Quick Reference Guide: Essentials to Get Started

About Invest in What’s Next
Invest in What’s Next: Life After High School (investinwhatsnext.org) is a FREE online, educational mini-course developed by the Federal Reserve Banks of Richmond and San Francisco. The objective of the course is to help students:

1. **build economics and personal finance knowledge and skills** in the context of their first major financial decision – what path to pursue after high school, and

2. **evaluate a range of options for life after high school** to find the right path for themselves.

The course encourages students to explore multiple post-secondary education paths and career options, and to think critically about potential future payoffs and financial obligations.

Audience
- Primary: High school students
- Other: Eighth graders and recent high school graduates

Technology Needed
- Computer or tablet
- Web browser
- Internet connection

Scope and Time Commitment
- Three sequential lessons that culminate in a personalized post-secondary plan
- Each lesson requires 45 to 60 minutes
- Students can explore additional post-secondary options using the Plan Builder tool

Assessments
- Formative assessments throughout
- Optional homework assignments

Tracking Progress
- Student dashboard: % completion and knowledge checks’ scores
- Research forms
- Post-secondary plan and comparison documents
- Preparation assessment results

Account Creation
Required for all users and allows saving and carry-through of selections within and across lessons
- First Name and Email Address
- School/Organization Name and Zip Code
- Username and Password
- Acknowledge being at least 13 years of age

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