

# College Bound Council Patch Program



Remember that education opens doors, making the world a better place. Explore different careers and colleges on your own adventure! Learn what it takes to build a budget and plan for the future.

*\*If the requirement is starred (\*) then it is a mandatory activity for all age levels.*

## **Discover:**

*Daisies complete 2; Brownies complete 3; Juniors complete 4; Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 5*

- A. What are the things that your family pays for you? Build a budget of your current expenses and see how much it takes to live your life.
- B. What do you want to be when you grow up? Research what is needed to do that career.
- C. What are you passionate about? Animals, kids, education? Learn more about what you are interested in and what careers use these interests.
- D. Do you want to buy a house? Own a car? Care for a pet? How much money would you need to purchase these?
- E. Talk with people in your life about how they have planned for their future. Do they have a savings account? How did they pay for college? What are their plans for their future?
- F. Why is it a good idea to have a plan for your future? Why would you need to plan for your financial future?
- G. What does it cost to get a college degree? How will you pay for it? Take the total amount that it would cost to go to college and decide how much you would need to save each year, starting now, to pay for college. Be sure to include life expenses to go with college tuition and housing.

## **Connect:**

*Daisies complete 1; Brownies complete 2; Juniors complete 3; Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 4*

- A. Talk with someone who is in the career you want to go in to. What college did they go to? How did they plan for college?
- B. How much do people get paid in the career you want? How does this factor into the budget you built for your life?
- C. Take a tour of a local college, university, or trade school.
- D. What is a scholarship? How do people get scholarships? Research two scholarships that you could apply for when you graduate.
- E. How does financial aid work with college? Research on your own or with an adult what financial aid is and what is available to you.

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## **Take Action:**

*Daisies complete 1; Brownies complete 1; Juniors complete 2; Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors complete 2*

- A. You have learned so much about going on to college! Share what you have learned with family, friends, or Girl Scouts.
- B. Look at a real college application. If you're getting ready to graduate, start filling it out. If you're not, think about how you would answer those questions.
- C. Work with groups you are involved in (Girl Scouts, school, church, etc.) to have presentations about going to college. Work to have someone from a local college, university, or trade school come and speak with the group.
- D. If you took a college campus tour, help plan a tour for other youth groups at local universities/colleges, community colleges, and/or trade schools. Share the experience with others to help more girls feel empowered to go to school after high school.

