College Goal South Carolina is an event sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. This day-long event helps students and families complete the application for financial aid for education beyond high school. At this event, students and families will receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will learn about financial aid opportunities. College Goal South Carolina will be held throughout the state. Please contact your school counselor or the Commission on Higher Education for more information.

For additional information about going to college, go to: www.sccango.org

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Do I have to think about this now?
This is the best time, as you prepare for high school. Start making good choices now and you will be able to make the best use of all four years of high school.

What if my grades aren't good?
No matter what your school grades have been so far, high school gives you a brand new opportunity to be a better student and enjoy greater success in life!

What courses should I take?
Being prepared for college means taking a recommended path of courses in the areas of English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, and electives. These courses are to be college preparatory, to help students prepare for college and a freshman level curriculum.
The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship is a merit-based program established in 1988 by the General Assembly to recognize the most academically talented high school seniors and encourage these students to attend college in the State. The Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program is administered by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Palmetto Fellows may receive up to $6,700 their freshman year and up to $7,500 for their sophomore, junior, and senior years.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship (PFS) Enhancements
During the 2007 legislative session, the General Assembly created the PFS Enhancements. The Scholarship Enhancement increases the PFS award from $7,500 up to a maximum of $10,000. The Enhancement is available to students majoring in the mathematics, science, and health fields at eligible South Carolina four-year institutions. Students who meet the eligibility requirements for both the PFS and the Enhancement, will receive an annual award of up to $10,000 to cover their cost of attendance at any eligible four-year public or independent institution located in the state. Eligible students can be awarded a PFS Enhancement to meet their cost of attendance for up to six consecutive terms starting the second year of college enrollment at an eligible four-year institution.

To be eligible for the Scholarship Enhancement you must:
1) Be a recipient of the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship;
2) Earn at least 14 credit hours of instruction in approved mathematics or life and physical sciences or a combination of both by the end of the first academic year of college enrollment; and
3) Declare an approved major in science, mathematics, or health related field at the institution. For eligible majors, courses, and institutions, visit the SC Commission on Higher Education’s website at www.che.sc.gov.

The next four years are the best chance you will have to determine your future. Starting today is the best time to plan your high school years—and your whole life.

That’s right, dreams of a great job, financial security and a great life can come true if you make the most of your education. Tomorrow’s best jobs require people with good skills in English, math, science, and technology. The jobs that usually require these skills often pay the highest salaries.

Taking rigorous courses within the career cluster you choose and having a positive attitude toward your work will best prepare you for college, the military or other post-high school endeavors. Deciding to excel early will have a huge impact on your future earnings.

Who wouldn’t like to have a job that’s interesting, enjoyable and pays well? What YOU earn will depend on what YOU learn.