

Senior Year College Timeline Highlights

**** If you have a summer job, save your last pay checkstub so you know what your year-to-date earnings are. You'll need these numbers to fill out your FAFSA**

AUGUST: Compose college essays in English class. Finalize a resume of activities.

Parents, go to www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov. Use last year's taxes to get a general idea of what colleges will expect you to pay for your student next year.

SEPTEMBER: Complete college visits. Ask teachers/coaches/ministers/employers for recommendations. Student and parent each apply for their own FAFSA user name and password. Parents need only one, no matter how many children they have in college. However, each student needs his/her own username and password. www.fafsa.ed.gov

OCTOBER: Complete and send in college applications by November 1

Attend the Financial Aid Night at Crooksville High School

**** Fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 and BEFORE February 15. Be sure to check your colleges' dates to be sure you aren't late. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov**

NOVEMBER: Stay focused! Grades earned your senior year can affect your college admittance.

DECEMBER: Save all end-of-the-year pay stubs, bank account, stock account or any other statements or documents that indicate year-to-date earnings. You will need these to complete the FAFSA, since not all of them will be sent to you in time to meet FAFSA deadlines.

JANUARY Read your colleges' information about their in-house scholarships. Get applications.

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FEBRUARY: Begin filling out scholarship applications. Begin writing essays, as not all of them will be the same.

MARCH: Continue working on scholarship applications.

Schedule an appointment to have a physical in early June. By then, you will probably have your college housing information. Gather documentation of all vaccinations.

APRIL: Acceptance forms due to college by May 1. Send replies out early enough to arrive no later than May 1.

Finish working on scholarship applications.

Make a copy of both sides of parent's insurance card, if student will remain covered under parental health insurance while in college. Student health centers cover minor illnesses/mishaps, but not everything. Most colleges require proof of health insurance.

MAY: Send your college housing contract in as early as possible. Some colleges determine housing/preferences based on the date of the receipt of the contract.

Fill out final transcript request envelope.

JUNE: Write a thank you note to all schools/clubs/agencies who have given you scholarship money, and to each person who wrote a recommendation for you.