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### OTHER HELPFUL TIPS:

- Ask your High School Guidance Counselor for help with scholarship and grant deadline dates.
- Introduce yourself to college Financial Aid Offices – putting a face to a name may open doors to additional aid.
- Don't be turned-off by high tuition costs; private schools may offer more attractive aid packages compared to public schools.
- Submit your FAFSA online between January 1st and June 30th – it's faster, easier, plus you can save it if you need to finish later.
- About 4 to 6 weeks after your FAFSA is processed, you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR); be sure to review it for any mistakes.
- Don't forget to respond by the deadline date listed on your financial aid award package.

### ONLINE RESOURCES:

- **www.FastWeb.com**

A source of local, national and college-specific scholarships

- **www.fafsa.ed.gov**

The single application that will determine if you are eligible for scholarships, grants, work-study options and federal student loans.

- **www.regents.ohio.gov**

Provides a list of grants and scholarships for Ohio students and families.

- **www.StudentLendingWorks.org**

The State of Ohio's only designated nonprofit lender, offering students and their families tips and resources when preparing for college. Call our Loan Advisors at: **1-877-338-3328**.

#### End of Junior Year

- Be sure your senior year courses meet college admission requirements.
- Take your ACT / SAT exam now or register and start studying before Fall!

#### August / September

- Create a calendar of deadline dates for:
  - scholarships
  - college admission applications
  - SAT / ACT examinations
  - financial aid applications
- Visit colleges to:
  - Get info on their programs
  - Determine campus size and atmosphere
  - Be sure you like the location

#### October

- Take the ACT or SAT exam.
- Compose application essays. Review them at least three times (for grammar and spelling) prior to submission.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, counselors, etc.
- Attend financial aid workshops at your school.

#### November

- Holidays are around the corner. Did you...
  - get the ACT or SAT test scores you wanted and submit them to colleges?
  - visit campuses and get the admissions applications?
  - sign up for required classes for college admissions?
  - apply for scholarships?

#### December

- Start the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You and one of your parents will need to register for a PIN number at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Male students over 17 years old will automatically be registered with the selective service when completing the FAFSA. Registration is required in order to receive financial aid.

#### January

- Send transcripts, grades, and recommendations with college admission applications.
- Get tax paperwork together by January 1st (when you can start the FAFSA).
- Remember – If you don't have your taxes completed you can "estimate".

#### February

- Respond promptly to college requests for "verification" information on your FAFSA. This basically means they need clarification on your application info.
- Log onto [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and update the school code if you've changed your mind on the college you plan to attend.

#### March

- Start receiving college admission and financial aid offers.
- Notify the financial aid office if there has been any change with your financial needs.

#### April

- Compare the aid amount and type in your award letters.
- Understand how long you will receive grants and scholarships and under what conditions.
- Consider private / alternative loan once you deplete other options (scholarships, grants, federal student loans). These loans typically have higher interest rates.

#### May

- Take Advanced Placement Exams (AP exams)
- Prepare for summer break and start hunting for a summer job.
- Finalize your financial aid and admissions with your college.

#### June

- Be sure your high school forwards your final transcripts to college.
- Mark down college orientation dates
- Save money from your summer job to help pay for college expenses and supplies.

#### July

- Make copies of financial aid documents. Copies will quickly resolve questions or issues in the future.
- Send thank you notes to everyone that helped you compile college applications and transcripts.
- Call **Student Lending Works** at **1-877-338-3328** with college planning or financial aid questions.



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