

## Senior Year

### Pre-College Calendar and Checklist

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review career plans and decide which type of school is for you.</li> <li>• Visit some campuses.</li> <li>• Narrow your list to approximately five schools.</li> <li>• Request catalogs and admissions information.</li> <li>• Save money from your summer job for college costs.</li> <li>• Contact your High School Counselor for registration materials and test dates for SAT/ACT</li> <li>• SAT: <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></li> <li>• ACT: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a></li> <li>• Search for scholarships via the internet and the Career Center.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.</li> <li>• Make a list of test names, dates and fees, college applications and deadlines, financial aid applications and deadlines.</li> <li>• Remember that you must take tests like SAT and ACT at least six weeks before scores are to be submitted to colleges.</li> <li>• Line up teachers, counselors, and employers for letters of recommendation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take SAT/ACT exams, if necessary SAT: <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> ACT: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a></li> <li>• Visit your top school choices.</li> <li>• Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights.</li> <li>• Find out which financial aid applications your colleges require and when they are due.</li> <li>• If school has been selected: begin writing your application essay.</li> <li>• Continue to check in the Career Center for new scholarships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take SAT/ACT exams, if necessary.</li> <li>• SAT: <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a></li> <li>• ACT: <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a></li> <li>• Obtain financial aid applications from the Counseling Office or the college or your choice. Read carefully to determine what information is required when the application is due.</li> <li>• Begin preparing your college application. Check with the college to find out when materials must be postmarked.</li> <li>• Attend National College Fair.</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) in the Career Center. Begin work on it. <b>DO NOT SUBMIT BEFORE JANUARY 1.</b></li> <li>• Apply for outside funding or scholarships.</li> <li>• PARENTS: save your year-end payroll stub if it shows your earnings for the year. You may need it for financial aid eligibility reviews by schools.</li> <li>• Revise/ Review essays.</li> <li>• Visit colleges that interest you.</li> <li>• Complete applications.</li> <li>• Write "thank you" notes for recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit your completed FAFSA to the processor as soon after January first as possible.</li> <li>• <b>KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.</b></li> <li>• Attend Financial Aid Planning Night at LHS</li> <li>• PARENTS: get your income tax returns prepared early- schools may request them to prove eligibility for financial aid.</li> <li>• Check with teachers and counselors for letters of recommendation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you applied.</li> <li>• Make sure your FAFSA has been mailed.</li> <li>• Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Exams.</li> <li>• Rank you finalized list of colleges.</li> <li>• Continue to watch for scholarships.</li> <li>• Tell colleges of new achievements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for your student aid report, which contains Federal Pell Grant Program information.</li> <li>• Submit tax forms, if requested, to the financial aid office to make certain that you application is complete. Find out what else you might need to establish and maintain your eligibility for financial aid.</li> <li>• If you haven't received your Student Aid Report after four weeks have passed since you have sent in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information center at: (319) 337-5665.</li> <li>• Visit campuses to help in making your final decision.</li> </ul>

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch the mail for college acceptance letters. Compare Financial Aid Awards you receive.</li> <li>• Write a letter to the school if you receive "waiting list" status.</li> <li>• Check with your college of choice about policy for signing and returning Financial Aid Award Letters.</li> <li>• Make your final school decision and send in a deposit by the deadline</li> <li>• Notify the schools you will not be attending.</li> <li>• Watch for important dates and deadlines at your college of choice. (Housing, financial aid, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP examinations are taken in high schools nationwide.</li> <li>• Call EDUCAID for a Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or Parent Loan (PLUS) if you need additional financial aid.</li> <li>• Finalize summer school or summer job plans.</li> <li>• Continue to apply for scholarships.</li> <li>• Write thank you notes to all those who have helped you in your college application process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!</li> <li>• Visit selected college "Summer Orientation Programs".</li> <li>• Save money from your summer job for college costs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit selected college "Summer Orientation Programs".</li> <li>• Buy books, and prepare for school to begin.</li> </ul>

**SENIOR YEAR  
ON-THE-JOB TRAINING/APPRENTICESHIP CALENDAR & CHECK LIST**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review career plans &amp; Decide which type of school/training is for you.</li> <li>• Narrow your list.</li> <li>• Identify personal skills and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review career portfolios</li> <li>• Supplement career portfolio with updated skill assessments.</li> <li>• Research apprenticeships and On-the-Job Training Programs.</li> <li>• Research employers and possible jobs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange for informational interview with someone in your career field.</li> <li>• Contact the union representative for the apprenticeship's you are interested in.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take ASVAB to gain more knowledge and information about interests and abilities.</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit programs or employers that interest you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT!!</li> <li>• Consider pre-apprenticeship training programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rank your finalized list.</li> <li>• Attend job and career fairs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update resume.</li> <li>• Contact people who you would like to serve as your references. Get their addresses and telephone numbers.</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for entrance to apprenticeship programs.</li> <li>• Think about living arrangements after high school.</li> <li>• Apply for full-time employment to begin after graduation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize summer job plans.</li> <li>• Write "thank-you" notes for those who helped you to apply for jobs.</li> <li>• Interview for apprenticeship of full-time employment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION</li> <li>• Accept apprenticeship or full-time employment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin apprenticeship or employment.</li> </ul>

**SENIOR YEAR  
VO-TECH, 2-YEAR, MILITARY CALENDAR & CHECK LIST**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore your personal skills and interests.</li> <li>• Review career options; decide which type of school/training is for you.</li> <li>• Visit some prospective programs.</li> <li>• Trim your list to just a few schools or programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research career information for your prospective jobs.</li> <li>• Update skills assessments.</li> <li>• Request entrance information and entrance requirements for programs that interest you.</li> <li>• Research scholarships.</li> <li>• Take the ASVAB test if needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for scholarships. There are many vocational scholarships available in the Career Center.</li> <li>• Visit school campuses.</li> <li>• Research different branches of the military, and training available in each.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take ASVAB test to gain more knowledge and information about your interests and abilities.</li> <li>• Review ASVAB results with a military recruiter.</li> </ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in the Counseling Office. Begin to work on it. <b>DO NOT SUBMIT IT BEFORE JANUARY 1!</b></li> <li>• Apply for outside funding and/or scholarships.</li> <li>• Visit programs that interest you.</li> <li>• PARENTS: Save your year-end payroll stub if it shows your earnings for the year. You may need it for financial aid eligibility by schools.</li> <li>• Meet with your military recruiter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit your completed FAFSA.</li> <li>• <b>KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT!</b></li> <li>• It is financial aid awareness month; look for special programs in your area.</li> <li>• Attend Financial Aid Planning Night at LHS.</li> <li>• PARENTS: Get your income tax returns prepared early - schools may request them to prove eligibility for financial aid.</li> <li>• Decide which branch of the military to enter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your FAFSA has been mailed by this time.</li> <li>• Rank your finalized list.</li> <li>• Continue to watch for scholarships.</li> <li>• Take military entrance physical.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update your resume.</li> <li>• Contact people who you would like to serve as your references. Get their addresses and telephone numbers.</li> <li>• Meet with an admissions counselor at community or vocational/technical school.</li> <li>• Meet with military recruiter.</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit programs to make final decision.</li> <li>• Think about costs of housing, car insurance, and other living expenses after high school.</li> <li>• Finalize military entrance papers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize summer job/school plans.</li> <li>• Continue to apply for scholarships</li> <li>• Write "thank you" notes to those who helped you.</li> <li>• Send in applications for community colleges or vocational technical schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!</b></li> <li>• Take the ASSET or other placement test at the community college or vocational/technical school.</li> <li>• Settle personal affairs and pack your bags!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buy books, and prepare for school to begin.</li> <li>• Leave for military basic training.</li> </ul>