

## **\*\*End of Junior Year / Summer / Senior Checklist\*\***

- **Make sure you register for challenging courses your Senior year**
  - \*Take advantage of AP, Concurrent Enrollment or Distance Learning classes to help prepare for college. Take classes that coincide with your career goals.*
  - \* Academic Letters – requirements are in the student handbook and - pages 18-19 – do you need to add a class or fulfill service hours etc. to qualify?*
  - \*Have you completed a Career Pathway? Info on blue handout & on THS website – Career Planning. Earn Career Pathway completion cords to wear at graduation.*
  
- **Register for June ACT, September ACT or October ACT**
  - \*For some schools October will be the last ACT accepted to meet scholarship deadlines*
  - \* Free Act prep options: [schmoop.com/utah](http://schmoop.com/utah), [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org), [march2success.com](http://march2success.com), <http://www.learningexpresshub.com/college-preparation-center> or pick up a practice booklet in the counseling office,*
  - \*For a fee: BYU, Kaplan, Timpview*
  - Timpview’s ACT prep classes starts in Sept. - Fee: \$50 –sign up and pay in financial office*
  
- **Discuss finances with parents – what is the plan to pay for college?**
  - \*Is it all your responsibility?*
  - \*Are they willing to pay for part/all of your tuition/housing/food/books/fees?*
  - \*Will you qualify for any scholarships?*
  - \*Will you qualify for federal financial aid (FAFSA)? Go to [fafsa4caster](http://fafsa4caster) to get an estimate.*
  - \*Will you be working while you go to college? How many hours a week?*
  
- **Letter of Recommendation for Scholarships**
  - \*Ask a current teacher*
  - \*Ask if you can get multiple copies (or ask if you could come get another copy later)*
  - \*Try to get 1 or 2 letters of recommendations*
  - \*Give your teacher or counselor at least two weeks’ notice.*
  - \* Bring the teacher an educational resume to help them know of your accomplishments.*
  
- **Get on the road and visit some colleges**
  - \*Take a tour of the campus; come with a list of questions*
  - \*Talk to department chairs*
  - \*Narrow your selection to 2 or 3 final choices – don’t rule out prestigious schools because of financial need; many of them offer full need based scholarships.*
  
- **Prepare a personal statement**
  - \*Something that you can “tweak” for college applications and scholarships*
  
- **Prepare any portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples, etc.**
  
- **Create an Educational Resume**



- **Are you planning on playing sports in college? Are you NCAA qualified?**  
*\*Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to see if you qualify **and/or** activate your membership at: [www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://www.CoreCourseGPA.com) – New Free Member Account – School ID: 450326  
School Code: 785743379 – fill in info – create new student account*
- **Browse Utahfutures.org or Bigfuture.com**  
*\*Explore what career would match your interest profile  
\*Explore and compare colleges and universities*
- **Research the application and scholarship requirements for your top 3 school choices**  
*\*Use the college websites to research all scholarship opportunities and deadlines*
- **Research all Scholarships options:**  
*Private or local, scholarship booklet on THS, ScholarBox on THS, fastweb.com, zinch.com, cappex.com, Utahfutures.org, greenlight.com, scholarships.com, mycollegedollars.com  
\*Create Scholarship Master Application – info on Timpview website: **Counseling-Registration**  
>> **Scholarships/Financial Aid***
- **Apply to your schools of choice on each school’s website**  
*\*Choose a “**Dream**”, “**Reach**” and “**Safe**” school (a safe school is one with open enrollment)  
\*Follow all directions and deadlines  
\* Pay application fee  
\* Have application completed by the priority deadline – **December 1<sup>st</sup> for most schools***
- **Finalize application essays, have someone proof them**
- **Request official high school transcripts from the counseling office to be sent to your prospective schools**  
*\* If you have received college credit, you would need to also send an official college transcript. ie: concurrent enrollment from UVU – request an official transcript from your UV link. (\$5)*
- **Reserve Housing at the school you plan on attending**
- **Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) (First day to fill out FAFSA is Jan 1, 2016)**  
*\*Encourage parents to get tax forms together and taxes done ASAP  
\*[www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) - apply online beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>  
\*Your FAFSA score is also used to see if you qualify for financial need scholarships  
\* Use the fafsa4caster to receive an estimate of what you would qualify for*
- **Wait for admission and scholarship offers and be sure to accept them by the deadline.**
- **Keep working in your classes, grades and courses still count! Graduate 😊**

