

## **Start College Now (WI Technical Colleges)**

(previously known as Youth Options)

The Start College Now program allows high school students to attend a Wisconsin technical college — either full- or part-time — and earn both high school and technical college credit. You are eligible if you go to a public high school and have completed 10th grade with good academic standing, met any course prerequisites, have written approval from your parent or guardian, and have no history of disciplinary problems.

You will need:

- A completed application form signed by the school board.
- A completed Wisconsin Technical College application.
- A letter from the school board stating which classes, books, and fees are the school district's tuition responsibility.

The program opens the door to greater learning opportunities for those who are motivated to get started on their careers and who are ready to try a new learning environment. If you are interested you must notify your local school board — using the application form — by March 1 for the fall semester or October 1 for the spring semester. Forms are available in your high school guidance office or see your high school counselor for more information.

### **Student/Parent/Guardian Specific Responsibilities:**

- 1) Reference Subchapter 38.12 (14) for eligibility requirements **prior to filling out the application.** <https://tinyurl.com/y72r222t>
- 2) Complete 10th grade and be in good academic standing. (*Program is available to 11th and 12th grade students*).
- 3) Complete the application for the Start College Now Program
- 4) Complete all blocks on the form for a single college semester (use a separate form for a different semester); include and indicate by checking the appropriate block any courses that are alternates. Alternates would be courses that you might take if your primary choice(s) is/are not approved or not available.
- 5) Review the following Start College Now Conditions and Assurances.

When signing this form, the student (parent/guardian, if student is under age 18) assures understanding of and/or compliance with the following conditions:

- a. Student shall comply with admission criteria for college course(s) taken under the Start College Now Program.

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- b. Participation is not allowable in an institute of higher education if student is currently attending another technical college under this program or under the compulsory school attendance program.
  - c. For enrollment in WITC through Start College Now, student must be in good academic standing as determined by the student's high school.
  - d. Participation may be denied by WITC if the pupil has a record of disciplinary problems.
  - e. Student/parent/guardian may be required to reimburse the school district for tuition, fees, books, and material costs if the student fails or fails to complete a course.
- 6) Submit the completed form (including student/parent/guardian signatures) no later than March 1 for fall semester courses and October 1 for spring semester courses to high school board of district in which the student resides. This is typically done by submitting the form to a high school counselor.
- 7) Transportation to and/or from the technical college is the student's responsibility.
- 8) Upon notification from district of the course(s) that have been approved, complete the WITC application/registration process at which the Start College Now course(s) was/were approved and work with WITC personnel as well as a high school counselor/advisor/mentor to enroll in the appropriate course(s).
- 9) If the student disagrees with the school board's decision regarding comparability of courses or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, the student may appeal the school board's decision to the state superintendent within 30 days after the decision.
- 10) Notify the district of the course(s) in which the student has enrolled.