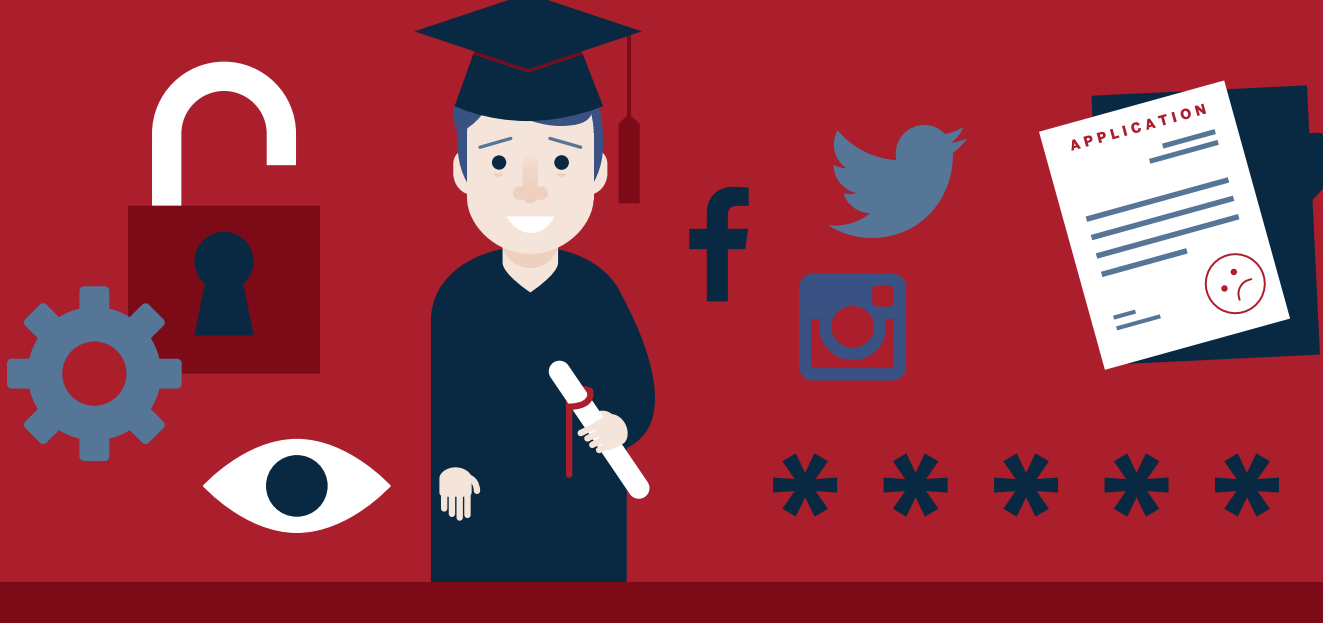


# LIFE STAGES

Protecting Your ID as Financial Needs Shift

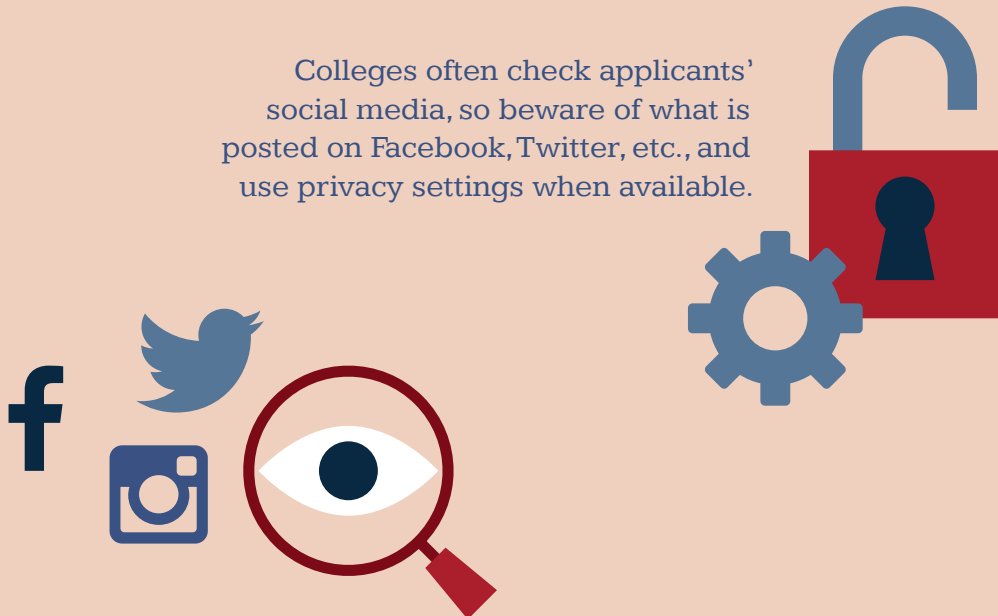


## YOUNG ADULT: GETTING STARTED

The collegiate years are the gateway to adulthood for many young Americans. It is important to note this period presents a unique opportunity for ID thieves as students submit school applications, apply for financial aid while also participating in social media.

### GETTING INTO COLLEGE:

Colleges often check applicants' social media, so beware of what is posted on Facebook, Twitter, etc., and use privacy settings when available.



26% of college admission officers checked an applicant's social network pages.

Of those, 35% said what they found negatively impacted the applicant's chances of admission.



Source: Kaplan Test Prep survey of 350 admissions officers, 2012

### AT COLLEGE:



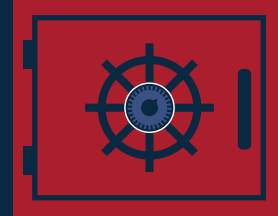
Password-protect your computer.



Set up a strong password.



Don't share it with anyone.



Keep important documents in a safe place.



Shred any discarded documents that have personal information.



Don't let others borrow your ID, debit or credit cards.



Be sure to log out of websites at home or at a computer lab, and log off of computer.

Be aware of risky events: home break-in, security breach at school, adult in household who might want to use child's identity to start over.



### BEST PRACTICE:



Keep your professional online life separate from your personal one. Omit provocative statements and anything that could cause controversy.

Sources: Protect my ID/Experian; Federal Trade Commission

PROTECT my ID .com

### SOURCES

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