



College Bound Financial Literacy Patch

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Discover:

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

- A. What are 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 become that career.
- C. What are you passionate about? Animals, kids, education? Learn more about what you are interested in.
- D. Do you want to buy a house? Own a car? 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? Take the total amount that it would cost to go to college and decide how much you would need to save each year, month, and week to pay for college.





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Connect:

Daisies complete 1; Brownies complete 2; Juniors complete 3; 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? What are your goals in life and will the career support those?
- C. Take a tour of a local college, university, or trade school.
- D. What is a scholarship? How do people get scholarships?
- 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.

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. How will you pay for college? Write out a plan and start putting it into action.
- 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. Now that you have seen what a college campus looks like, 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.