

CALENDAR FOR SENIORS

This calendar will help you stay organized. Place a in the when you complete each item.

SEPTEMBER

- Take academic classes and keep up your grades. They do count!
- Gather information on colleges and make your final college application list.
- Visit some college campuses. Explore classrooms and dorms. Speak to students and faculty.
- Retake SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Send for catalogs and information regarding admission application procedures, financial aid, and entrance requirements.
- Begin first draft of any required essays.

OCTOBER

- Begin filling out college applications. Note deadlines for application submission.
- Work on admissions application essays.
- Find out which financial aid applications your college choices require and when they are due.
- Attend college fairs.
- Request letters of recommendations from teachers, principal and/or counselor.

NOVEMBER

- Retake SAT or ACT exam, if necessary.
- Finalize application essays and complete admission procedures.
- Remind high school counselor and references of application deadlines, provide references with self-addressed, stamped envelopes to each school. Send thank you notes to these people.

DECEMBER

- Submit applications for admission.
- Pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Begin working on it.
DO NOT SUBMIT IT BEFORE JANUARY 1
- Apply for outside funding or scholarships.

JANUARY

- January 1** - Submit financial aid application materials: *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). Web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov

- KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- Complete scholarship applications that are due.
- Finish any other college applications.

FEBRUARY

- Continue checking out scholarships.
- Send in all applications and your FAFSA?
- Verify that mid-year transcripts have been sent to schools receiving an application for admission.
- Start a file for copies of all college paperwork.

MARCH

- Apply for scholarships.
- Review your FAFSA Acknowledgment and Student Aid Report from the Pell Grant Program.
- Contact admissions to make certain that you have submitted all required forms. Some colleges require a physical exam.

APRIL

- Inform the counselor of any scholarships offered to you, even if you do not intend to accept them.
- Review your acceptances and financial aid offers.
- Notify the college of your choice.
- Check housing opportunities at your colleges.
- Apply now through early summer for community and technical colleges.

MAY

- Notify colleges you have decided not to attend.
- Send your Pell Grant Student Aid Report to your college. Keep a copy for your records.
- Check on placement exams at various colleges.
- Remind counselor to send final transcript to the college you will attend.
- Remember to get your immunization information (blue slip) from the counselor. Your college will need this.
- Take time to thank those who helped you.
- Graduation..... Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*
- Enjoy your summer!!