



College Access Advising Support Services  
Helping Wisconsin Students





## Think of us as your support staff

We know you're busy—students need your help in the areas of academic achievement, personal/social development, and career development—and your time is at a premium.

That's where Great Lakes College Access Advisors can help. And the best part is it's free. On behalf of the State of Wisconsin, Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation is administering a federal College Access Challenge Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This grant funds services that will help students and families across the state prepare and pay for college.

**“Do I need to answer all 109 questions on this application?”**

**“What type of financial aid is available for me?”**

**“Which financial aid offer is best for me?”**

**“Where can I find free money to go to school?”**

**“How can I get my child ready for college?”**

**“How can I prepare for the ACT?”**

## Call on us for services that support you

Students and parents can ask a lot of questions. We can help answer their questions, as well as yours. Our services provide more than just help with financial aid. They provide you, your students, and their families with support at critical steps on the path to college. We can be involved as little or as much as you like—it's your call.

Inside you'll find the menu of support services that our advisors can provide anytime throughout the year. Whether you need help on a particular topic or would like to take advantage of all we offer, our team is available to share their expertise and draw upon our experience helping millions of students from all backgrounds gain access to college.

Call on your College Access Advisor today to bring any of our free services to your school.

Helping your students is as easy as selecting the workshops you want to provide and contacting your College Access Advisor to schedule them. We can work together to build a comprehensive program or offer individual sessions to best fit your needs. We are here to help.

## Instruction Workshops

### Plan Your Collegeland Adventure Early

- Takes an early look at what it takes to get to college
- Covers what students can start doing now to prepare for college

### Financial Aid for Your Collegeland Adventure

- Provides a look at the types of financial aid available
- Walks students through the process of how to apply and how financial aid is awarded

### From Good Grades to Skateboarding, There's A College Scholarship for You

- Provides details on how to search for scholarships and tips on completing the applications
- Covers the importance of scholarships when it comes to affording college

### What Every Parent Needs to Know About Getting Their Kid Into College

- Explains what parents can do to help their children prepare for college at every grade level
- Topics include setting expectations, preparing academically, researching and applying to colleges, and financial aid

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### Applying to College and Acing the Admissions Process

- Helps students learn what to expect when completing college applications
- Provides tips on application best practices and what to keep in mind when choosing a college

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### Money 411

- Encourages students to gain a better understanding of their finances now to help them be successful later
- Aligned with Wisconsin's Financial Literacy Standards

### The ACT and SAT: Prepare Yourself for a Higher Score

- Discusses the importance of preparing to take the ACT or the SAT
- Explains how to access a free online test prep resource and test fee waivers that may be available to students

### Forecast Your Financial Aid in 30 Minutes or Less

- Offers help using the FAFSA4caster which provides an early estimate of eligibility for federal financial aid

### FAFSA Completion Day Event

- Hands-on help completing the FAFSA—the application required to take advantage of financial aid
- Provides information on the FAFSA process, how to fill out the form, and offers tips about completing the FAFSA



Contact us at [CollegeAccessAdvising@glhec.org](mailto:CollegeAccessAdvising@glhec.org).





## Engagement Workshops

**NEW**

### Exploring College Majors

Shows students how to connect what they currently enjoy with a college major and what they might do in the future

### Finding the Right College for You

Helps students think about what characteristics of a college are important to them to ensure they find an environment that sets them up for success

### Creating an Academic Portfolio

Explains what to include in an academic portfolio and why it is important to getting into college

### Creating a Personal Assessment

Helps students identify their accomplishments, strengths, and interests for use on college and scholarship applications

### College Q & A

Provides answers to students' questions about getting into college including how to prepare, choose, apply, and pay



**“The FAFSA workshop was very valuable—thank you.”**

“I just wanted to let you know the presentation being done today for students is awesome. It is really getting kids thinking about what they want to do after high school. Kids were actively listening and asking questions—it was amazing.”

**“I cannot express how grateful I am to you for providing such a useful resource to our community.”**

“The College Access Advisor was patient, unassuming, and positive, providing my students with one-on-one help and guidance.”



Services are available at anytime throughout the year. Here are some suggestions to help you start planning today.

		Grade			
		9	10	11	12
SEP	Plan Your Collegeland Adventure Early	█			
	Applying to College and Acing the Admissions Process				█
	The ACT and SAT: Prepare Yourself for a Higher Score			█	
	Finding the Right College for You			█	
OCT	What Every Parent Needs to Know About Getting Their Kid Into College	█			
	From Good Grades to Skateboarding, There's a College Scholarship for You			█	
	Financial Aid for Your Collegeland Adventure			█	
	Creating a Personal Assessment		█		
NOV	Money 411	█			
	Applying to College and Acing the Admissions Process				█
	Creating an Academic Portfolio		█		
	Exploring College Majors		█		
DEC	Financial Aid for Your Collegeland Adventure			█	
	Money 411	█			
	Creating a Personal Assessment		█		
JAN	From Good Grades to Skateboarding, There's a College Scholarship for You		█		
	Plan Your Collegeland Adventure Early	█			
	Creating an Academic Portfolio	█			
	Exploring College Majors		█		
FEB & MAR	<b>FAFSA Completion Day Event</b> Remember: students "hafta FAFSA" to get their hands on money for college!				█
APR & MAY	What Every Parent Needs to Know About Getting Their Kid Into College	█			
	The ACT and SAT: Prepare Yourself for a Higher Score			█	
	Financial Aid for Your Collegeland Adventure			█	
	Finding the Right College for You	█			
<b>One-on-one College Access Advising Sessions</b> Scheduled and walk-in appointments held at your school benefit students of all grade levels year-round with college access help. Our advisors can answer questions from finding money for college and completing the FAFSA to knowing admission and application requirements.		█			

## FOR THE BETTER

Doing the right thing. It's the way we serve and support you—today and every day—to help students succeed. We hold ourselves to this high standard so that together, we can change lives for the better.

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