

Lesson 12

Requirements for College

Carlos was in his junior year of high school. He was a very good student and planned to go to college after graduation. Carlos needed to apply to colleges next fall, so he and his father, Esteban, decided to attend College Night at Carlos's high school.

Carlos and Esteban walked around the crowded high school auditorium. They picked up a lot of information and talked to many representatives from different colleges and universities. They stopped for a long time at one table in particular. Carlos shook hands with the representative. "I really want to go to your university!" said Carlos.

"We would love to have you," said the representative. Carlos and Esteban listened as the representative discussed the requirements for admittance: minimum G-P-A (Grade Point Average) and S-A-T (Scholastic Assessment Test) score. Carlos thought that he could meet the requirements.

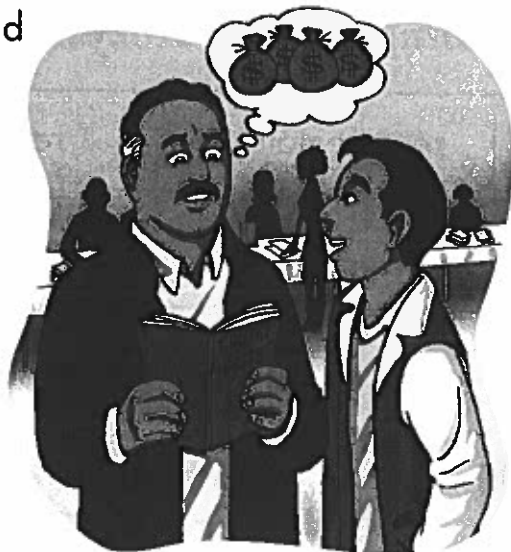
Carlos and Esteban thanked the representative and stepped away from the table. "And let's not forget about the money for all of this," whispered Esteban.

"Don't worry, Dad," said Carlos. "There are a lot of scholarships I can apply for. We can get financial aid with grants and loans. I'm sure we can manage it."

"Yes," said Carlos's father. "And let's not forget about the J-O-B."

"I don't remember that requirement," said Carlos. "What does it mean?"

"Oh, it means *job*. You'll need one to help pay for college."



Answer the questions.

1. What year of high school was Carlos in?
2. Where did he plan to go after graduation?
3. When did he need to apply to colleges?
4. What did Carlos and his father, Esteban, decide to attend?
5. Where did they walk around?
6. What did they pick up? Who did they talk to?
7. Who did Carlos shake hands with?
8. What did Carlos say?
9. What did the representative discuss?
10. What did Esteban whisper?
11. What did Carlos say there are a lot of?
12. What will Carlos need to help pay for college?

Complete the story.

representatives	requirements	scholarships	College
S-A-T	money	financial aid	auditorium
universities	high school	J-O-B	G-P-A

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Night at Carlos's _____. Carlos and Esteban walked around
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the _____ for admittance: minimum _____ (Grade
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"Yes," said Carlos's father. "And let's not forget about the _____."

Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. requirements | a. money for school that you don't need to pay back |
| ___ 2. loan | b. the season between summer and winter |
| ___ 3. junior year | c. a person speaking for an organization |
| ___ 4. grant | d. money for school that you need to pay back |
| ___ 5. fall | e. a place to study after high school |
| ___ 6. representative | f. the things you need for admittance |
| ___ 7. college | g. the eleventh grade |

A Conversation with a College Representative

Practice the dialog with a partner.

A. I really want to go to your university!

B. We would love to have you.

A. When do I need to apply?

B. You need to apply in the fall of your senior year.

A. Do you offer financial aid?

B. Yes. There are many scholarships for eligible students.

A. What are the requirements for admittance?

B. We look at your GPA, your SAT score, and other things.



College Night

Read the information about College Night. Then answer the questions below.

1. Where is College Night?
2. What is the day, date, and time of College Night?
3. How many representatives from colleges and universities can you talk to?
4. What kinds of requirements can you learn about?
5. What kinds of financial aid can you learn more about?
6. What is the telephone number for the Hanover High School office?

COLLEGE NIGHT

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS
WELCOME!**

Where: Hanover High School
Auditorium

When: Thursday May 17th
6:30-8:30 P.M.

- Talk to representatives from 20 colleges and universities
- Learn about requirements for admittance: minimum GPA and SAT score
- Learn more about financial aid: grants, loans, and work-study programs

Call the Hanover High School office
for more information: 555-8310

What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes No 1. I plan to go to a college or a university in the U.S.
Do you plan to go to a college or a university in the U.S.?

Yes No 2. I sometimes talk to representatives of a college or university.

Yes No 3. I understand what G-P-A, or Grade Point Average, means.

Yes No 4. I understand what S-A-T scores are.

Yes No 5. I know how to apply for scholarships.

Yes No 6. I know about grants for students.

Yes No 7. I know about loans for students.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. How do people pay for colleges and universities in your native country?
2. How can you get information about going to college in the U.S.?
3. What are the requirements for admittance to the colleges and universities in your community?