



Quick Start Guide

Create Your Account

1. Go to **www.WhatsNextIllinois.org**.
2. In the sign in section click **Create an Account**.
3. Choose who you are and click **Go**.
4. Enter your date of birth information and click **Find**.
5. Choose your school or program and click **Next**.
6. Enter your information and click **Create Your Account**.

Record your account name and password here to use next time.

Portfolio Name: _____

Password: _____

Start On Your Way Now!

Here are some of the helpful features you'll find at www.WhatsNextIllinois.org...

Career Planning

- Explore Careers – Explore careers across the world of work using **Career Clusters**.
- Explore Careers – Use the **Career Finder** to find careers that might be right for you.
- Learn About Yourself – Discover your interests, work values, basic skills or suggested Career Clusters.

High School Planning

- Use **Your Plan of Study** to plan your high school courses and track your progress to graduation.
- What steps do you need to follow? Check the **High School Planning Timeline**.

College Planning

- Explore Postsecondary Schools – Check out the details on thousands of colleges.
- Explore Postsecondary Schools – Use the **College Matching Assistant** to see schools matching your needs.
- Prepare for College – In **Get Ready for College** learn the steps and what it will be like when you get there.
- Explore Programs and Majors – Check out the programs and majors that match your career goals.
- Test Prep – Practice and prepare for the SAT or ACT.
- Applications – Throw away your pen and **Apply to College** online.

Financial Aid Planning

- Financial Aid 101 – Follow the steps for assistance with paying for college.
- Build Your Financial Plan – The **Financial Aid Wizard** guides you through the financial aid maze.
- Find Scholarships – Complete your profile in the **Scholarship Finder** to see matching scholarships.

Your Portfolio

- Index page – Use the **Guideway** for your grade as your guide for this year through WhatsNextIllinois.org.
- Your ILP – It's easy to complete your ILP online!
- Your Profile > Looking Ahead – Consider your goals for this year and your steps to achievement.
- College Planning > Postsecondary Plans – Keep your college list in order and up-to-date.
- Career Planning > Work Experience – Describe your job shadowing experiences and part-time jobs.

Search

The keyword search on the top of every page of WhatsNextIllinois.org finds anything and everything you need to know about career and education planning. Just type in a key word and **GO!**

Ask your counselor for more information about WhatsNextIllinois.org.