



10TH GRADE - SOPHOMORE YEAR CAREER READINESS CHECKLIST

ACADEMICS:

- ☐ Meet with your counselor to review your freshman transcript to stay on track with graduation requirements
- ☐ Explore career/technical education (CTE) courses (auto, welding etc.)
- ☐ Consider dual enrollment with technical schools if available
- ☐ Focus on building strong math, reading, and communication skills for the workforce

CAREER EXPLORATION

- ☐ Take a career interest assessment (many schools offer free tools)
- ☐ Research in-demand jobs in your community (construction, healthcare, IT, energy, skilled trades)
- ☐ Attend a career fair or job shadow
- ☐ Explore apprenticeships or internships for after high school

FINANCIAL READINESS:

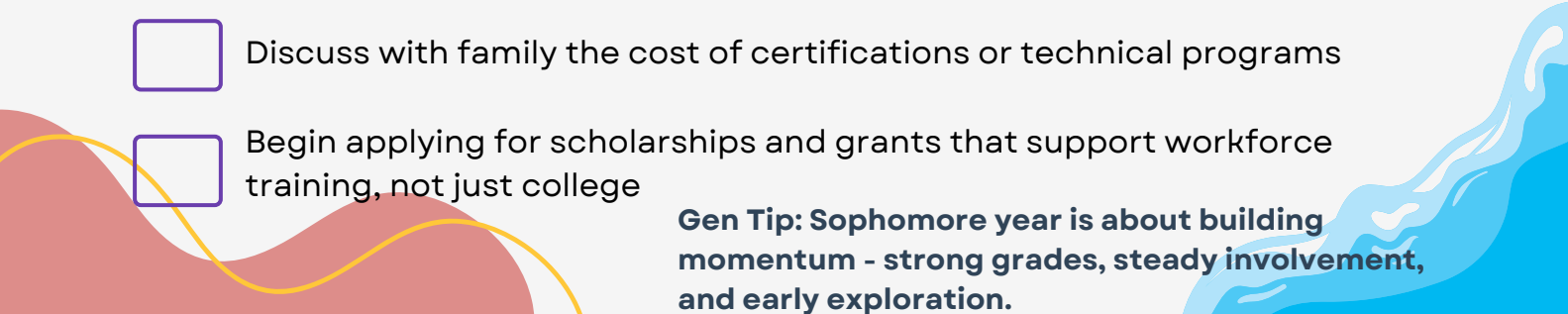
- ☐ Research average starting salaries for careers of interest
- ☐ Discuss with family the cost of certifications or technical programs
- ☐ Begin applying for scholarships and grants that support workforce training, not just college

WORK & PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- ☐ Build a simple resume with classes, volunteer work, or part-time jobs
- ☐ Learn basic workplace professionalism (communication, punctuality, teamwork)
- ☐ Practice interview skills (mock interviews with a teacher/mentor)
- ☐ Open a basic bank account if you haven't yet - start learning financial responsibility

ORGANIZATION & PLANNING:

- ☐ Keep a career journal for interests, job research, and contacts
- ☐ Use a planner or app to track deadlines for certifications or apprenticeships
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to discuss non-college pathways (trades, technical programs, military, workforce)



Gen Tip: Sophomore year is about building momentum - strong grades, steady involvement, and early exploration.