



# Town of Sudbury

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### College Resources

*This resource sheet includes organizations and discounts that extend from the college application process to outfitting a residence hall or receiving discounts with one's student ID*

#### Applying & Transitioning to College

##### ● **Let's Get Ready**

- Offers a 9-week college preparation program in Worcester and Downtown Boston.
- Program includes over 30 hours of SAT preparation, 15 hours of advising, application help, and financial aid/scholarship support
- Students qualify if they received free or reduced lunch in high school or are a first generation college student
- For student enrolled in college in the Northeastern area, Let's Get Ready offers transition workshops, peer mentoring, and a college hotline number
- <http://letsgetready.org/signup/>

##### ● **What Can I Do with this Major?**

- A website to help students connect majors to careers and figure out what they might want to major in.
- <https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>

##### ● **My Next Move O\*Net Interest Profiler**

- A free online interest profile that can help students find out how their interests relate to the world of work.
- <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

##### ● **Budgeting Resources**

- Federal Student Aid
  - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/budgeting>
- U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Literacy and Education Commission
  - <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/financial-education/Pages/commission-index.aspx>

#### Scholarship Opportunities

- Scholarship Database
  - <https://myscholly.com/#scholly>
- Scholarships people with specific medical needs
  - <https://www.needymeds.org/scholarships/>
- Federal Student Aid & Grants
  - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships>
- Scholarships from the state of Massachusetts
  - <http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/programs.asp>

- <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/massachusetts-scholarships/>
- Look into scholarships through local civic organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Scout, Rotary, Lions Club, etc), places of employment, local non-profits (Sudbury Foundation, MetroWest Health Foundation, etc.) and religious organizations. Also ask local guidance counselor for current scholarship opportunities in the area.

### **Banks:**

- Ask your bank or credit union if you are eligible for perks such as free checking, out of network ATM withdrawals and more!

### **Discounted College Necessities**

- **MBTA Semester Program**
  - The Semester Program is a school-managed, pre-paid program offered to colleges and universities with full-time programs to assist students with their MBTA pass needs. Participants can get a significant discount by buying a Semester Pass for the bus, subway, commuter rail, or ferry through their college or university. This pass allows for unlimited trips for the duration of a 4-5 month semester.
    - <https://passprogram.mbta.com/Public/ppinfo.aspx?p=u>
- **Grad Bag**
  - An organization in the Boston area that collects gently used or new items that can be used in a typical college residence hall.
    - Examples include, but are not limited to; sheets, comforters, fans, lamps, laundry bags, shower caddys, and more
  - Contact the Sudbury Town Social Worker (978-440-5476) to contact this organization
  - <http://www.gradbag.org/>
- **Microsoft Office 365**
  - Free online version of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, OneNote) with email, video conferencing, customized hub for class teamwork with Microsoft Teams, compliance tools, and information protection.
  - Qualifications include:
    - You must be a full-time or part-time student at an academic institution
    - Have a school-specific email address provided by the school (for example, contoso.edu) that can receive external email.
    - Be of legal age to sign up for an online offer individually.
    - Have Internet access.
  - <https://products.office.com/en-us/academic/compare-office-365-education-plans>
- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits**
  - Students who are receiving MASSGrant Financial Aid, and meet all typical SNAP

requirements, are eligible to receive food assistance through this program

- <https://www.masslegalservices.org/content/more-ma-low-income-college-students-eligible-snap-major-policy-changes-released-today>
- **Chegg**
  - Often times a University's bookstore sells books at their most expensive price. Chegg offers reduced book prices and rentals to make textbooks more affordable.
  - Search through the website using the ISBN on the book- the earlier the better!
  - Chegg sends you a box with a return label for the end of the semester
  - <https://www.chegg.com/>
- **SlugBooks**
  - Compares prices of college text books across multiple sites, including Amazon, Chegg, AbeBooks, Textbooks.com and many more to find the lowest prices
  - Offers purchase and rental options
  - <https://www.slugbooks.com/>
- **Resources to look for at your University:**
  - Free or reduced subscriptions to newspapers or magazines
  - Free or reduced membership to a local gym
    - Through school or medical insurance provided by the school
  - Free or reduced public transportation costs
  - Book resales on school's social media pages

### **Car Insurance Discounts**

- **Allstate**
  - If the driver is under 25 and unmarried, Allstate allows one to submit grades or take a driver education course to qualify for discounted car insurance
  - <https://www.allstate.com/auto-insurance/teen-driver-discounts.aspx>
- **Farmer's Insurance**
  - Offers a "good student" discount for 16-24 year olds enrolled full time school.
  - Student must be able to prove: that the student was ranked in the upper 20% of their class, OR had a grade point average of "B" or better for the immediately preceding term or cumulatively, OR had an average of at least 3.0 for immediately preceding term or cumulative for all subjects combined in a school using numerical (4, 3, 2 and 1) grade points, OR was included in the "Dean's List", the "Honor Roll" or similar list in a school maintaining such a list designating scholastic achievement.
  - <https://www.farmers.com/faq/discounts/>

- **Geico**

- Full time students can save up to 15% on certain policies Geico offers
- Full time students must be between the ages of 16-24 and have an average of a “B” or better.
- <https://www.geico.com/save/discounts/car-insurance-discounts/>

- **Nationwide**

- Available for drivers 16-24 who have a “B” average or better
- <https://www.nationwide.com/good-student-discount.jsp>

- **State Farm**

- Full time students can save up to 25% until they turn 25
- <https://www.statefarm.com/insurance/auto/discounts/>

### **Phone Discounts**

- **AT&T**

- Check if you're eligible for discounts on a plan by entering your .edu email address on their discount page.
- <https://www.att.com/shop/wireless/iru-check-for-discount.html>

- **Verizon**

- Scroll down to "Not yet a Verizon Wireless customer?" Enter your .edu email address where it asks for a "work address." They will email you and tell you if you are eligible for a discount.
- <https://www.verizonwireless.com/discount-program/>

- **Sprint**

- Check if you are eligible on their Discount Program page.
- <https://www.sprint.com/landings/verify/index.html>

- **T Mobile**

- Offers up to \$60 off smartphones and 20% off phone accessories for students.
- <https://www.t-mobile.com/offers/student-teacher-smartphone-tablet-discounts>

### **Technology Discounts:**

- **Amazon Prime**

- With a student discount, one is able to pay \$6.49/month for an Amazon Prime Account
  - With Amazon Prime, you are able to access online or used books, rent textbooks, watch movies & television shows, and order a variety of household goods for a low cost with 2-day shipping
  - <https://www.amazon.com/gp/student/signup/info>

- **Hulu/Spotify/Apple Music**

- With a verified student email students are able to stream music on the go and receive the basic Hulu plan for \$4.99 per month.
- For more information, go to <https://www.spotify.com/student>
- With a verified '.edu' email students can get a subscription to Apple Music for \$4.99 per month.

- **Best Buy**

- Check in periodically to find student discounts on computers, printers, and tablets
- <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/clp/college-student-deals/>

For additional questions, or suggested additions to this list, please call Bethany Hadvab, Sudbury town social worker, at 978-440-5476

Please visit <https://sudbury.ma.us/socialworker/> for up to date information and additional resources.