

Life After Ombudsman: Senior Year Timeline

Student Name: _____

Start of School

- Review your ACT/SAT scores and determine if you need to retake the test to improve your score.
- Register now to retake or take the ACT/SAT if you have not taken it yet.
- Plan virtual tours, where possible, and organize trips over spring break to visit colleges.

August to December

- See your school counselor, center staff, or academic advisor to verify you are on track to graduate and you will fulfill college admission requirements.
- Start asking for personal references and recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, or employers. Ask in advance so you will have the information in time to complete the college application.
- Connect with college reps through visits, fairs, or other opportunities.
- Be sure to have a volunteer efforts tracking tool and have continued documenting your volunteer involvement.
- Start applying for admission to the colleges you've chosen. Begin writing your college essay(s).
- Check if you qualify for any scholarships at each college that you applied at.
- Start the financial aid application process.
- Check with your center staff or academic advisor for any help with the financial aid forms, scholarship information or help with the college admission process.
- Complete College Application {community college or technical school}
- Complete a resume [optional Linked In: Professional Network Profile]
- Create a cover letter or letter of interest.

Any **additional important deadlines** that you must meet in order to reach you goal:

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January to May

- Complete the FAFSA online. [View help video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kor_9cK593M] If you need additional help, see center staff or academic advisor.
- Provide your home school the list of schools to which you are applying.
- Decide on the college you want to attend and let them know of your decision.
- Make note of due dates for required paperwork and fees due.
- Notify the schools that you did not choose of your decision to not attend.
- Continue to look for scholarship opportunities.
- Make note of financial aid and scholarship due dates.
- You should receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) after your FAFSA is filed.
- Sign and send your promissory note if you intend to borrow money.
- Have obtained 3 reference letters.
- Complete a job application.
- Complete and present Career Presentation.
- Be sure that all completed elements of the Senior Portfolio have been compiled

June to August

- Make sure your final transcript is sent to the school you will be attending.
[Make a records request at <http://www.ombudsman.com> if you will receive the OES diploma]
- Consider summer employment to help pay for expenses.
- If, going away to college, make a list of things to take with you.
- Wait until after the first class meets to buy books for that class, to ensure that you purchase only necessary materials.

Three accomplishments that you hope to achieve after leaving Ombudsman:

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