Go ahead.

GET STARTED.

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
What do you expect your life to be like in 10 years?

Individuals with a college degree earn an average of 63% more in hourly wages than those with only a high school diploma.

How much money will you make?

24 million

By 2025, the U.S. will need 24 million new workers with college degrees or certificates.

- Less than a high school diploma – $2,045
- High school diploma – $2,708
- Associate degree – $3,500
- Bachelor’s degree – $4,641
- Master’s degree – $5,250
- Doctoral degree – $7,033

Estimated average monthly earnings

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2013), Missouri Department of Economic Development (2009), Hechinger Report and Autor (2010)

Planning for your future starts now.
College is an adventure.

ARE YOU READY?

St. Charles Community College can help you prepare for your future. Learn more about the different areas SCC has to offer.

Find out more: stchas.edu/discoverSCC

College Planning and Preparation
Not sure how to plan for college? Talk to counselors, teachers, family friends, siblings and your parents for recommendations of colleges and universities to research. As you look into each school, you will discover what is important to you. Visit with an SCC admissions counselor your senior year to discuss degree options and how to navigate the college process. stchas.edu/academics

Paying for College
College is so expensive; how can I afford to go? For many students, the greatest concern about college is not what their major should be, it’s how they are going to be able to afford to go. Your education is worth the investment, and there are several options to keep college affordable. Funding for your education can come from a variety of sources including grants, loans and scholarships. Every student seeking financial assistance should begin by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is a simple application used to determine eligibility for federal and many state aid programs. stchas.edu/financialaid

Career Exploration
What am I going to do when I grow up? Explore what you might like to study or major in at college. Undecided? No problem. Most colleges have resources to help you with career planning. SCC Career Services counselors assist students in developing greater self-awareness through assessment, identifying and evaluating opportunities and in exploring career styles and trends. stchas.edu/careers

Academic Counseling
Do I need to take certain college classes? Academic counseling is a joint responsibility of you and your college counselor. Setting goals, choosing courses and making decisions regarding your education can be tough, but with assistance from SCC’s dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable academic counselors, the transition can begin early in your college career. Their focus is on assisting students like you in understanding the options. stchas.edu/advising
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

Follow this college planning timeline to success.

Freshman-Sophomore:
- Take interest and skills assessments to help you explore career options and find out the type of salary it will take to live the life you are envisioning. stchas.edu/careers
- Research the average cost to attend college.
- Talk with your parents about saving and paying for college.
- Consider signing up for an ACT preparatory course. stchas.edu/actprep
- Consider taking the ACT test.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Take courses that will prepare you for college.
- Verify college admission requirements with your counselor.
- Sign up for classes that will earn college credit during your junior year.
- Enroll in a summer enrichment program.
- Consider signing up for the A+ Scholarship Program.

Junior:
- Attend financial aid education events.
- Consider possible career options, and investigate the type of education that is needed. stchas.edu/careers
- Request materials from schools that interest you, and visit their websites.
- Visit colleges that you may be interested in attending.
- Attend a college fair. stchas.edu/collegefair
- Consider becoming a dual-enrollment student and earn college credit at SCC.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Take the ACT in the spring.
- Review your high school class plan. Make sure you are meeting your high school graduation requirements. Register for a math class senior year.
- Get a job to earn and save money for college, or explore your skills through an internship or apprenticeship. careerexplorationsalliance.com
- Research private scholarship options. stchas.edu/scholarships
- Continue to work on your A+ Scholarship commitment.

Senior:
- Sign up for a campus visit. stchas.edu/tour
- Attend a college fair. stchas.edu/collegefair
- Select the schools to which you will apply. Make a list of deadlines for each school. Visit their websites to find out more information.
- Take career interest assessments and determine the education needed for careers that interest you.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Make sure your A+ Scholarship commitment is complete.
- Volunteer in the community.
- Get a job to earn and save money for college.

Taylor Rector
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
“My instructors at SCC get to know their students on a personal level. This is something that is very hard to find at a larger university.”
Compared to the universities where most of our students transfer, SCC’s tuition is typically one-third the cost.

Start your future at SCC. »

At SCC, we are committed to providing you with the best instruction, resources and support services to help you succeed.