



Senior Year Checklist

- _____ **Write an Essay.** Finalize your essay to be used for applying for college admission and/or scholarship applications.
- _____ **College Prep Courses.** Your course schedule should reflect all necessary college preparatory classes. Be sure to take as challenging a course schedule as you can handle, including any AP and honors classes, when available and appropriate.
- _____ **Test Time!** Register for and take the fall ACT and/or SAT and Subject Tests (if needed). Utilize free test preparation resources available online and elsewhere. The SAT and ACT web sites offer free practice tests as do web sites that focus specifically on college entrance exam test preparation including www.number2.com and www.march2success.com.
- _____ **Visit Colleges.** Continue college visits; narrow down college options. Make sure you take advantage of overnight visits at the colleges you are seriously considering and meet with admissions and financial aid.
- _____ **Apply for Scholarships.** Complete and mail college and scholarship applications paying close attention to deadlines. Be aware of special admission options such as Early Decision and Early Action.
- _____ **Future College Athlete?** Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center if you plan to play sports at a Division I or II college (if you haven't done so already).
- _____ **Apply for Federal Student Aid.** Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1. You can file online at www.studentaid.gov. Submit any other financial aid forms required by the college(s) you may attend and check to be sure the college(s) you are still seriously considering do not have earlier dates by which any of the financial aid related forms must be filed. (See Page 2.)
- _____ **Apply for State Aid.** Complete the YOUiversal application to apply for scholarships and grants funded by Arkansas Scholarship Lottery and general revenues at scholarships.adhe.edu. Application opens October 1 and closes June 1.
- _____ **Pay Deposits.** (if required) Submit the enrollment deposit to the college you plan to attend by May 1 (National Candidate Reply Date), or other date as designated by the college.
- _____ **Take AP Tests.** Register for and complete AP tests for any AP courses you are taking.
- _____ **Become a College Student.** Attend the on-campus orientation/registration sessions offered to students and parents at the college you will attend.
- _____ **Save for college.** Continue to save for college. Every family must contribute towards the cost of attending college. Although your college years will begin next fall, remember that anything you can put away now will be welcomed assistance when the time comes.