

# **HORN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Senior Information Book**

**“You have an obligation to invest in yourself now, in order to succeed later in life. Always have high expectations for yourself. Always push yourself to be a better person. Always push yourself to be a better student. Always grow. Expect More.”**

**Mr. Orr**



## **SOAR Eagles**

**2018-2019**

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## **Introduction**

Thinking about your senior year is both exciting and stressful. In order to make your senior year a little less stressful, this handbook has been created with information that we hope you will find helpful. Your senior year is a thrilling time of your life that is filled with many important decisions. Please do not feel overwhelmed because we are here to help you. One way we are helping is through this book. Allow it to not only be a source of information for you, but also something you may refer to when you do not remember a phone number, a deadline, or an email address. Some dates may change because of scheduling conflicts. Remember to sign up for remind so you will receive the most up-to-date information.

As you begin your senior year, you hopefully are thinking about what you want to do and where you want to go in life. The faculty and staff here at HLHS believe the Class of 2018 is a remarkable group of young people, and we have enjoyed working with you. We now look forward to a great senior year with you.

As you open the pages of this senior book, please reflect on the following thought:

***“It is not intelligence alone that brings success, but also the drive to succeed, the commitment to work hard, and the courage to believe in yourself. Know that your dreams must come from your heart’s deepest desires. Only then will the barriers come down before you. To know your heart, you must know yourself. You are who you decide to be, not who other people decide for you to be. Be noble. Stand on the higher ground. Create your life and then go out and live it.”***

***Unknown***

# Senior Fee Information

The fee includes the following:

1. Senior T-Shirt
2. Senior Breakfast
3. Senior Field Day
4. Yearbook

This is **NOT** a mandatory fee.

This fee was due at the end of school last year in order to get the t-shirts ordered over the summer.

Seniors will have a second opportunity to pay a senior late fee of \$125.00 on August 10, 2018 in the Commons from 7:00-7:35 a.m. Seniors paying this late fee will NOT receive a senior t-shirt. Seniors will have a third and FINAL opportunity to pay the senior late fee of \$150.00 on September 11, 2018 in the Commons from 7:00-7:35 a.m. Seniors paying this late fee will NOT receive a senior t-shirt.

**The Senior T-Shirt** is a good quality t-shirt that is usually designed by a senior with the graduation year on it somewhere. Students will receive their t-shirts at the first student/parent meeting on **Thursday, August 9, 2018** at 6:00 p.m.

**The Senior Breakfast** is a catered event for only those seniors who pay the fee. The students are encouraged to dress up because there are always photo opportunities at the breakfast including photo booths. Along with a great breakfast and photo opportunities, the seniors are given a chance to dance to great music provided by the senior breakfast committee. Desoto County dress code applies to this event.

**The Senior Field Day** is a time for seniors to enjoy being with their friends in a fun atmosphere before graduation. Field day consists of activities planned by the senior field day committee. In the past the activities have consisted of inflatables, rock climbing walls, and a bungee jump. Snacks and drinks are served throughout the morning as well as a box lunch from a participating restaurant. Please refer to the student agenda for Field Day dress code.

**The Yearbook** is a great way to remember past and future friends as well as all the year's activities that you may forget. It will have your senior portraits as well as your senior baby photo. You will also get to attend the yearbook signing party that will be in May 2019. Baby pictures for seniors who paid the senior fee are to be turned in to Mrs. Pattberg on or by **August 30, 2018**. You may also email a digital image to [trudi.pattberg@dcsms.org](mailto:trudi.pattberg@dcsms.org). All pictures will be returned to you.

*"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."*

*Booker T. Washington*

# Senior Football Jersey

Jerseys are the following colors: Maroon and white and are personalized for your senior. You must pay for your jersey in the Commons from 7:00-7:35 a.m. according to the following schedule:

- Wednesday morning from 7:00-7:35 on **August 15** in the Commons.
- Thursday morning from 7:00-7:35 on **August 16** in the Commons.
- Friday morning from 7:00-7:35 on **August 17** in the Commons.

The above paying schedule is **FIRM**, no exceptions, and no other order will be made after Friday August 17, 2018 for a “2019” Jersey.

Samples in all sizes will be available to try on in Mrs.W. Smith’s room (C4) to make sure of the fit. Below is an example of the form you must complete and return to Mrs. Smith. **The form you may use is in the form section of this book.**

**SAMPLE ORDER FORM ONLY, USE FORM IN BACK OF BOOK TO TURN IN WITH PAYMENT**

<b>Please Print:</b>																
Name:																
Email:																
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White																
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$40.00</b>																
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL																
Personalization for the back (14 character maximum—subject to administration approval)																
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> </table>																
I understand that a personalized jersey is a non-refundable item. I was given the opportunity to try on the jersey before ordering to ensure fit and know that I’m ordering the correct size. It is my responsibility to proof the final personalization list (located in C4) before the order is placed on August 17. I have signed up for Class of 2019 remind and will be able to receive messages from Mrs. Pattberg.																
Signature	Cell Phone Number															

# Senior Pictures

**Important: You will choose two photos that Jimmy Alford Studios will send to the yearbook, one will be a formal (tux or drape) and one will be a casual. These photos must adhere to the DCS dress code. Please make sure that the poses chosen DO NOT have facial piercings or extreme hair coloring. These photos cannot be used in the yearbook.**

Senior Pictures are an opportunity to mark this great milestone of graduation in your life. The picture will be in the yearbook, on the composite, and on the Jumbo Tron at graduation. In order for your picture to appear on these, you must go to Alford Studios and have your picture made. The sitting fees are listed below. You are **NOT** required to purchase any picture packages, but they are available if you choose to buy them.

You will have a sitting deadline of **September 29, 2018**.

The proof deadline is **October 15, 2018**.

**Jimmy Alford Studios  
3061 Millbranch  
Memphis, TN 38116  
Phone Number: 901-332-1512  
Studio Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30-5:30**

Driving Directions to Jimmy Alford Studios from Horn Lake High School:

It takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to get there from Horn Lake High School:

1. Start going east on Church Road West toward Tulane Road.
2. Merge onto I-55 N via the ramp on the left toward Memphis.
3. Take the Brooks Road Exit, which is Exit 5 toward US-51/Elvis Presley Blvd.
4. Keep right to take the East Brooks Road ramp.
5. Turn slight right onto East Brooks Road.
6. Turn left onto Millbranch Road.
7. Jimmy Alford Studios is on the left.

*“A picture is worth a thousand words.”  
Unknown*

# Mandatory Senior/Parent Meetings

There will be two senior/parent meetings that are MANDATORY. This means that you and your parent/guardian are required to come to the meetings. Valuable information about your senior year, graduation and college will be given at these meetings.

**August 9, 2018 (Thursday)** at 6:00 p.m. will be the first meeting. This is the meeting where you will receive your t-shirt if you paid the Class of 2019 Fee.

**September 18, 2018 (Tuesday)** at 6:00 p.m. will be the second meeting. Graduation supplies will be discussed at this meeting with a presentation provided by Herff- Jones.

## Herff-Jones Information

This is the graduate supply company that will provide the cap and gown information as well as graduation supplies and class rings.

### Contact Information:

Steve Douglas  
Graduate Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 3256  
Ridgeland, MS 39158  
601-898-7883

### CLASS RINGS

Class ring information will be given at the September 18, 2018 Parent Meeting.

**October 3, 2018 (Wednesday)** Order day for Senior Supplies during all lunches. Deposit of \$80.00 to begin order.

### Tips about Computer and Internet Usage

1. Create a Yahoo or Gmail email account with your name for all of your college correspondence. For example: [john.public@gmail.com](mailto:john.public@gmail.com)
2. If you do not have an email account, set up one now using the above information.
3. Check your email often because this is how colleges will communicate with you.
4. Be careful about Facebook, Twitter and other social media outlets. You do not want those to paint you in a less desirable light to colleges. Keep your social posts professional.
5. Make sure your email username reflects you in a positive light.

*“The difference in winning and losing is most often not quitting.”*  
*Walt Disney*

# HLHS Counselor Information

The HLHS Counseling office staff is here to help you navigate through the college application process. Below are a few resources and procedures to make the process more efficient. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Go to the HLHS website and go to the Counselor's page. There you will find scholarship information along with other relevant information you may need as a senior.

## College Financing

There is an abundance of money available for college. Scholarships and grants are funds that students are not required to pay back. Please take advantage of the free money available by applying for as many scholarships and grants as possible. College information is provided on the Counselor Page on the HLHS website. Information will also be shared through Remind 101 and the Counselor area in the Commons.

## College Application Waivers

Eligibility Requirements: You must receive free or reduced lunch.  
Email your counselor and request a college application fee waiver.

## Community Service

Community service is donating your time and talents freely to an organization or individual. If you are paid, it is NOT community service. Some colleges and scholarships require community service hours. The counseling website will provide various opportunities for community service. Documentation for these hours is required. Forms can be found on the counselor page of the HLHS website.

## ACT Waivers

Eligibility Requirements: You must receive free or reduced lunch.  
Maximum number-2 **TOTAL**

Email your counselor and request an ACT fee waiver.

Waiting until the last minute to sign up may result in not receiving a waiver in time.

## Transcript Requests

If you need your transcript sent to a college or university, follow the steps below:

1. Email Mrs. Hogue at [darlene.hogue@dcsms.org](mailto:darlene.hogue@dcsms.org) and request a transcript.
2. When she calls for you, please bring \$1 and the completed transcript request form.
3. This form can be found in the forms section of this book or in the counseling office.
4. If you are called to the counseling office and do not have \$1 and the completed transcript request form, that will delay the transcript being sent to your college choice.

## Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment is an opportunity to take college classes and earn credit from a college while still in high school. Enrollment information and deadlines will be announced.

*"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."  
Theodore Roosevelt*

# ACT Information

**actstudent.org**

**ACT Code: 251-300**

**TEST Center Code: 198920**

**ACT Help Line 319-337-1270 (Students must be the one calling)**

What is the ACT? It is a national college admissions test that consists of subject area tests in English, Math, Reading, and Science

The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break. This test is given on six different dates within the United States.

People of all ages and grade levels are eligible to take the ACT. This includes students in grades 6-12 and high school graduates. Of course you will need to register and pay the test fees.

By taking the ACT, you make yourself visible to colleges and scholarship agencies, so it is another way to help you get ready for life after high school. When you register for the ACT, you can choose up to four colleges to which ACT will send your scores as part of the basic fee for your test option. If you take the test more than once, you choose which test date results the colleges will receive.

**ACT FEES:** ACT (No Writing)-\$50.50  
ACT (With Writing)-\$67.00  
Late registration fee-\$30.00  
Other fees that may apply are listed at **actstudent.org**

**Free Waivers: See eligibility requirements at the bottom of the next page.**

<b>The 2018-2019 Test Dates:</b>	<b>The 2018-2019 Registration Deadlines:</b>
September 8, 2018.....	August 10, 2018
October 27, 2018.....	September 28, 2018
December 8, 2018.....	November 2, 2018
February 9, 2019.....	January 11, 2019
April 13, 2019.....	March 8, 2019
June 8, 2019.....	May 3, 2019
July 13, 2019.....	June 14, 2019

## **How to get started taking the ACT:**

1. Go to [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
2. Click on the Sign Up tab under The Act Student Web Account
3. This will take you to the Your ACT Web Account
4. Create a new account if you have never taken the ACT
5. The next step is to answer all the questions. There are a lot of questions so do not be discouraged. Remember this is for your future.

**The ACT Test day checklist is on the following page**

# ACT Test Day Checklist

- Report to your assigned test center by the Reporting Time (**8:00 a.m.**) listed on your ticket. You will **NOT** be admitted to test if you are late.
- Bring a printed copy of your [ticket](#) to the test center. You will **not** be admitted to test if you do not have a printed copy of your ticket.
- **Bring [acceptable photo identification](#). You will not be admitted to test if your ID does not meet ACT's requirements.** If you do not have a photo identification, email your counselor several days before the ACT for assistance.
- Testing staff will check your photo ID and ticket, admit you to your test room, direct you to a seat, and provide test materials.
- Bring sharpened soft lead No. 2 pencils with good erasers (no mechanical pencils or ink pens). Do not bring any other writing instruments; you will not be allowed to use them.
- Be ready to begin testing after all examinees present at 8:00 a.m. are checked in and seated.
- Do not engage in any [prohibited behavior at the test center](#). If you do, you will be dismissed and your answer document will not be scored. Note: For National and International Testing, you will be asked to sign a statement on the front cover of your test booklet agreeing to this policy.
- Once you break the seal on your test booklet, you cannot later request a Test Date Change, even if you do not complete all your tests.
- A permitted calculator may be used on the Mathematics Test **only**. It is your responsibility to know whether your calculator is permitted. Please refer to the [ACT Calculator Policy](#).
- A short break is scheduled after the first two tests. You will not be allowed to use cell phones or any electronic devices during the break, and you may not eat or drink anything in the test room. (If you take the ACT Plus Writing, you will have time before the Writing Test to relax and sharpen your pencils.)
- Students taking the ACT (No Writing) with standard time are normally dismissed about 12:15 p.m.; students taking the ACT Plus Writing are normally dismissed about 1:00 p.m.
- Answer all questions. Do Not leave any questions blank.
- **If you do not complete all your tests** for any reason, tell a member of the testing staff whether or not you want your answer document scored **before you leave the test center**. If you do not, all tests attempted will be scored.

## ACT Waivers

Eligibility Requirements: You must receive free or reduced lunch.

How many waivers am I eligible to receive? Maximum number-**2 TOTAL**

How do I receive my waiver?

\*\* Email your counselor and request an ACT fee waiver.

Waiting until the last minute to sign up may result in you not being able to receive a waiver in time.

***“DEVELOP A PASSION FOR LEARNING. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL NEVER CEASE TO GROW.”***  
*Anthony J. D’Angelo*

## **Open House**

Open House will be on **August 13, 2018 (Monday) from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

## **Senior Graduation Banner Signing**

**TBA**

Seniors will sign a banner committing to graduate from high school.

## **Senior Awards Night**

**April 16, 2019 (Tentatively)**

Invitations are sent to the seniors who will be recognized for achieving the following:

1. Received any college scholarships
2. Earned graduate of distinction or special distinction
3. Hall of Fame
4. Mississippi Scholars
5. Star Student

## **Subject Area Awards**

**April 16, 2019 (During the school day in the auditorium)**

This is when students are recognized for having the highest average in their classes. This ceremony will be held **during the school day**. Invitations will be sent to the students who will be recognized.

## **National College Signing Day**

**TBA**

Students who have applied to the college of their choice and received an acceptance letter will be invited to an in-school college signing ceremony. This is a way we can celebrate your choice. Acceptance letters must be turned in to Ms. McNeil by **TBA** to be able to attend.

## **FAFSA Night**

**TBA**

Free assistance in completing FAFSA will be given several times during the school year.

## **Senior Exams**

**TBA**

This will be at the end of second semester.

## **Graduation**

**Date: May 26, 2019 (Sunday)**

**Time: 3:00 p.m.**

Graduation and graduation practice will take place at the Landers Center in Southaven, MS

*“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

# Graduation Ceremony

All graduation requirements concerning state tests must be met by **May 10, 2019** in order to be included in the graduation program. The names of seniors who do not meet state test or academic requirements will not be in the graduation program.

## Dress Code for Graduation

At Horn Lake High School, our graduation ceremony is a distinguished event. In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors must comply with the following dress code.

### Female Graduates

1. DCS dress code policy **must** be followed (i.e. No extreme hair coloring and no facial piercings). Be sure to review the school district's dress code policy in your handbook.
2. Female graduates should wear black bottoms (i.e. capris, pants, gauchos, skirts.)
3. Female graduates should wear a light top.
4. Female graduates should wear non-embellished plain black dress shoes (no emblems, fur, rhinestones, sequins, spikes, etc.) (No flip flops, Crocs, cowboy boots, casual sandals, tennis shoes, or combat boots).  
**\*\*\* ONLY PLAIN BLACK DRESS SHOES\*\*\***
5. Dresses may be worn, preferably following the color scheme; however as long as the dress doesn't show from under the gown, and it is dress code appropriate, it will be allowed.

### Male Graduates

1. DCS dress code policy **must** be followed (i.e. No extreme hair coloring and no facial piercings). Be sure to review the school district's dress code policy in your handbook.
2. Male graduates must wear a white dress shirt and tie. Extreme colored ties are not acceptable.
3. Male graduates should wear navy blue, black, or dark gray pants (No shorts or capris).
4. Male graduates should wear non-embellished plain black dress shoes (no emblems, fur, rhinestones, sequins, spikes, etc.) (No Crocs, flip flops, cowboy boots, sandals, tennis shoes, or combat boots).

**\*\*\*ONLY PLAIN BLACK DRESS SHOES\*\*\***

\*No modifications to or extra decorations on graduation gown.

\*No modifications to or extra decorations on graduation cap.

\*If a senior does not have proper attire for graduation, see Mr. Orr/ Ms. Lamb by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*If you are unsure if your graduation attire is appropriate for the ceremony, see Mr. Orr/ Ms. Lamb by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Do not let dress code issues keep you from participating in the ceremony.

*"The time is always right to do what is right."  
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# How to Become a Mississippi Scholar

**What is Mississippi Scholars?** This is an education program managed by the Public Education Forum of Mississippi, which utilizes business leaders to motivate students to complete a rigorous course of study in high school.

**How do students become Mississippi Scholars?** Review the requirements of Desoto County District’s Scholars Course of Study (see below), pass the courses required, complete additional requirements, and graduate from high school.

**What are the benefits?** Students will be ready for postsecondary education without the need for remediation; they will be academically prepared for high tech, military, job training and apprenticeship programs, and provided with meaningful school and community recognition at awards night.

## Requirements:

- English**- - - - - Four credits with two additional credits above English II and approved for admission to IHL.
- Mathematics**- - - - - Four credits must consist of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and any one Carnegie Unit of comparable rigor and content approved for Mississippi Scholars Credit.
- Science**- - - - - Four credits must consist of Biology I, Chemistry I, and any two Carnegie Units of comparable rigor and content (Physics I preferred). Additionally, 1 Carnegie Unit may come from a Career Technical Education course.
- Social Studies**- - - - - Four credits must consist of World Geography, Mississippi Studies, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Economics.
- Arts**- - - - - One Carnegie Unit of Visual and performing arts meeting the High school graduation requirements or two units for completion of the 2 course sequence Computer Graphics Technology I & II.
- Advanced Electives**- - - - - Two credits must consist of Foreign Language I and Foreign Language II or a 5<sup>th</sup> math or 5<sup>th</sup> science of higher rigor or any 2 dual credit courses.
- Additional Requirements**- - 40 hours of community or volunteer service during 4 years of high School, ACT minimum composite score of 18 for seniors graduating in 2016 and later, 2.5 cumulative high school GPA, 3 letters of recommendation (one from each of the following: principal, guidance counselor and business/community leader), 95 % school attendance during 4 years of high school, and no out-of-school suspension.

For more detailed information go to [www.msmeec.com/course-info](http://www.msmeec.com/course-info)

*“An army of a thousand is easy to find, but, ah, how difficult to find a general.”*  
*Unknown*

# College Information

## College Representative Visits

College representatives will be visiting our school throughout this school year. They are usually set up in the commons during all four lunches. This is a great time to get information about that particular school as well as give them your information so that they might contact you about their college or university.

## College Visits

Seniors are allowed two college visits per semester. This does not count against your absences as long as you provide documentation from your college visit. These forms are obtained from the college and must be returned to Mrs. Houston in the main office. You are strongly encouraged to visit the colleges you are interested in. This would allow you to make an educated decision on what college you would like to attend. Also, the counseling department will usually take groups of seniors on several college visits during the school year. Because we are limited on the number of students we may take on a campus tour, the following are the requirements that a student must meet in order to attend a campus tour with the school.

1. Must currently be on track to complete the college prep curriculum.
2. Must meet ACT/GPA requirements for that particular college.
3. Must have a “C” or higher in all current classes.
4. Student Information for Recommendation form must be on file with counselor.
5. Attendance/discipline will also be considered.

## Get2College Center

This is a free resource for seniors. It is funded by the Education Services Foundation and their mission is to help Mississippi students plan and pay for college. They have free ACT workshops, as well as scholarship information. They also provide free assistance with the college application process and the college financial aid application. The following is their contact information: Please visit their website as a resource for college and scholarship information.

5699 Getwell Road  
Southaven, MS 38672  
Phone: 662-349-2789  
[www.get2college.org](http://www.get2college.org)

**“A warm smile is the universal language of kindness”  
William Arthur Ward**

# Choosing a College that is Right for You

Choosing and applying to colleges will be a year-long journey, but it doesn't have to be daunting. Use this list to help you narrow down your search.

**Step 1: Determine what you might like to study or major in at college.**

**Step 2: Develop a list of criteria you want to use to evaluate and weed out colleges.**

- Location (rural or urban setting)/distance from home
- Size of the student population (from small at 1,000 to large at 35,000+)
- Costs (tuition, room and board, etc.)
- Degrees offered
- Campus resources (labs, libraries, computer access, etc.)
- Graduation rate/time
- Placement success/internship and co-op programs
- Class size
- Safety
- Student body (diversity, gender, etc.)
- Social life (Greek organizations, sports, school spirit, etc.)
- Housing options (dorms, apartments, living at home)

**Step 3: Compile a list of possible colleges and universities.**

**Step 4: Gather all your resources and information about each school you are considering.**

**Step 5: Use the criteria from Step 2 to narrow your list of colleges to a manageable number**

**Step 6: Visit the colleges on your list from Step 5.**

**Step 7: Apply to the schools that made the cut after the first six steps.**

**Step 8: While you are waiting to hear back from the colleges you applied to, start looking and applying for scholarships.**

**Step 9: Make a final choice among the schools that accepted you.**

**Step 10: Go to college and get a great education.**

*“Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man’s training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.”*

*Thomas H. Huxley*

# COLLEGE is a BIG DEAL CHOOSE WISELY

## **ASK YOURSELF SOME QUESTIONS.**

Answering questions like these will help you focus your college search.

- What interests me?
- How do I spend my free time?
- What makes me feel passionate?
- How do I learn best?
- What do I think I want to do in the future?
- What type of degree am I seeking?

## **GET TO KNOW THE OPTIONS.**

There are different types of colleges/universities. Do your research to determine the right fit for you.

- Public or Private
- Community college or four-year institution
- Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- All male or female student body
- Religious affiliation
- Military academy

## **WHERE DO I WANT TO LIVE?**

- Urban, suburban, or rural
- Live at home and commute
- Move away from home and live on campus

## **HOW LARGE IS THE STUDENT BODY?**

- What is the average class size for introductory classes?
- How many students live on campus?
- What percentage are from in-state vs out-of-state?
- What percentage of students are minorities?

## **DECIDE WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU.**

For some students, sports and activities are very important. Other students want a challenging academic environment. Ask yourself these questions.

- Are honors programs available?
- Are special services for students with learning and physical disabilities available?
- Does the school participate in an athletic conference?
- What student organizations and clubs are available?

## **SEARCH FOR COLLEGES.**

Visit school websites, request brochures and catalogs, and talk to admission and financial aid.

- Check out a great resource at [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
- Make campus visits.
- Look at colleges' Net Price Calculators.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

- Apply for college admission.
- Apply for scholarships at each college or university.
- Complete the FAFSA, meeting the college's earliest priority deadline.
- Complete the Mississippi Office of Financial Aid Application.

# Finish in 4

## Know Your Plan and Graduate On Time

### Save Money!

Graduate in 4 Years instead of 6 or 8!

Tuition. Books. Housing. Parking.  
Every year of college is expensive.

But on average, depending on your major, if you take at least 15 credits each semester, you'll have an associate degree in 2 years or a bachelor's in 4.

Then instead of letting the expenses of college drag on for years, you can be out in the world using your degree to get a better job and earn more money.



### To Graduate On Time, Know Your Plan!

An additional year of college can cost you more than \$50,000 in extra tuition, lost wages, and related costs. Taking longer to complete college not only means you'll pay more for your degree, it also decreases your chances of graduating at all.

Meet with your academic advisor each semester to make sure you're taking the required courses you need to earn your degree on time. And, keep the following in mind when meeting your advisor:

- 1 Map out all the courses you need to complete each semester.
- 2 Be sure to take required courses during your first semester.
- 3 Complete at least 15 credits per semester to finish on time.

# Bachelor's Degree

## Finish in Four

12 Credits = 5 Years

vs

15 Credits = 4 Years

# Associate Degree

## Do It In Two

12 Credits = 3 Years

vs

15 Credits = 2 Years

### **The Problem: More Time = More Money!**

Right now, only 48% of Mississippi students complete a bachelor's degree on time. The hard truth is that many students won't finish at all, and part-time college students are even less likely to graduate—even when allowing for the extra time part-timers need.

If you're going to school FULL-TIME, make sure you're on track to finish ON TIME. Taking 12 credits each semester means graduating with a bachelor's degree in 5 years at best. Depending on your major, taking 15 credits per semester cuts that down to 4.\*

### **Another Bonus:**

**Students who take more credits typically earn higher grades!**

Surprisingly, Studies show that if you're already taking 12-14 credits per semester and you add a class to make it 15, your grades may actually go up.

Go to [www.riseupms.com/FinishIn4](http://www.riseupms.com/FinishIn4) and start now!

*The Mississippi Finish in 4 campaign is sponsored by the College Knowledge Project, a college access initiative of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and funded by the US ED College Access Challenge Grant Program. This effort is based on the 15 to Finish campaign developed by the University of Hawaii's "Hawaii Graduation Initiative."*

\*15.5 credits per semester is the average to finish on time in Mississippi.



# Mississippi Colleges

## Contact Information

### Public MS Universities



Alcorn State University - Lorman  
601-877-6100  
www.alcorn.edu



Delta State University - Cleveland  
662-846-3000  
www.deltastate.edu



Jackson State University  
- Jackson  
601-979-2121  
www.jsu.edu



MS State University - Starkville  
662-325-2323  
www.msstate.edu



Mississippi University  
for Women  
- Columbus  
662-329-4750  
www.mu.edu



MS Valley State University  
- Itta Bena  
662-254-9041  
www.mvsu.edu



The University of Mississippi  
University of MS - Oxford  
662-915-7211  
www.olemiss.edu



THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI  
MEDICAL CENTER  
University of MS Medical Center  
- Jackson  
601-984-1000  
www.umc.edu



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTHERN  
MISSISSIPPI  
University of Southern MS  
- Hattiesburg  
601-266-1000  
www.usm.edu

### Private MS Universities



Belhaven University - Jackson  
601-968-5940  
www.belhaven.edu



Blue Mountain College  
- Blue Mountain  
662-685-4771  
www.bmc.edu



Millsaps College - Jackson  
601-974-1000  
www.millsaps.edu



Mississippi College - Clinton  
601-925-3000  
www.mc.edu



Rust College - Holly Springs  
662-252-8000  
www.rustcollege.edu



Southeastern Baptist College  
- Laurel  
601-426-6346  
www.southeasternbaptist.edu



Tougaloo College - Tougaloo  
601-977-7700  
www.tougaloo.edu



WILLIAM  
CAREY  
UNIVERSITY  
William Carey University  
- Hattiesburg  
601-318-6051  
www.wmcarey.edu

### MS Community Colleges

Coahoma CC - Clarksdale  
662-627-2571  
www.coahomacc.edu

Copiah-Lincoln CC - Wesson  
601-643-5101  
www.colin.edu

East Central CC - Decatur  
601-635-2111  
www.ecc.edu

East MS CC - Scooba  
662-476-8442  
www.eastms.edu

Hinds CC - Raymond  
601-366-1405  
www.hindscc.edu

Holmes CC - Goodwin  
662-472-2712  
www.holmescc.edu

Itawamba CC - Fulton  
662-862-8000  
www.iccms.edu

Jones County Junior College -  
Ellisville  
601-477-6000  
www.jcjc.edu

Meridian CC - Meridian  
601-483-8241  
www.meridiancc.edu

MS Delta CC - Moorhead  
662-246-6322  
www.msdelta.edu

MS Gulf Coast CC - Perkinston  
601-928-5111  
www.mgccc.edu

Northeast MS CC - Booneville  
662-728-7751  
www.nemcc.edu

Northwest MS CC - Senatobia  
662-562-3200  
www.norwestms.edu

Pearl River CC - Poplarville  
601-554-5555  
www.prc.edu

Southwest MS CC - Summit  
601-276-2000  
www.smcc.ms.us

# Admission Standards for College

Do you meet the admission standards for the college you want to attend? You will find the answer by going to the college website and looking for their particular admission standards. This is usually found under prospective students or future students. The different colleges and universities use different terminology.

## Mississippi Admission Standards for Universities

**There are four ways to gain full admission to the eight public universities in Mississippi**

1. Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum (CPC) with a minimum of a 3.2 high school grade point average (GPA); or
2. Complete the College Preparatory Curriculum with a minimum of a 2.5 high school GPA or a class rank in the top 50% and a score of 16 or higher on the ACT(composite);or
3. Complete the CPC with a minimum of a 2.0 high school GPA and a score of 18 or higher on The ACT (Composite); or
4. Satisfy the NCAA standards for student athletes who are “full qualifiers” under Division I guidelines.

*In lieu of ACT scores, student may submit equivalent SAT scores*

### **What if I do not meet all the criteria?**

1. You should still apply to the University of your choice.
2. The university will require you to take the ACCUPLACER exam.
3. This placement process will determine whether you may be enrolled in regular freshmen level courses with academic support or be required to enroll in the summer semester with mandatory participation in the Summer Developmental Program.
4. Students who successfully complete the Summer Developmental Program may enroll in the fall semester with mandatory academic support.
5. For more information about Mississippi public university admission standards, go to [www.mississippi.edu](http://www.mississippi.edu).

## Mississippi Admission Standards for Community Colleges

Junior colleges and community colleges are places of higher education offering 2-year degrees. Admission requirements of these types of colleges may be similar to but not as stringent as those of 4-year colleges and universities. The main admission requirement among junior colleges or community colleges is that each applicant be 18 years of age OR a high school graduate. Other specific admission requirements differ from one college to another. Education and college admission tests are often required for admission to junior college and community colleges.

*“Well done is better than well said”  
Benjamin Franklin*

# College Application Organizer

College Name				
Applications				
Request info/application				
Can apply online				
Regular application deadline				
Early application deadline				
Grades				
Request H.S. transcript – Date sent				
Request midyear grade reports – Date sent				
Test Scores				
ACT Required				
Send ACT scores				
SAT Required				
SAT Subject Test Required - #				
Send SAT scores				
Letters of Recommendation				
Request recommendations - #				
Essays				
Write essay/s				
Proof essay/s and show to advisor				
Interviews				
Date/Time				
Phone or In Person				
Application Checklist				
Made copies of all application materials				
Included application fee or fee waiver				
Signed application				
Dated application sent/filed online				
Confirmed receipt of application materials				
Financial Aid Forms				
FAFSA Deadline: date sent/filed online				
Mail PROFILE, if needed: date sent/filed online				
Mail school aid form, if needed: date sent/filed online				
After Acceptance				
Send deposit				
Send AP scores				
Send letters declining admission				

# MISSISSIPPI FINANCIAL AID

The Mississippi Office of Financial Aid provides funding to fulltime students attending eligible Mississippi colleges and universities. By completing the MS Office of Financial Aid Application annually, you are ensuring that, if qualified, you will receive financial aid from state sources. The application may be accessed at [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid) or you can link to the Mississippi application after completing the FAFSA and most of your info will be refilled. For more information on the programs listed below and others, contact the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid at 601-432-6997 or 800-327-2980.

## **Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)**

Covers up to \$500/year for freshmen and sophomores and up to \$1000/year for juniors and seniors. Initial eligibility for the student who:

- Is a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Is a resident of Mississippi.
- Has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and a minimum of 15 on the national ACT or 720 on the national SAT.
- Is not full Pell Grant eligible.

## **Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)**

Covers up to \$2500/year, but may not exceed tuition and required fees at attending institution.

Initial eligibility for the student who:

- Is a resident of Mississippi.
- Achieves a grade point average of at least 3.5 after a minimum of seven semesters in high school.
- Scores a minimum of 29 on the national ACT or 1290 on the national SAT or is a National Merit/National Achievement Finalist or Semi-Finalist.

## **Higher Education Legislative Plan (HELP)**

Covers tuition and required fees for no more than 10 semesters at a public institution.

Participants attending a private institution in Mississippi will receive an award amount equal to the award of a student attending the nearest comparable Mississippi public institution.

Additional documents must be submitted. Initial eligibility for the student who:

- Is a freshman and/or sophomore who graduated from high school within the immediate past two years.
- Is a resident of Mississippi.
- Demonstrates need as determined by the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Documents an average family Adjusted Gross Income (AFIO) of \$39,500 or less. (For every additional dependent under 21, add \$5,000 to the AFI to qualify.)
- Has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and a minimum of 20 on the national ACT.
- Meets a specific high school core curriculum.

NOTE: Students cannot receive both MESG and HELP

View 2018-2019 updates at [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid)



# Seniors Follow These 4 Steps 2 Financial Aid

## 1 Apply Now For Private Scholarships.

- See your high school counselor or career center manager for a list of scholarships.
- Looking locally for scholarships can produce successful search results. Start with your local community/civic organizations and businesses. Ask your family and friends what organizations they belong to and see if they offer scholarship opportunities. Do your parents' employers have scholarship competitions? Do you have an older friend who was awarded a scholarship from a local business or organization? Check it out!
- There are several free scholarship sites on the Internet. Some popular sites are: [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org), [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com), [www.mycollegedollars.com](http://www.mycollegedollars.com), and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).
- Read your local newspaper every day to look for announcements about scholarships. Newspapers will also feature pictures of students receiving scholarships. By seeing what scholarships they are awarded, you will know what is available.
- Many scholarships are not posted until the fall of your senior year, but deadlines start popping up as early as December.
- Check out the local and state scholarships at [Get2College.org](http://Get2College.org).

### Got Questions?

Contact the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid  
3825 Ridgewood Road  
Jackson, MS 39211  
1-800-327-2980  
(toll free in Mississippi)  
[sfa@mississippi.edu](mailto:sfa@mississippi.edu)  
[www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid)

## 2 Apply Early For College Admission And Scholarships.

- Most scholarships come directly from individual colleges.
- Complete applications for admission in the fall of your senior year. You must be accepted for admission in order to receive scholarships and financial aid. Most can be found online at each college's website. **MAKE SURE YOU MEET ALL DEADLINES!**

### Get Money for College and Rise Up to a Better Life!

There is a lot of money available to help you pay for college. In addition to federal aid and aid from private organizations, the state of Mississippi provides about **\$30 MILLION** every year for Mississippi students to go to college.

Visit [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid) to learn more and apply online.

Want to go to one of Mississippi's public universities, but don't have the grades ... or the cash? If you don't meet the requirements for admission into one of the state's eight public universities, you still have options for getting in. Apply for admission into the **Summer Development Program**. Then apply for a **Summer Developmental Program Grant** to pay for it. **Learn more at** [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid).

## 3 Complete The FAFSA To Apply For Federal Financial Aid

### WWW.FAFSA.GOV

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is required to receive any federal funds. Federal funds include need-based and non-need-based grants, work-study programs, and student loans. The FAFSA may also be used for awarding some state aid, institutional aid, and even private scholarships.

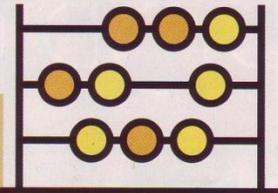
You must complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) after October 1 of your senior year. The online application process contains built-in edits to help you prevent costly mistakes. Make sure you meet the state financial aid and your prospective colleges' priority deadlines.

Review for accuracy your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is sent to you after you file your FAFSA. If necessary, make and submit corrections. Some schools may require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile\* in addition to the FAFSA. If you have any special circumstances, contact the Financial Aid Office of the school you plan to attend.

## Now Reap Your Rewards And Make Final College Decisions!

You will typically **receive award notifications** indicating your financial aid and scholarship amounts in the spring. You may need to accept or reject the award(s) by a deadline, so read carefully. If you receive awards from several colleges, remember to decline those from the schools you don't plan to attend.

**Complete any additional paperwork** the school requires. If you are receiving a student loan, you will need to complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and entrance loan counseling.



## 4 Complete The Mississippi Financial Aid Application.

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid (MOSEFA) offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial need to full-time (15 credit hours per semester) students attending eligible Mississippi colleges and universities. The application is available at [www.mississippi.edu/financialaid](http://www.mississippi.edu/financialaid) or you can link to the Mississippi application after completing the FAFSA and most of your info will be prefilled. You should complete your application after October 1 of your senior year and prior to March 31 which is the earliest deadline. For more information, contact MOSEFA at 601.432.6997 or 800.327.2980. To receive any state assistance, you must take at least 15 hours each semester (fall/spring).

# Senior Year Forms

**Form A: Student Information for Recommendation Form:** This must be completed by **October 12, 2018** and returned to the yellow box on the table outside of the counselor's office.

**Form B: Transcript Request:** This is the transcript request form that must be completed and given to your Counselor along with a dollar. You will be given a receipt at this time.

**Form C: Graduation Checklist:** Please check all classes you have completed and are enrolled to verify you are on target to graduate.

**Form D: Early Release Form:** If you work and plan to leave school early, this is the form that must be completed and returned to the blue box on the table outside of the counselor's office. You will not be able to leave school early until this form has been completed, signed by a parent, and returned to the counselors' office.

**Form E: Senior Jersey Order Form:** You must complete this form and return it along with your money on the day assigned to you according to your last name. (Page 5) You will be given a receipt for your payment.

**The forms are on the following pages**

*"It is not the IQ but the I WILL that is most important in education."  
Unknown*



Form A

STUDENT INFORMATION FOR RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE TYPE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*This information is used to aid your counselor or teacher in writing a recommendation letter for you. Keep the information that you give about yourself **within the last 4 years**. Be as **detailed** as possible. **Do not just use initials for answers**, but write out completely organizations, awards, offices held, etc.*

1. What colleges are you applying to for admission? Have you visited any of these? If so, what was your impression? And why are you applying to those colleges?
2. What major do you plan on declaring? Why? Or are you undecided? Why?
3. Describe your family. Who lives in the household? Include how many in your family have been to college.
4. Is there any background about you or your family or any hardships that would be helpful in order to write your recommendation? Please be specific.
5. Is there anything in your past that could have or has adversely affected your school performance? If yes, please explain.
6. What is the most memorable event/important thing that has happened to you?
7. Who has most influenced you and why?
8. What person (current or historical) do you most admire? Why?
9. Give 3-4 words that describe you and explain why.
10. Is there one quality of your personality that you secretly hope people will associate with you? Explain.
11. What is your favorite subject? Why?
12. Describe any activity or hobby that you spend time doing. Give details about your experience.



Below are areas to answer that you may have already put into a resume of your own. If so, attach what you have and answer only what your resume lacks from the areas below.

- Club memberships and offices held (including dates).
- Leadership roles
- Special school awards and recognitions (include dates)
- Other honors or awards (include dates)
- Community activities and leadership roles outside of school (boy scouts, church, service work, etc.) **Give details about your experience(s). Include number of hours and dates.**
- Employment history (include dates and job responsibilities)

**Form B**

Horn Lake High School  
**Transcript Request**

3360 Church Road  
Horn Lake, MS 38637

(662) 393-5273  
fax (662) 393-1100

-REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION-

STUDENT MSIS ID# \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT TO BE SENT TO:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is a \$1.00 fee per copy of transcript. This applies whether the copy is mailed or picked up by the student. Official transcripts can only be mailed to a higher learning institution unless parental consent is noted. They will not be mailed to a personal address. Transcript processing time is 5 business days.

Signature of parent (If required) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note if any additional documents are to be required: \_\_\_\_\_

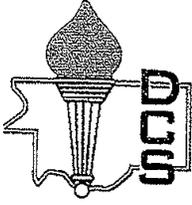
**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Transcript Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Issuing Transcript: \_\_\_\_\_









# DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOLS

5 East South Street • Hernando, Mississippi 38632  
662-429-5271 • fax 662-429-4198 • Website: www.desotocountyschools.org

*"EXCELLENCE IS A COMMITMENT"*

## DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOLS

### Application for Early Release/Late Arrival

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Juniors and Seniors must be enrolled in two classes each day.

Please check the class period for which you are applying for Early Release/Late Arrival:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Block \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Block \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Block \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> Block

#### Signed Student Statement:

Upon approval, I agree to leave the school campus at the period designated above. I understand that I may only return to campus to participate in a scheduled extracurricular activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**\*The principal has the authority to revoke this privilege at any time.**

#### Office Use Only:

\_\_\_\_\_ Denied Early Release/Late Arrival

\_\_\_\_\_ Approved Early Release/Late Arrival.

Reason for Denial:

\_\_\_\_\_

OR

Early Release/Late Arrival is approved for the following dates:

\_\_\_\_\_ August 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ May 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Principal/Assistant Principal Signature



**Form E**

# Senior Football Jersey Form

Form E (Turn in with payment)

<b>Please Print:</b>																	
Name:																	
Email:																	
✓ Jersey Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> White																	
Football Jersey Price: <b>\$40.00</b>																	
✓ Jersey Size: <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL																	
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<p>I understand that a personalized jersey is a non-refundable item. I was given the opportunity to try on the jersey before ordering to ensure fit and know that I'm ordering the correct size. It is my responsibility to proof the final personalization list (located in C4) before the order is placed on August 17. I have signed up for the Class of 2019 remind and will be able to receive messages from Mrs. Pattberg.</p>																	
Signature	Cell Phone Number																





## Sign up for important updates from HLHS Counselors and Mrs. T. Pattberg.

Get information for Horn Lake High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for HLHS Class of 2019:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/hlhs19](http://rmd.at/hlhs19)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @hlhs19 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @hlhs19 to (919) 842-3431.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/hlhs19](http://rmd.at/hlhs19) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

# Senior Year Timetable

## AUGUST

- \_\_\_ August 1-10, 2018 ACT registration deadline approaching for September 8, 2018 test date.
- \_\_\_ August 9, 2018 (Thursday) Senior meeting at 6:00 p.m. in HLHS gym.
- \_\_\_ August 13, 2018 (Monday) Open House.
- \_\_\_ August 30, 2018 Baby pictures due to Mrs. Pattberg from seniors who paid their senior fee.

## SEPTEMBER

- \_\_\_ September 25-28, 2018 ACT registration deadline approaching for October 27, 2018 test date.
- \_\_\_ Check with your counselor to make sure you are enrolled in enough credits to graduate.
- \_\_\_ If you have not started your college search, start now!
- \_\_\_ September 18, 2018 Senior meeting at 6:00 p.m. in HLHS gym with Herff- Jones about senior supplies.
- \_\_\_ Meet with college representatives who will visit the school this fall.
- \_\_\_ Senior Banner Signing day.
- \_\_\_ Update or begin your resume which is your list of accomplishments, involvement, and work experience.
- \_\_\_ Register for the ACT or SAT.
- \_\_\_ If your applications require essays—get started. Choose an English teacher to help you.
- \_\_\_ September 29, 2018 Jimmy Alford Studios sitting deadline.

## OCTOBER

- \_\_\_ Request applications from colleges. (However, some are online only)
- \_\_\_ Apply for admission to the colleges in which you are most interested.
- \_\_\_ October 1, 2018 May begin completing FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- \_\_\_ October 3, 2018 (Wednesday) \$80.00 deposit due on any order from Herff -Jones during all lunches.
- \_\_\_ October 12, 2018 Student information form for recommendation letters due to counselors.
- \_\_\_ October 15, 2018 Jimmy Alford Studios proof deadline.
- \_\_\_ Obtain financial aid information from the colleges.
- \_\_\_ Complete essays, if needed, and keep a copy for yourself.
- \_\_\_ Finish making college visits and narrow down choices.
- \_\_\_ Give recommendation forms to teachers and counselors that will be writing recommendations for you. Include a copy of your student resume sheet for their use.
- \_\_\_ Allow at least **TEN ACTUAL SCHOOL DAYS** for your teacher and/or counselor to complete recommendations.

## NOVEMBER

- \_\_\_ November 1-2, 2018 ACT registration deadline approaching for December 8, 2018 test date.
- \_\_\_ Send additional ACT score reports for colleges if needed. (There may be an extra charge for this from ACT and SAT, but most schools will not accept the score on your transcript.)

## **DECEMBER**

- \_\_\_ Continue applying for admission to the colleges that interest you.
- \_\_\_ Remember Colleges are closed over the holidays, so get applications completed to meet deadlines.

## **JANUARY**

- \_\_\_ January 2-11, 2019 ACT registration deadline approaching for February 9, 2018 test date.
- \_\_\_ Check with counselor to make sure you have met all graduation requirements.
- \_\_\_ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

## **FEBRUARY**

- \_\_\_ **Don't get senioritis!** Colleges want to see strong second semester grades!
- \_\_\_ Check to make sure all necessary materials have been sent to your chosen colleges.
- \_\_\_ Promptly respond to requests for information from college admission and financial aid offices.
- \_\_\_ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

## **MARCH**

- \_\_\_ March 1-8, 2019 ACT registration deadline approaching for April 13, 2019 test date.
- \_\_\_ Return verification or corrected information on FAFS forms, if requested, ASAP.
- \_\_\_ Continue to research scholarship opportunities.

## **APRIL**

- \_\_\_ Copies of all scholarship offers due to Ms. McNeil.
- \_\_\_ April 16, 2019 (Tuesday) - Senior Awards night by invitation only.
- \_\_\_ April deadline to turn in acceptance letter for the college signing day.
- \_\_\_ Review college acceptances; perhaps revisit your top choices.
- \_\_\_ Review financial aid packages, talk with financial aid officers.
- \_\_\_ Respond promptly in writing for action on admissions, scholarships, and financial aid.

## **MAY**

- \_\_\_ May 1-3, 2019 ACT registration deadline approaching for June 8, 2019 test date.
- \_\_\_ May 2, 2019 National College Signing Day at school.
- \_\_\_ May 2, 2019 last day to order cap and gown from Herff- Jones.
- \_\_\_ May 10, 2019 all graduation state tests requirements must be met in order to be included in the program.
- \_\_\_ Notify the college you choose of your decision to attend.
- \_\_\_ Notify colleges you do NOT choose of your decision so they may offer admission to others.
- \_\_\_ Return all books, equipment, etc. to school and pay fines. Failure to do this will result in a hold being put on your transcript and diploma.
- \_\_\_ Turn in a list of all scholarships offered to the counselor's office.
- \_\_\_ Complete final transcript request form to be sent to the college you will be attending.

# Parent Tips

What can I do to help my senior? We all care about the students at Horn Lake High School. We want to see them do well after they leave high school behind. At HLHS, the teachers, counselors, and administration do all we can to make sure students reach their potential and achieve their post high school goals. The following are things that you as a parent can do as well to help your senior:

- Your student will need the information on your tax return in order to complete the FAFSA application. The FAFSA window opens October 1, 2018 (see page 23 for directions).
- Talk to your student about their college choices. Go with them on the college visits if possible. Help them set up a budget. Research scholarship opportunities with them.
- Help your senior keep up with all college applications and other important documents. Ask them what they need in order to complete college applications; follow up.
- Help your senior practice interview skill for colleges. Consider that your student might apply for work-study or other opportunities when he or she enrolls in which an interview would be required.
- Pay all fees well before the due dates to ensure your senior does not miss out on any of the senior and graduation activities.
- Enjoy the last year of your student's high school experience with them! This exciting and busy year is sure to fly by before you know it.
- Sign up for Remind 101 to get the same text reminders as your senior. Directions on how to sign up for the Remind 101 is on page 35 in this book.
- Create an account in Parent Portal so you can see your student's grades.

*“The central struggle of parenthood is to let our hopes for our children outweigh our fears.”*

*Ellen Goodman*