



COLLEGE BOUND TIMELINE

Freshman Year

- Commit to working hard to maintain a good grade average throughout high school. *Princeton Review research shows that 95% of your scholarship awards will come from your college. These amounts are determined primarily by grade average, SAT/ACT scores and portfolio (art students) or audition (music/theater).*
- Heritage freshman take their first PSAT in October
- Look for work, service and leadership opportunities to build your resume
- Tour a college campus whenever possible (family travel, sports camps, etc.)

Sophomore Year

- Keep your grades up!
- Look for work, service and leadership opportunities to build your resume
- Learn about career fields: taking seasonal jobs, shadowing
- PSAT in October
- Tour a college campus whenever possible (family travel, sports camps, etc.)

Soph/Jr Summer

- STUDY for your Junior PSAT in October
These scores are your entry in the National Merit Scholarship Competition
- Find a good summer job or shadowing opportunity;
Responsibility and networking is more important than money!

Jr Fall

- Not too early to go to fall campus preview days
- National Merit Scholarship PSAT in October (scores in early December)
- Take the ACT exam (Nov or Dec) to compare to Jr PSAT scores
- Look for work, service and leadership opportunities to build your resume
- REALLY keep your grades up

Jr Spring

- College Visits:
Go to college website homepage; *Prospective Students; Visit Preview Events (usually Saturdays & Mondays)*
Private appointments usually become small group talk & tour
- Applicants to Service Academies get on board with process
- Decide between SAT and ACT tests
- Take at least one SAT or ACT exam (dates may conflict with Heritage sports)

Jr/Sr Summer

- Study SAT/ACT
- Surf, Visit, Talk about colleges
- Aptitude/personality testing for career direction
- Prepare your resume
- Find a good summer job or shadowing opportunity; *responsibility and networking are more important than money*

Sr Fall

- Apply early → more \$\$ aid (Preferred deadlines in Oct, Nov, Dec)
- Supplementary material mailed all in one packet
- Mail at least 10 days before deadline
- Study/take SAT/ACT

Sr Winter

- Check with guidance counselors monthly for available scholarships
- Should have several acceptance letters in hand
- Do serious comparison shopping: overnight visit, email pal, surf, chat, talk
- Parents wrap up bookkeeping; FAFSA comes online Jan 1
- Study/take Jan/Feb SAT/ACT to boost scholarship
- See Dr. Rickerhauser to sign up for May AP exams

Sr Spring

- Check with guidance counselors monthly for available scholarships
- May 1, National Reply Date – Inform ALL colleges of your final choice
- Send Thank-You notes to writers of recommendation letters; tell them your plans
- Pay dorm Room Deposit
- Sign up for freshman registration session (maybe early June)
- Take last SAT/ACT to boost scholarship
- Take May AP exams. (See Dr. Rickerhauser to register.)

Summer Grad

- Take CLEP exams
- Take speed reading course
- Consider “Plunge” freshman experience prior to fall orientation

RESOURCES for college search & comparison, test prep & registration, choice of major

collegeboard.com

act.org

princetonreview.com

kaptest.com

petersons.com

www.morethanateacher.com

getadirection.com (Becky Prebble)

majorquest.com (Tom Christopherson)

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