

# What to Do After College: A Summer Checklist



*The summer after college can be overwhelming, to say the least.*

*One minute, you're on stage getting your diploma and posting cute cap and gown pictures to your social media pages. The next, you're freaking out about your future.*

*No need to worry – we've got you covered with this post-graduation summer checklist.*

## Have fun before facing #adulting.

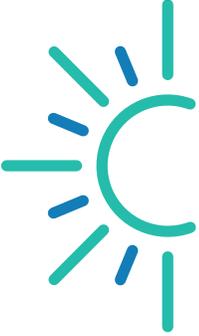
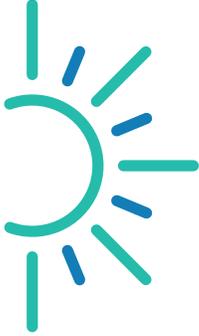
- Go on a road trip, or better yet, travel internationally.**  
*The two best and easiest times in your life to travel are after college and in retirement. So, why wait?*
- Make a bucket list and check off at least one thing.**  
*Before you kick the bucket, what do you want to have done in your life?*
- Read for fun (and brain power).**  
*This one's inexpensive, so long as you take advantage of your local public library.*

## Figure out what the heck you're going to do about your college loans.

- Enter any available student loan payoff contests.**  
*MoneySolver's #PayMyStudentLoans Contest offers the chance to win up to \$50,000 in student loan debt paid off.*
- Check out any student loan scholarships that could help lessen your load.**  
*Traditional scholarships only offer you a chance to pay for future or current college classes. Student loan scholarships will help you pay back part of your student loan debt.*
- Explore your repayment plan options.**  
*At the very least, investigate your student loan account(s) to learn the basics about your situation.*
- Consider whether forbearance or deferment might work for you.**  
*There's no shame in staying out of student loan default by putting a temporary hold on repayment.*

# Start laying down the foundation for your adult life.

- List out five life goals.**  
*Your goals can be as specific or vague as you like. Include financial, professional, and personal goals.*
- Research getting a credit card in your name to start building credit.**  
*Haven't had one before? You may want to start researching credit cards that could work for you.*
- Keep a steady cash flow coming into your savings account.**  
*Even if it's a few bucks every paycheck, this will help you establish an important emergency fund.*
- Get a head start on the job search.**  
*Now that you've got the education you need, you'll want to start gaining experience to support it.*
- Take your first crack at budgeting.**  
*Your goal here should be understanding where your money comes from and where it goes.*

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