.ly/NS_After_HS)
- Search careers that interest you.** Learn about the training you'll need, understand earning potential and find job openings.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_JobScape](http://bit.ly/NS_JobScape)
- Beef up your resume** and/or scholarship applications. Find one volunteer opportunity in your area that might be of interest to you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Volunteering](http://bit.ly/NS_Volunteering)
- Think you know all** the college/career vocabulary words? Take a look at this list and quiz your friends to master the lingo.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Definitions](http://bit.ly/NS_Definitions)
- Consider the military** and if it might be a good fit for you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Military\\_Careers](http://bit.ly/NS_Military_Careers)
- Review your course plan/transcript** and Idaho's graduation requirements to double-check that you're on course to graduate on time.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Graduation\\_Requirements](http://bit.ly/NS_Graduation_Requirements)
- Locate your EDUID#** by talking to your counselor (you need this to apply to college using the Apply Idaho website).

### 20+ MINUTES TO COMPLETE -----

- Check out Khan Academy** and how their free resources can help you study for the SAT.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_KhanAcademy](http://bit.ly/NS_KhanAcademy)
- Fill out the FAFSA.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_FAFSA\\_Info](http://bit.ly/NS_FAFSA_Info)
- Start writing your resume.**  
[bit.ly/NS\\_Resumes](http://bit.ly/NS_Resumes)
- Read these cover letter writing tips.** Start thinking about how you might turn your experience into a story that will make future employers want to meet you.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CoverLetter](http://bit.ly/NS_CoverLetter)
- Explore your college options** using the Next Steps Idaho College Directory. Pick two schools you might be interested in attending.  
[bit.ly/NS\\_CollegeDirectory](http://bit.ly/NS_CollegeDirectory)
- Talk to your family, friends, and school guidance counselor** about what you are planning for the future. You'll gain clarity with each discussion.