

Launch Into Your Future

Gap Year Opportunities

Student Learning Deck



Three ideas to use now

- **Know this**

- Gap-year plans may include service, work, training, travel, caregiving, or structured exploration.
- College admission, deferral, aid, scholarship, insurance, and loan consequences must be checked before changing enrollment.
- A strong plan includes goals, supervision, cost, safety, and a documented return or transition date.

What to know. What to verify.

Start here

- A gap year should be a planned bridge with a purpose, budget, safety plan, and next-step date-not an indefinite pause.
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Verify before acting

- Do not promise a deferral, aid preservation, credit, safety, program quality, or admission after the gap period.
- Verify college, aid, scholarship, insurance, loan, and program terms before changing enrollment plans.

Build your action plan

● Next moves

- Name the goal the gap year must accomplish.
- Confirm college deferral and financial-aid rules in writing before making changes.
- Compare structured programs, work, service, training, and lower-cost options.
- Build a budget, safety plan, learning goal, and evidence of progress.

Use it now

Exit ticket

Write the next action you will take about Gap Year Opportunities. Name the official person or office that can verify your information, and choose a follow-up date.

