

Senior Pirate Booklet



Guide to College & Career Planning
for High School Seniors

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Senior Year



September

1. Attend Senior College Information Night September 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm.
 2. Use calendar/planner to stay organized and keep track of important dates.
 3. Narrow your college choices; see your school counselor for assistance; see list of college search websites in this packet.
 4. Request application materials from schools/programs to which want to apply. (Applications can be found on the college website- for assistance see your school counselor).
 5. Register for October 26 ACT. The deadline to register for ACT is September 20. Boonville High School Code: 260-275. To test at Boonville High School enter code: 182510.
 - Guidance Dept. website has ACT Prep links where you can take practice tests or paper practices are available in Guidance Office.
 6. Students interested in NCAA athletics must select Clearinghouse Code, 9999. Students interested in NAIA athletics must select Code 9876. ACT scores must be sent directly to NCAA/NAIA Clearinghouse. (High Schools can no longer release ACT scores to them).
 7. GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SENIOR YEAR! If you have not been involved in school or community activities now is the time to build your resume!
 8. Focus on your academics and activities!
 9. College and Military recruiters frequently make visits to our campus in the commons during lunch hours; this is a great opportunity to gather information about different programs and schools.
 10. Plan to allocate time for college searches and applications. It is a process that takes time and can't be done in a few minutes.
- ** The time to apply to colleges is during the fall. Some deadlines are as early as October 15, where other colleges have a rolling admissions.**
- Apply online
 - Many applications have a non-returnable application fee (these can be waived if you are on free-reduced lunch)
 - Request HS transcript to be sent to college
 - Fill out blue ½ sheet in counselor's office



October

1. Register for the ACT Prep Class through the ZAPS program on Friday, October 11th from 9-3 pm. Register at doorwaytocollege.com (\$95.00). Register by October 9th.
2. Attend FAFSA FRENZY, October 13th in Media Center from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.
3. Begin to work on your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) so you can complete it as soon as possible after October 1.
4. Participate in Pizza Pie & Apply on October 9th, during 5th hour and have counselors and college admissions rep help you apply to your chosen college(s).
5. Take Accuplacer test if attending a community college/technical school (can take anytime in fall).
 - Shorter placement test than ACT. Used to determine Eng. & Math level
 - See the counselor for Accuplacer study guide websites
6. Ask teachers and/or counselor to complete recommendation letters for colleges that require them. Make your requests at least 2 weeks in advance of due date.
7. Schedule college campus visits and/or interviews. Seniors can utilize 2 visits during the school year. College Visit Forms are in the counselor's office- need parent signature!
 - Call admissions office and set up a visit day
 - Ask about/for tour, admissions process, financial aid, meet with the department you are interested with, tour dorms, and ask about meal plans
8. Begin writing essays required for applications (if necessary).
9. Begin scholarship search and applications. The back of this booklet has popular free websites to help your search.
 - **Institutional Scholarships**: given by the college you are attending. Contact the college for information regarding these scholarships. Sometimes there is an application in addition to the admissions application to fill out. This information on college websites.
 - **Local Scholarships**: our community offers many local scholarships. Information about the application process will be provided in December. Application deadline is in February.
 - **State/National Scholarships**: the guidance link on the school website (Boonville.k12.mo.us) has information and links for these scholarships.
10. Have a frank discussion with your parents/guardians about college costs and how much they're planning to contribute (if they can), and how to apply for financial aid.
11. Familiarize yourself with deadlines for schools or programs to which you are applying; some deadlines are as early as October 15.



November

1. Take the ASVAB test, November 15th (8:00-11:30am) if interested in the military or to find out strengths for future career directions. Sign up in the counselor's office.
2. Register for December 14 ACT by Nov 8.
3. If you are applying early action or early decision, complete your applications; deadlines are usually between mid-November and December 1. Apply online; make sure all materials are sent completed and on time, with necessary signatures, letters of recommendation if needed, and transcripts and test scores.
4. Continue scholarship search and applications! Many deadlines are in the fall so pay attention to those dates.
5. Applications to MU have a December 1 deadline if you are to be considered for automatic scholarships.



December

1. You should try to finish your ACT testing by the end of this month.
2. Mail in or submit online college applications. Remember if you apply online you still must have a transcript sent from our office.
3. DO NOT expect counselors or teachers to write recommendations or see that your applications are mailed after school is out for Winter Break. Some applications have January 1 deadlines; remember school is not in session until AFTER January 1.
5. Visit with recruiters if you are planning to join the military after graduation.
6. Continue scholarship search and applications!



January/February

1. Complete and submit your FAFSA
 - Complete online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Deadline is Feb 1st for Missouri, but many schools have a deadline of March 1st for scholarships
 - Must be completed in order to be eligible for state/federal loans or grants
 - For questions call the FAFSA help line on the application or contact the college financial aid office.
2. If you need to register for the February 8 ACT.
 - Registration deadline for the Feb 8 test is January 10.
 - School Code: 260-275, School Testing Code is: 182510



March

1. Complete and submit your housing information.
2. Continue scholarship search and applications.
3. Work on your resume and begin a job hunt if you need to work part time!



April

1. Take the April 4th ACT exam, if you need to.
 - Registration deadline for the April 4 test is February 28.
 - School Code: 260-275, School Testing Code is: 182510
2. If you don't take the April ACT, or want to re-take it, register for the June 13th ACT (deadline is May 8th).
3. If you have been going through the college application process you will begin to receive admission decisions. Compare financial aid awards; you can sometimes negotiate a better financial aid package.
4. If you are ready, make a decision!
5. Arrange summer activities early, including volunteering, an interesting job, internship, or job shadow in a profession that interests you.



May

1. Request final transcript to be sent to chosen college/program.
2. Prepare for final exams, remember colleges will see your final transcript and GPA.

May 17th--- CONGRATULATIONS! YOU MADE IT!



Choosing a College

Choosing the right college can seem like a rather daunting task. After all, your college education and overall experience will affect the rest of your life.

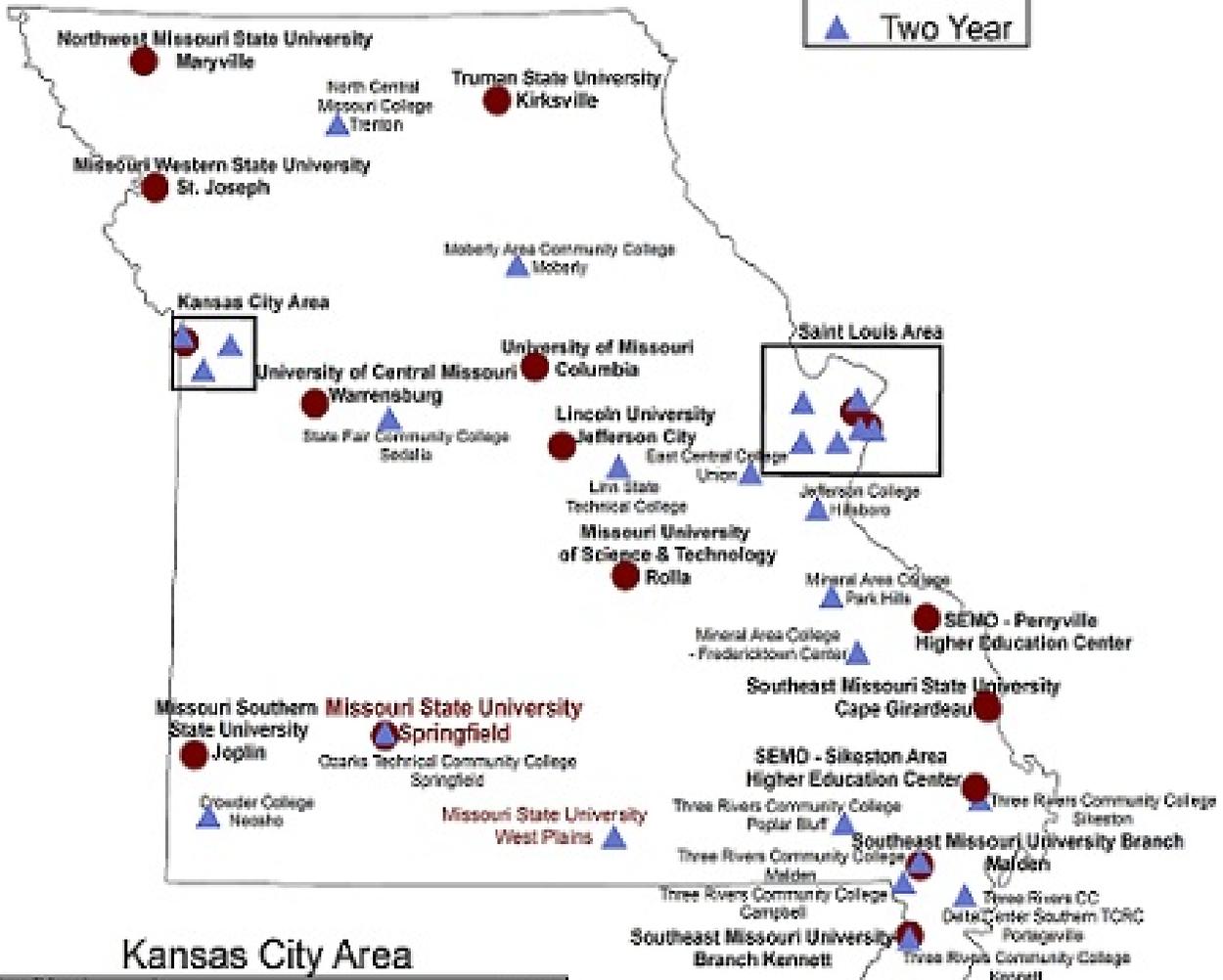
With over 3000 colleges and universities in the country, it can become overwhelming to narrow your focus to just the few to which you want to apply for admission. If you do not have an absolute priority like an unusual major, a special learning need, or a unique talent, your choices are wide open.

There are many factors to consider when choosing a college, but the following are some of the key factors you should consider:

1. **Distance from Home:** Do you have to live close to home or live far away? Being close to home can hinder your ability to experience independence, but being too far away may make you lonely.
2. **Size of School:** Do you learn better in a smaller learning community or would you like to be in a large lecture hall? Small schools will offer you more personal involvement, a community atmosphere, and smaller classes, whereas the larger schools tend to be more impersonal, make it easier for you to be anonymous, and have much larger classes.
3. **Setting:** Do you want to be in a rural area, in the heart of a large city, or at least have access to a larger city?
4. **Academics:** Consider the majors, academic support services, and honors programs each school has to offer. Do you have any special education needs?
5. **Campus Life:** Consider the diversity of the campus, residence halls, campus clubs and organizations, fraternities and sororities, and religious programs and opportunities.
6. **Overseas Study Opportunities:** Are you interested in studying for a semester or year in another country? Do you want to study abroad as part of a university-led tour group or independently?
7. **Admission Criteria:** Do you have the required standardized test score and grade point average needed for admission? What is the percentage of students admitted? What courses are required or strongly recommended for admission?
8. **Cost:** Do you have the flexibility to consider an expensive private or public institution or are you limited to a less expensive school?
9. **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** Will you qualify for any institutional academic scholarships for which you can apply?
10. **Reputation:** What are the strengths and weaknesses of the institution?

Missouri Public Colleges and Universities

- Four Year
- ▲ Two Year



Kansas City Area



Saint Louis Area



CAREER-COLLEGE DAY VISIT REQUEST

Boonville R-1 High School

1 Pirate Drive, Boonville, MO 65233

Missy Walker, Counselor, 660-882-7426, ext. 7608

Lisa Pruitt, Counselor, 660-882-7426, ext. 7609

_____ requests that he/she visit:
(Student name)

(College, University, Vocational-Technical School, Military)

DATE: _____ TIME OF VISIT: _____ Contact Person _____

Student's Signature

I give permission for my child to visit the school listed above and will accompany my child. (If a parent is not accompanying the student, prior arrangement MUST be made with Counseling Office for approval.)

Parent's Signature _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL VISITED

Name: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Time spent with student: _____

Signature of Representative:

To request a Career-College Day, a student must have a parent's signature on the original request form and a pre-arranged appointment. This form must be brought to the Counseling office by 3:00 p.m. **THE DAY PRIOR** to the visit and a copy given to Mrs. Wiemholt. Following the visit, the request form must be signed by the representative of the school. **Students MUST return the signed form to the Counseling Office to insure an excused absence.**

ELIGIBILITY

Junior and senior students may be excused from school to visit a college, junior college, vocational-technical school, or to investigate the military. Students may take one day during the second semester of their junior year and two days during their senior year. To be eligible to participate as a junior, students must have completed a minimum of 5 semesters of high school attendance earning a minimum of 14 units of credit. Seniors must have completed a minimum of 6 semesters of high school attendance earning a minimum of 17 units of credit. Students who have missed more than ten days of school must have principal's approval for college visit.

CAREER-COLLEGE DAY VISITS ARE NOT ALLOWED before September 15 or after April 15. Any dates after April 15 must be initiated by the college (scholarship interviews, pre-enrollment). The counselor will not approve visits during EOC testing or end of grading periods.

BHS Counselor Approval _____

The College Visit

A former admission counselor has said, the worst college visit is one where the prospective student is not prepared and does not say anything in the admission interview. It is best to go with a list of prepared questions. It makes a great impression. In addition, when asked a question, answer thoroughly and with more than a simple “yes”, “no”, or “I don’t know.” The following are some questions to consider asking when going on a campus visit:

Academics

1. What are the admission requirements?
2. Do certain majors require an additional admission process (e.g., audition, portfolio, review, etc.?)
3. Do you accept advanced placement credit or dual enrollment?
4. Is there an honors program or college?
5. Who teaches the classes: graduate assistants or professors?
6. What academic support services are available?
7. Is there a foreign language requirement for admission and/or graduation?
8. What kind of access is there to computers and technology on campus?
9. Are there opportunities to study abroad?
10. What kinds of services are available for students with undecided majors?
11. What features of their major make it special, unique, or particularly strong?
12. What is the average class size as a freshman and then in future years?
13. What is the student-faculty ratio?
14. How are academic advisors assigned? What kind of interaction will I have with my advisor?

Cost, Scholarships and Financial Aid

1. Including living expenses, what is the total estimated cost for one academic year?
2. Does it cost to park on campus? How do I apply for a parking permit? What scholarships are available? What was the average academic scholarship awarded last year? Is there a separate application for scholarships? If so, how can I get those applications?
3. Are the scholarships renewable? If so, is there a GPA requirement to maintain?
4. How many students receive some sort of aid?
5. What is taken into consideration for financial aid?
6. What types of work-study jobs are available?

Student Life, Housing, and Other Services

1. What extracurricular activities are available? What leadership opportunities are available?
2. Are there fraternities and sororities on campus? What percentage of the campus is Greek?
3. What is the diversity of the student body?
4. How do I get athletic and event tickets? Is there a cost for students?
5. What type of cultural opportunities are available on campus?
6. What percentage of students live on campus?
7. Am I required to live on campus?
8. Do students stick around on the weekends?
9. How are roommates assigned? If you have a problem with your roommate, how is it resolved?
10. Can I request a certain roommate?
11. What are the differences among the various residence halls?
12. What kinds of services are available for students with learning or physical disabilities?
13. What kinds of personal counseling and health services are available?
14. What is the university doing to make the campus safe?
15. Do I need a car to get around campus? Are basic services close to campus? Is there a public transportation system?
16. What is the surrounding community like?
17. What kinds of services are available for students who wish to take advantage of additional tutoring or extra help?
18. What kinds of internships, career counseling, and placement services are available?

The campus visit should be considered a time to look at the school and ask questions about programs, activities, cost and to see the setting which will help you make a well-informed decision if this may be the place for you. The campus tour is one of the best times to ask candid questions about issues the Admission Office may have only touched on.

Many tour guides are current students who can give you insight from a student perspective. Take advantage of the opportunity to ask them lots of questions.

Deadlines... They Exist in College, There are No Exceptions!!!

- Priority consideration will be given to those students whose applications are complete and received by the school by a certain time.
- You may miss out on scholarships if you don't meet deadlines!
- University system (MU, UMKC, UMSL, S&T) has a December 1st deadline for scholarships!

ACT Deadlines

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Sept 14	Aug 16
Oct 26	Sep 20
Dec 14	Nov 8
Feb 8	Jan 10
Apr 4	Feb 28
Jun 13	May 8
Jul 18	Jun 19

DOORWAY TO COLLEGE

Doorway to College helps students make a successful transition from high school to higher education by:

instructing on standardized test-taking

providing college application guidance

giving tips on how to get into college

making college prep affordable

Visit doorwaytocollege.com today!

ACCUPLACER TEST INFO

WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER?

The Accuplacer is an untimed, computerized test that helps your college evaluate your skills and place you into appropriate courses. Accuplacer tests students in reading, writing, and math. You will receive your score immediately upon completion of testing, and your score report will include placement messages informing you what courses you should take.

** Testing on average takes 90 to 120 minutes to complete the three sections. Since tests are untimed, you may take longer if necessary.

SHOULD I TAKE THE ACCUPLACER OR THE ACT?

1. Students that know they will be attending a Community College or Technical School will only need to take the Accuplacer to meet requirements for admissions. The ACT is not required.
2. Juniors and seniors that are planning to take a dual credit course at BHS can meet test score requirements through the Accuplacer if they have not met them through the ACT.

** See the counselors to check what the testing requirements are. Each dual credit class may have different requirements.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE TO TAKE THE ACCUPLACER TEST?

1. Schedule an appointment with the community college you are planning to attend.
 - a. State Fair Community College, Boonville Campus- 660-882-3090. Computers for testing are limited, so walk-ins are not allowed.
2. Pick up a Testing Authorization Form with your counselor.
3. Make sure to arrive 10 minutes early, to allow time for parking, and any instructions SFCC may need to go over with you.
4. After you are done testing, **make sure to bring your test results to the counselor's office.** BHS will need a copy for your academic records.

TEST PREPARATION

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/accuplacer-tests>

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>

If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the counselor's office.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery **(ASVAB)**

The U.S. Department of Defense provides the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), a nationally-normed, multi-aptitude test battery, to high school and post-secondary school students.

Boonville High School ASVAB Test Date

Friday, November 15th
See counselor for questions and how to sign up

The ASVAB is a multiple-choice test designed to evaluate your skills in ten areas:

- General Science
- Arithmetic Reasoning
- Word Knowledge
- Paragraph Comprehension
- Numerical Operations
- Coding Speed
- Auto and Shop Information
- Mathematics Knowledge
- Mechanical Comprehension
- Electronics

ASVAB is a Timed Test

- The ASVAB has a total number of 200 items
- The Test Time is 134 minutes
- Administrative Time is 46 minutes
- The Total Test Time is 180 minute

How to Prepare for the ASVAB

- <http://official-asvab.com/>
- <http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab>
- <http://www.4tests.com/>
- Barnes and Noble also has KAPLAN ASVAB Study Books

**** Get in contact with your local military recruiter about minimum score requirements and other questions you might have that are specific to the branch of military you are interested in. Visit the counselor's office if you need contact information.**

Components of a Senior Resume

(there is also a resume builder you can use on Missouri Connections)

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

YOUR PHONE NUMBER

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Educational Background

Boonville High School, 1 Pirate Drive, Boonville, MO 65233

(If you have attended other high schools also list them with dates you attended.)

Post-secondary and/or Career Plans

Awards, Special Recognitions, Job Promotions

Academic, sports, extra-curricular activities

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs, Sports, etc.

Religious Activities (if applicable)

Church membership, nursery worker, youth group, etc.

Paid Work Experience

Volunteer Service

College Application Resume Tips:

- List everything in reverse chronological order within each category
- Be sure to mention any unusual experiences with will impress admissions officers
- Give a copy to each potential recommender. It'll help them write their letter for you.

-Proofread, proofread, proofread

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY

1. There are few opportunities at this time to change the data in your application.
 - Your grades are fixed, and first quarter senior year will not change your GPA
 - Your test scores will not rise or fall THAT dramatically, no matter how many times you take them
 - Your teacher and counselor recommendations are out of your hands
2. The single place where you still exercise some substantial control is your college application essay, and it represents an opportunity you should **not** take lightly.
3. Most private colleges and universities require at least one essay; some of the more competitive state universities are now requiring essays.
4. If a school indicates that an essay is optional, don't consider it optional; write one.
5. Check each application for the topic(s) it specifies and the number of essays each requires.
6. Pay close attention to the topic; while many fall into a "personal experience" or "personal statement" response, others will ask you to address everything from "Why do you want to go to our school?" to "Do something creative with this 8 ½ x 11 inch space."
7. Write several drafts; the key to a successful application essay is – as with all sounds writing – **revision**; write an engaging story about yourself, keep the focus narrow, and above all, understand that the readers want to learn something about you from the essay, something that is helpful in understanding **who you are today**.
8. Try to keep the essay to one page; readers rarely turn to a second page. If you must use a second page, make sure the break is in the MIDDLE of a very interesting sentence in your narrative.
9. Have competent readers review the essay so that it "sounds like you." Choose your readers wisely and let them know the topic and college/university to which it will be sent.
10. Give the small paragraph responses some attention; do not dismiss them because they represent another opportunity for you to make a case for yourself.
11. Some schools are requiring that, in addition to a personal narrative, you submit a piece of graded analytical writing. Consider a paper you wrote junior year, but do not submit something as long as your research paper.
 - Make certain your paper has plenty of teacher comments so the readers can appreciate the rigor of our writing expectations at BHS.
12. **Above all, proofread**; do not embarrass yourself by leaving glaring errors for your readers to find and chuckle over.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **In September**, you need to be thinking about whom you will approach for recommendations.
2. Those students **who are considering** or **know** they are applying early – rolling state admissions/Nov. 1/Nov. 15 deadlines – especially need to approach teacher in **SEPTEMBER**.
3. Each school will indicate how many teacher recommendations are required so read the application carefully.
 - a. With some, you may choose whomever
 - b. with others, they will ask for an English teacher
 - c. with others, they will ask for a teacher from a discipline you're interested in pursuing
4. In terms of whom you should approach, in some cases, it's very clear.
 - a. If they require an English teacher, then ask your junior English teacher or your current English teacher—but keep in mind your current teacher may have only known you for one quarter.
 - b. If they ask for a teacher in a discipline you are interested in, choose a teacher who knows you well, not necessarily a teacher for whom you earned an A; choose a junior teacher if possible.
5. If you have total choice in the matter, give some thought to whom you will ask.
 - a. If a teacher indicates – verbally or in writing – that he/she would like to write a letter for you, by all means pursue this offer.
 - b. If you worked really hard for a grade with a teacher, particularly meeting outside of class, consider this teacher as he/she can make a case for your perseverance and initiative.
6. If you are considering asking anyone from your scout leader, your athletic coach, club sponsor, or your music teacher to an influential member of the community or a well-connected alum to write a letter for you, please consult your counselor about the advisability of such a move.
7. Many recommendation forms ask you to indicate whether or not to waive the right to review the information contained in the teacher recommendation. We **STRONGLY** urge you to waive (some teachers will not write if you don't waive) because a confidential letter has more **CREDIBILITY**.
8. When you approach a teacher for a recommendation, please do so diplomatically. Ask the teacher if he/she can write a strong letter for you. If a teacher agrees, then, at a convenient time, approach the teacher and give him/her
 - A copy of your **UPDATED RESUME**
 - The recommendation form **FILLED OUT** at the top
 - A **STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** [RETURN ADDRESS LHS]
 - On a post-it note, write out the **DEADLINE**
9. If you are asking the same teacher(s) to do more than one recommendation (they will write one letter), then present them with a folder in which you place your recommendation forms, your resume, your stamped and addressed envelopes and clearly marked deadline dates.
10. Write you're recommending teachers a brief note of thanks. Writing recommendation's is a time consuming task that teachers take seriously so thank them. Also, it's a thoughtful gesture if you keep a teacher who's submitted several recommendation's informed about your responses from schools.

Finding a Job After High School

Find something you like, not just something easy to pay the bills. Below are some ideas on how to begin a job search:

Tell everyone you're looking

One of the best ways to land your first job (or any job for that matter) is to be referred by someone who knows you. So tell your family, friends, and neighbors what interests you, what kind of job you're seeking. And don't be afraid to ask questions or for advice.

If you know people who are in your career field of interest, ask them how they started out. Make sure to write down any names, numbers, or information that might help you in your search. And remember to make note of who gave you the referral.

Be sure to follow up with everyone. Try to set up meetings with these people, even if you're simply asking for information. Be honest, be yourself; the rest will come. And don't forget to thank anyone who helps you, even for the smallest of favors. This is called networking. It is a powerful tool, and it works!

Check the local newspaper, especially Sundays.

The Columbia Daily Tribune can be an indispensable source for the local job market. Search the classified ads in the Sunday edition or go to www.showmenews.com and go to the jobs section. Perusing the postings will give you a good sense of what's out there. If you find something that catches your eye, do exactly what the ad instructs you to do—whether it be to call for an interview appointment or to send a résumé and cover letter

Use online resources.

There are many useful sites that focus on career planning and job searching. To find them, learn to use the major Web search engines. Use words like "entry-level jobs," "internships," "volunteering," "first job," or a word or phrase (like engineering, veterinary school, or photography) indicating the kind of job for which you are searching. When you are looking at an employer's website, look for a link that says, "Human Resources" "Employment" or something similar.

Be bold. Walk right in and ask.

If you have a place you'd love to work, get your résumé together, dress appropriately, and head in. As long as you look presentable, have a good résumé on hand, and stop by during working hours, it can't hurt to drop in at a few places of business to ask about jobs and opportunities there.

Select a handful of places you think look interesting and go for it. Ask for the human resources department and be prepared to tell them some good reasons why you're interested in working at this place.

Before you go in, think about why you are interested in this company or organization. Why would you like to work there? What could you contribute? What sets this place apart from other similar companies? Before leaving the meeting, make sure to get the name and direct telephone number of the person with whom you spoke. And make sure to follow up within a week.

Need help filling out a job application?

Wonder who to put as a reference?

Ask your school counselor to help you get started

Financial Aid Night

Boonville Media Center

October 9, 2019

6:00 pm

- **Financial Aid Representative will give detailed presentation on completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and applying for student loans & grants.**



FAFSA Frenzy

Boonville Media Center

October 13, 2019

2:00-4:00 pm

- **Bring your tax info and a Financial Aid Rep. will help you complete the FAFSA (will take on average 25 minutes).**

BHS Scholarship Information

Visit the BHS website (www.boonville.k12.mo.us/bhs) and click on “Guidance Department” for information on the ACT test, scholarships, financial aid, military, and career information.

State and National Scholarships

Under “Guidance Department” click on “Scholarship Information” to find information on all state and national scholarships the Guidance Office receives. As new scholarships arrive the requirements and due dates are posted for each scholarship along with how to apply. Please check the homepage regularly to see what new scholarships have been added.

Local Scholarships

Students can apply for all local scholarships given by the community and surrounding area by filling out the “Local Scholarship Booklet.” All seniors will receive a copy of the booklet in December and it will also be available under the Guidance Department homepage. Local Scholarship Booklets are due in February.

Scholarship Searches

For additional scholarship possibilities try the free scholarship search service FastWeb. A link to FastWeb is also found on the webpage under “Guidance Web Links”. Never pay for a scholarship. Other scholarships are available through colleges, employers, and religious and civic organizations.

Institutional Scholarships

Most tech schools, colleges, and universities award scholarships to students who are attending their institution. Search the colleges’ website or talk to a financial aid officer to find out what scholarships are available through the college you are attending. Institutional scholarships can be awarded based on a variety of criteria.

Post-Secondary Planning Websites

*Boonville High School: <https://www.boonville.k12.mo.us/schools/bhs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>

COLLEGE INFORMATION

- **The College Board**- <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- **The National Association of College Admission Counselor (NACAC)**– A good resource to various helpful links: <http://www.nacacnet.org/memberportal/>
- **ACT** – Includes test registration and test-prep information: <http://www.act.org>
- **Peterson's**- Links to the company's many resources: <http://www.petersons.com>
- **US News and World Report**- Be wary of the rankings, but there is much to learn at this site. The “school comparisons” feature is great: www.usnews.com/sections/rankings
- **Colleges That Change Lives**- Insights about some wonderful and sometimes overlooked places: <http://www.ctclonline.com>
- **College View**- A good source for information on all colleges; <http://www.collegeview.com>
- **College Quest- College Search:** www.collegequest.com
- **College Newspapers**- A great way to find out what's really going on at a campus: www.studyworld.com/college_newspapers_online.htm
- **Student Gateway to the Government** – a multi-purpose site with info. College, careers, and the government: <http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWebApp/index.jsp>
- **Fiske Guide Books**- This site offers various college admission-related resources: <http://www.fiskeguide.com>

APPLICATION SERVICES

- **The Common Application**- 200+ schools accept it and you should use it. <http://www.commonapp.org>
- **Princeton Review**- Direct link to on-line applications for 700+ schools: www.princetonreview.com

FINANCIAL AID

- **The Financial Aid Information Page**- www.finaid.org
- **Missouri MOST Program**- www.missourimost.org
- **Missouri Department of Higher Ed**- www.dhe.mo.gov
- **US Department of Education**- www.ed.gov
- **Hope Scholarship & Lifetime Learning Tax Credits**- www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/PPI/HOPE/index.html
- **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**- <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- **Get you PINs for the web- FAFSA**- www.pin.ed.gov
- **Sallie Mae**- Information about loans and payment options: www.salliemae.com
- **How Stuff Works**- Interesting and comprehensive site with loads of details and helpful tools: <http://money.howstuffworks.com/college-financial-aid.htm>
- **Comparing Financial Aid Awards**- A US News and World Report product that provides helpful charts enabling you to line up and compare awards: http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/student_guide/index.html

SCHOLARSHIPS

- www.scholarships.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.gocollege.com
 - www.OfftoCollege.com
 - www.collegeanswer.com
 - www.embark.com
 - www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship
- Scholarship Scams- A Federal Trade Commission-run site. It is always good to check on what you learn about on the web:

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- **The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)**- <http://www.ncaa.org>
- **The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)**- <http://www.naia.org>

- **Black Excel:** The College Help Network- Designed to help African American students navigate the college admission process: www.blackexcel.org
- **American Indian College Fund-** www.collegefund.com
- **Learning Disabilities Association-** www.ldanatl.org
- **Students with Learning Disabilities-** www.nclد.org
- **Association on Higher Education and Disability-** Host of information posted by international, multicultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for persons with disabilities: <http://www.ahead.org>
- **Children and Adults with ADD-** <http://www.chadd.org>
- **Mindplay-** Special Education resources “learning from the RIGHT side of the brain”
<http://www.mindplay.com/resource.html>
- **American Association of University Women-** www.aauw.org
- **Attention Deficit Disorder Association-** Resources on huge array of ADD/ADHD-related issues:
www.add.org
- **Missouri College Guidebook for students with learning disabilities-**
<http://www.moahead.org/Guidebook/GuidebookIndex.htm>

CAREER INFORMATION

- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program-** Developed by Department of Defense; free, comprehensive career site: <http://www.asvabprogram.com>
- **US Department of Labor-** All the numbers one could possibly hope for in career planning in the Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm>
- **Department of Commerce-** Gov. site with host of info on government jobs and other data:
<http://www.fedworld.gov>
- **College Job Planning-** www.monster.com
- **Military Career Guide Online-** www.militarycareers.com
- **Career Centers Around the Globe-** Provides links to career development offices at colleges across the country. What services do your colleges offer?- www.careerresource.net/carserv
- **Career Key-** An interest inventory program based on Dr. John Holland’s work-
www.careerkey.org/english
- **Internship Programs-** Listings of =7800 programs and 200,000 positions-
<http://www.internshipprograms.com/>
- **Missouri Connections-** missouriconnections.org

ALTERNATIVE AND YEAR-OFF PROGRAMS

- **Time Out-** Are you looking for options for taking some time off before heading off to school? –
<http://www.timsoutassociates.com>
- **Study Abroad-** <http://www.studyabroad.com>
- **AmeriCorps-** National Service Program: <http://www.americorps.org>
- **City Year-** National Youth Service Organization- <http://www.cityyear.org>
- **Gap Year-** A host of travel and work ideas for students prior to heading off to college:
<http://www.gapyear.com>
- **Global Routes-** Cultural Exchange and service trips- www.globalroutes.org/collegemain.html
- **Earthwatch Institute-** Info on this research, conservation and education organization-
<http://earthwatch.org>
- **Eurolingua Institute-** Info on language immersion study abroad programs- <http://eurolingua.com>
- **Outward Bound-** Link for adventure-based environmental program- <http://outwardbound.org>
- **Taking Off-** Resources for gap year programs all over the world- <http://www.takingoff.net>
- **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms-** Dedicated to helping those who would like to volunteer on organic farms internationally: <http://www.woof.org>

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Personality Tests-** Have fun with this quirky site. Interesting way to find out more about YOU:
www.2h.com/tests/personality.phtml
- **Campus Online Tours-** <http://www.ecampustours.com/careerexploration/default.htm>
- **Greek Life-** Site dedicated to fraternity and sororities: <http://greekpages.com>
- **Selective Services-** www.sss.gov
- **Test Prep Resources-** www.testprep.com

MISSOURI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Admissions

website: apply.mst.edu

Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Math
- 2 Foreign Languages
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine Art

Students will be evaluated on a combination of standardized examination percentile (ACT or SAT test), class rank and grade point average (GPA). Visit website for details:

<https://futurestudents.mst.edu/apply/freshmen/admreq/>

Application Deadline:

- Priority Deadline: December 1
- Rolling Admissions (applications accepted until July 1st)

** \$50 admissions fee

Scholarship Deadlines

website: scholarships.mst.edu

- Chancellor's Scholarship: November 1
 - o ACT 31+ and 10% or 3.75 GPA
 - o Saturday, December 6th Interview (required)
- Priority Application: December 1
- Final Scholarship Deadline: February 1

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1
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Campus Visit Days

website: visit.mst.edu or call: 573-341-4165

- Personal Campus Visits/Group Visits: Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

UMKC

Admissions website: <http://www.umkc.edu/apply/freshman.asp>

Requirements:

- 4 English - 4 Math - 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies - 2 Foreign Languages- 1 Fine Art

Class rank is	ACT Composite Score	SAT Critical Reading and Math Score
Top 6%	17	820 - 850
Top 14%	18	860 - 890
Top 22%	19	900 - 930
Top 31%	20	940 - 970
Top 38%	21	980 - 1010
Top 46%	22	1020 - 1040
Top 52%	23	1050 - 1080
Top 53% or lower	24 or higher	1090 or higher

*Students who do not meet requirements may be admitted provisionally via the Coaching Program

Application Deadline:

- June 15th

Special Admission Deadlines:

- 6 year Medical Program:
 - o Early Notification Deadline: October 15, Final Deadline: November 1st
- Conservatory of Music & Dance
 - o Composition Major: December 1st
 - o All other majors: December 15th

** \$35 online fee or \$45 paper copy fee

Scholarship Deadline website: <http://www.sfa.umkc.edu/site2/scholarships.cfm>

- January 15th

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1st

Campus Visit Days

website: umkc.edu/welcome or call 816-235-8652

- Personal Campus Visits/Group Visits: Monday-Friday

UMSL

Admissions

website: umsl.edu/admissions

Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Math
- 2 Foreign Languages
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine Art

- Visit here for ACT/GPA requirements:

<http://umsl.edu/admissions/requirements/index.html>

- Honors College

- o 24+ ACT
- o Top 20% or better class rank
- o 3.5 core GPA or better
- o 2 writing samples, 2 letters of rec, and an interview

Application Deadline:

- July 1st

** \$35 admissions fee

Scholarship Deadline

website: umsl.edu/services/finaid

- January 1st

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1st

Campus Visit Days

website: <http://forms.umsl.edu/tours/> or
call 314-516-5460

- Personal Campus Tours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
Additional Friday Tours at 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
- UMSL DAY (umsl.com)

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI- COLUMBIA

Admissions

website: admissions.missouri.edu

Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies
- 4 Math
- 2 Foreign Languages- 1 Fine Art
- 3 Science
- 24+ ACT with core curriculum met, the student will be admitted to Mizzou

ACT	GPA
23	2.8
22	2.9
21	3.05
20	3.2
19	3.35
18	3.5
17	3.65

Honors College (must meet one of the three criteria below)

- ACT score of 31 (SAT 1360) AND GPA of 3.58+
- ACT score of 30 (SAT1330) AND GPA of 3.74+
- ACT score of 29 (SAT1290) AND GPA of 3.91+

* Honors college application is available at honors.missouri.edu. Apply by the priority deadline to qualify for honors housing. For honors college housing options the housing application is due March 1)

Application Deadline:

- Deadline: December 1

** Placement of Housing is \$50 admissions fee

Scholarship Deadlines

website: scholarships.missouri.edu

- Mizzou Scholars Award: December 1
 - o 33 ACT or 1440 SAT (CR+M)
 - o Completed application on file
 - o Selected candidates notified by 3rd week of Dec.
 - Resume and essay will be required
- Automatic Scholarships: December 15

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1

Campus Visit Days

website: admissions.missouri.edu/visit/index.php or call 573-882-7786

- Personal Campus Visits/Group Visits are welcome visit website or call

CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Admissions

website: centralmethodist.edu/admissions/index.php

Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies
- 2.5 GPA and have a 21+ on ACT
- 3 Math
- 1 Foreign Languages
- 3 Science

Application Deadline:

- Rolling admissions

Scholarship Deadlines

website: centralmethodist.edu/finaid/scholarships.php

- No application required, scholarships are based on financial need and academic performance. Visit website to learn what scholarships are available.
- Eagle Select Scholarship Competition
 - o 23+ ACT
 - o 3.5+ GPA
 - o Upon acceptance, students may receive an invitation from Admissions to compete for scholarship awards up to full tuition. Event is open to parents and families.

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1

Campus Visit Days

website: centralmethodist.edu/admissions/visit.php or call 660-248-6626

- Personal Campus Visits : 9:00am , 11:00am, or 1:00pm

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI (WARRENSBURG)

Admissions

website: ucmo.edu/recruit

Requirements:

- BHS graduation requirements

- 21+ on ACT or a Combined Percentile Index to or exceeding 100
 - o <http://www.ucmo.edu/recruit/indexscore.cfm> (website for Index Score Calculator)

Application Deadline:

- Rolling admissions, but recommended by December 1st.

** \$30 Admissions Fee

Scholarship Deadlines

website: <http://www.ucmo.edu/sfs/explore/scholarships/>

- Priority Deadline: **Students must be admitted to UCM by December 1**
 - o Scholarships are limited in number. **IF** funds are still available to award after 12/1, qualifying students will be awarded on a first-come basis (based on date admitted to UCM)
- Scholarships with additional applications
 - o Alumni Legacy Scholarship- March 1
 - o MO UCM Foundation Scholarships- March 1
 - o Boys/Girls State Scholarship-April 1

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1

Campus Visit Days

website: <http://www.ucmo.edu/undergrad/visit/> or call 660-543-8569

- Personal Campus Visits : Monday-Friday

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Admissions

website: <http://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/apply-to-truman/freshman-application>

Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies
- 3 Math (4 strongly rec.)
- 2 Foreign Languages
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine Art
- ACT of 27+ will be automatically admitted
- If the students do not earn 27+ on ACT, then students who receive the strongest consideration for admission will have a 140 “combined ability” determined by GPA percentile, and national percentile of student’s ACT score.

Application Deadline:

- December 1st
 - o Essay (1-3 pages)
 - o Activities List/Resume (strongly recommended)

Scholarship Deadlines

website: <http://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/cost-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>

- December 1 (application is admissions application)

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1st

Campus Visit Days

website: <http://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/visit-truman/>
or call 660-785-4000

- Personal Campus Visits : Monday-Friday 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Admissions

website: <http://www.sfccmo.edu/pages/176.asp>

Requirements:

- BHS graduation requirements
- Compass test for placement

Application Deadline:

- Rolling admissions
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Scholarship Deadlines

website:

<http://www.sfccmo.edu/pages/281.asp>

- No set deadline, the sooner the better. Recommended if attending in the fall to submit applications by June.

FAFSA Deadline

- February 1st
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Campus Visit Days

website: <http://www.sfccmo.edu/pages/1398.asp>

or call 660-530-5833

- Personal Campus Visits : Monday-Friday
- Extended campus site tours
 - o SFCC- Boonville- 660-882-3090
 - o SFCC- Clinton- 660-383-1600
 - o SFCC- Lake of the Ozarks- 573-348-0888
 - o SFCC- Whiteman Air Force Base- 660-563-3358