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A quick guide to prepare for college and career.



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WHO ARE WE?

Utah State University STARS! GEAR UP is a federally-funded program that helps students (and their families) figure out what they want to do with their lives, and how they will get there. Our goal is to expand the college-bound culture in Utah. We want students to know that education after high school is achievable, accessible, and affordable.

WHAT DO WE DO?

USU STARS! GEAR UP partners with communities, in schools where at least half of all students qualify for free or reduced-priced lunch. The program is cohort-based which means that we work with entire grade bands at a participating school, starting in 7th grade, through high school, and into their first year of college.

HOW DO WE HELP?

USU STARS! GEAR UP helps schools help their students. Tutoring, mentoring, after-school and summer programs help students improve school success. Career exploration, field trips, and college visits open up new possibilities. Academic planning events and financial workshops involve families. We also provide teachers with instructional support and training.

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Welcome to your senior year! You've worked hard to get to this point, and USU STARS! GEAR UP is thrilled to be here to help you through the final push. While you've already finished much of the work, there are still a number of steps you'll need to take to set yourself up for life after high school. The materials in this guide will walk you through the process of building recommendations & resumes, applying for college, seeking out scholarships, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA), and succeeding in your senior year.

USU STARS! GEAR UP doesn't stop with high school. We'll even be there for you through your first year after graduation, and will continue to provide resources for whatever that next step is. Starting this year, you have access to 24/7 online tutoring, virtual mentoring, and you'll definitely want to sign up for GEAR UP Texting so you'll have on-demand support each step of the way.

We're looking forward to seeing you challenge yourself as you make decisions on college and careers. Have a great year!

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TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

Get **PSYCHED** for senior year

Senior Brag Sheets Form

Create a calendar of admissions, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines

Register to take or retake the ACT

Meet with HS counselor

Create Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

OCTOBER

Complete the FAFSA

Tour the colleges you are considering

Complete early college applications (BYU, UofU, Westminster, & Weber)

Apply for private scholarships

Sign up for GEAR UP Texting

NOVEMBER

Participate in Utah College Application Week

Talk with representatives from the colleges who visit your school

Go on campus tours and attend college open houses

Don't forget that grades matter!

Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family!

DECEMBER

Submit applications in advance of deadlines

Apply for college/university scholarships

Narrow down college choices

Follow-up on letters of recommendation

Take winter break as an opportunity to research schools and scholarships

JANUARY

Send fall test scores and transcripts to colleges to which you've applied

Explore housing options

Explore extracurricular and leadership activities you may be interested in

Research and apply for scholarships

Clean up social media account

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Finalize college choices

Watch out for senioritis

Plan something fun for spring break

Order graduation announcements

MARCH

Celebrate your offers of admission!

Compare financial aid awards

Visit colleges to help finalize your choice

Confirm housing

Start researching majors

Think of summer job/internship

APRIL

Finalize plans with college of choice

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Prepare for AP/CE tests

MAY

Schedule alumni interviews

Shadow professionals in your field of interest

Stay in touch

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Write thank you notes to those who have helped you along the way

Sign up for college orientation day

Verify summer job

Happy graduation! You're a college student now!

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SEPTEMBER

- Get **PSYCHED** for senior year
 - Make the most of your time in high school
 - Get involved, try new things, make memories, and work hard
 - Sign up for GEAR UP services like *GEAR UP Texting* and *Tutor.com*

- Senior Brag Sheets - (see **Brag Sheet Form**)
 - Ask for letters of recommendation

- Create a calendar of admissions, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines
 - Check out the deadlines for all colleges (see **Admissions & Enrollment Form**)
 - Create your own list of specific deadlines for the schools to which you will apply
 - Add these deadlines to a calendar/planner you already use, like your phone
 - Set a reminder for yourself a week or two before big deadlines to keep yourself on track and prepared

- Register to take or retake the ACT
 - While not all schools require the ACT for admissions, most require a test score to be considered for scholarships
 - Download the Magoosh ACT App on your phone for an easy study tool you can use anytime/anywhere
 - Ask your GEAR UP Coordinator for other test prep materials available to you

- Meet with HS counselor - discuss classes and college plans
 - Your high school counselor is like a wizard when it comes to high school classes and college prep - use them!
 - Talk to them about your class schedule, long term goals, college plans, and ask about scholarship opportunities

- Create Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID (student and parent) - (see **FAFSA Prep Form**)
 - Students and parents are required to have an FSA ID before the student can apply for Financial Aid – be prepared by creating your FSA ID ahead of time
 - Financial Aid applications open October 1

- Sign up for GEAR UP Texting (See **GEAR UP Texting Flyer**)
 - We will send you helpful tips and reminders throughout your senior year – we'll even send you scholarship application suggestions. You can ask questions too, since texting works both ways
 - Text STUDENT to 801-407-9957

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OCTOBER

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Attend the FAFSA Night with your parents (see **FAFSA prep form**)
 - You and your parents will need the following things to apply:
 - An FSA ID to sign electronically (we recommend creating this prior to applying for FAFSA)
 - Your Social Security Number and driver's license, and/or your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a US citizen)
 - Last years federal income tax returns, W-2 forms, and other records of money earned
 - Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
 - Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
 - List of schools you are interested in attending
 - Start the process at studentaid.gov

- Tour the colleges you are considering
 - Talk to your GEAR UP coordinator to learn about campus visits that are already scheduled, or let them know if there is another school you'd like to visit that hasn't already been scheduled

- Complete early college applications (BYU, UofU, Westminster, & Weber)
 - If you are hoping to attend any of these schools, you are encouraged to apply early to increase your odds of acceptance
 - Fill out the Common Application for UofU and Westminster

- Research and apply for private scholarships
 - Private scholarship funding can be used at the school of your choice it's never too early or late to apply
 - Begin searching for scholarships in your area - local scholarships usually have less competition than scholarships found online
 - Many scholarships go unclaimed every year - never pass up an opportunity to apply to find scholarships visit utahstars.usu.edu/student-and-families/paying-for-college

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NOVEMBER

- Participate in Utah College Application Week
 - Ask for fee waivers
 - Join with other students in applying to colleges throughout the State of Utah

- Talk with representatives from colleges who visit your school
 - When college representatives visit your school, ask questions about the college
 - Does your college have the major I am pursuing?
 - What is your favorite part of this college?
 - What makes this college unique?
 - What advice can you give me to help me succeed at this college?
 - If you're lucky, the rep will give you some college swag for talking to them

- Go on campus tours and attend college open houses
 - Talk to your GEAR UP Coordinator and get signed up
 - Tours and open houses will give you a better feel for these colleges to see if one would be a good fit
 - Schools often waive application fees when you visit
 - You may have the opportunity to meet with specific departments focused on majors you are considering
 - This is a good opportunity to look into housing, dining, involvement, etc.

- Don't forget that grades matter!
 - Grades can not only affect your admission into college, but also your scholarship opportunities
 - Practicing good study habits while in high school can prepare you for the rigor of college courses

- Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family!

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DECEMBER

- Submit applications in advance of deadlines
 - Don't procrastinate applying to schools - that's a good way to miss a deadline, or submit a poor application

- Apply for college/university scholarships
 - Take a look at the different scholarship opportunities at each school:
 - Academic
 - Department - some specific majors and departments on campus offer scholarships for those studying within
 - Performance/Athletic
 - Diversity
 - Private

- Narrow down college choices

- Follow-up on letters of recommendation
 - If you've asked someone for a letter of recommendation, follow-up and remind them if needed
 - Write and deliver a thank-you note to those who have already given you a letter

- Take winter break as an opportunity to research schools and scholarships
 - While you're cozied up on your couch with some hot chocolate, or watching your favorite movies, take time to research and apply for scholarships
 - Visit a college close to home

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JANUARY

- Send fall test scores and transcripts to colleges to which you've already applied
 - Many schools will require your updated transcript before you can register for classes
 - An updated GPA could offer better placement or more opportunities for scholarships

- Explore housing options
 - Many schools encourage students to live on campus for their first year
 - Ask alumni or current college students attending that school for housing recommendations if possible
 - Compare costs and benefits of places you're hoping to live
 - It's helpful to have a few places in mind since good housing goes quick

- Explore extracurricular and leadership activities you may be interested in at college
 - Here are some extracurricular opportunities:
 - Clubs
 - Intramurals
 - Student Life
 - Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL)
 - Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
 - Student Government
 - Volunteering/Service
 - By planning ahead you can better know what's out there - you could become the president of the e-sports club or join an intramural ultimate frisbee team

- Research and apply for scholarships
 - If you spend 40 hours applying for scholarships and only received one \$500 scholarship, it would be like making \$12.50 an hour

- Clean up social media account
 - As you apply to schools, scholarships, and jobs, people will use your social media account to look you up
 - Be aware of what your profile could say about you and your character

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FEBRUARY

- Retake ACT if needed
 - Getting a higher score can increase scholarship opportunities, and can allow you to get into certain classes with ACT score benchmarks, like certain math classes
 - A higher score can cut down the number of classes you'll need to take - ask the college academic advisor to walk you through your class options based on your test score

- Finalize college choices
 - Most applications should be in by now - continue to learn about the schools to which you applied to find your best fit

- Watch out for senioritis - stay engaged in school
 - Don't forget to utilize free 24/7 online tutoring (*tutor.com*)
 - Your grades from your senior year will weigh on your transcript and can affect your applications and scholarship opportunities
 - Keep up those good study habits to ensure you keep them for when you enter college

- Plan something fun for spring break
 - You've been working hard - plan something fun for a good break

- Order graduation announcements
 - Share the good news with your family and friends - you're going to graduate

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MARCH

- Celebrate your offers of admission!
 - Congratulations on being admitted! You put in a lot of hard work for this - stay vigilant in your efforts

- Compare financial aid awards - (See **Scholarship Tracking Sheet**)
 - Your Financial Aid awards will differ from school to school
 - Weigh your offers against your expenses at each school to anticipate how much you would still need to contribute to attend

- Visit colleges to help finalize your choice
 - Each college has a different feel, and it's important to make sure you and the campus are a good fit

- Confirm housing
 - The good stuff disappears fast
 - Putting it off may limit your options

- Start researching majors
 - If you've decided a major, begin to research what is expected of you
 - If you're still choosing a major, try to narrow down your interests
 - Online personality tests can offer some guidance into potentially good fitting careers you may not have considered
 - Knowing what you don't like can help narrow down your search as well
 - Shadow professionals in areas that are of interest to you

- Think of summer job/internship
 - A summer job can help you to save for college

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APRIL

- Finalize plans with college of choice
 - Verify you've been enrolled
 - Send in transcripts and updated scores
 - Accept scholarships and financial aid
 - Finalize housing - deposit, sign contract, etc.
 - Complete other registration expectations

- Meet with college academic advisor in person or virtually
 - Navigating college can be a different experience than navigating high school
 - Talking to someone familiar with the process will put you on the right track

- Register for fall semester classes (See **Admissions and Enrollment Form**)
 - Many schools include registration in their orientation process or have prerequisites that must be met prior to registration
 - It is beneficial to be prepared for registration whenever you're able to register

- Fill out the GEAR UP Senior Exit Survey
 - This must be completed before graduation
 - Completing the GEAR UP Senior Exit Survey will help connect you to your GEAR UP college mentor

- Accept financial aid/scholarship awards
 - Review your financial aid award to ensure you receive your funding in time to pay for school - be sure to take note of grants vs. loans
 - Grants are awarded without expectation of being paid back
 - Subsidized Loans - with this type of loan, the government covers your interest until you graduate, then interest begins to build
 - Unsubsidized Loans - These loans gain interest as soon as the money has been given to you

- Prepare for AP/CE tests
 - Do your best on these tests to get the college credit for the class
 - There are plenty of free online resources to help you study

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MAY

- Schedule alumni interviews
 - Ask your counselor if there are any students from your high school attending the same college you plan to attend
 - Be prepared with a list of questions

- Shadow professionals in your field of interest
 - This is the best way to get a glimpse into the everyday life of any given career
 - Be prepared with a list of questions

- Stay in touch
 - Confirm your contact information with GEAR UP coordinator
 - Complete the GEAR UP SENIOR Exit Survey if you haven't

- Transfer CE/AP Credits
 - Send transcripts from current CE/AP school, to college of your choice

- Write thank you notes to those who have helped you along the way

- Sign up for college orientation day
 - Many colleges make attendance at orientation a requirement and prerequisite for registration
 - If you are deferring (see **Apply and Defer Form**)

- Verify summer job
 - Make sure you've got everything lined up for your summer gig

- Happy graduation! You're a college student now!

DID YOU KNOW?

Some colleges in Utah are open admission, meaning if you have a high school diploma and submit an application, you'll be accepted!

With open-admission colleges, you don't have to worry about getting in, but you should do all you can in high school to prepare academically for college.



section one

PREP FOR SUCCESS

GEAR UP HONOR CORDS

Complete this form and bring it to your GEAR UP office to be eligible to receive your graduation honor cord.

Name: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Phone #: _____

Complete two (2) forms found in the Senior Guide:

Form #1: _____

Form #2: _____

Apply to at least one college/technical school:

Where did you apply: _____

Attend two (2) campus visits (in person or virtual)

Campus #1: _____

Campus #2: _____

Complete one scholarship:

Tell us about the scholarship: _____

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form:

Date of application submitted: _____

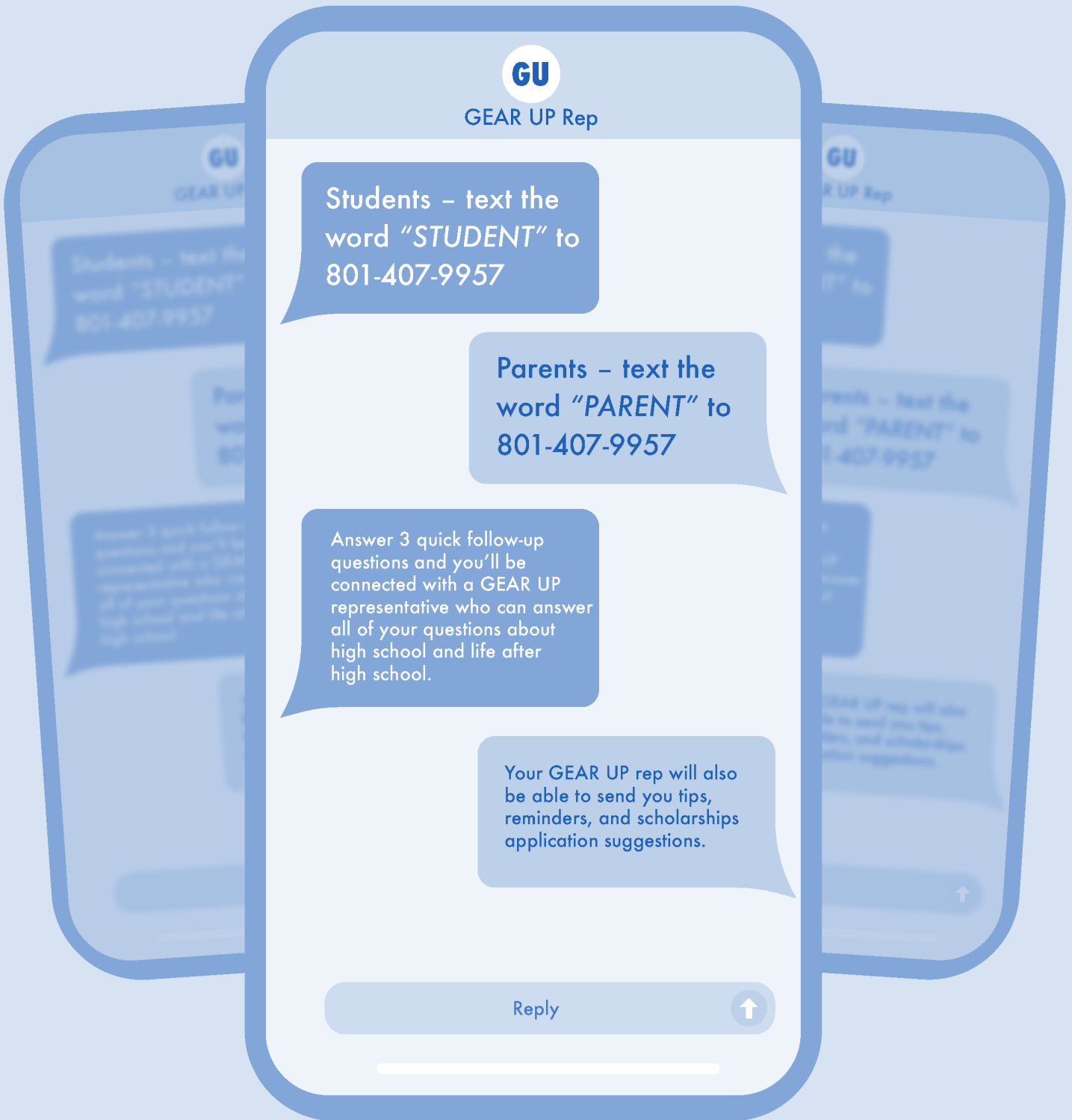
Attend at least one GEAR UP Activity:

What activity did you attend: _____

Complete the *GEAR UP Senior Exit Survey*

Congratulations on graduation! Good luck with your next steps in life.

GEAR UP TEXTING



Make sure to opt-in to GEAR UP Texting as soon as possible! Your GEAR UP advisor will be able to provide resources for you throughout high school and on your road to college.

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BRAG SHEET

Use this form to assist with applying for scholarships, writing essays, and asking for letters of recommendation. This is intended to be a "brag sheet", so make sure you put everything into it. If any information changes during the year please update this form. Remember to make copies of this form to give to people when asking for letters of recommendation.

Name: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Phone: _____

Career Goal

Choice #1: _____ Choice #2: _____

Choice #3: _____ Choice #4: _____

ACT

1) Date taken: _____ Composite Score: _____

Score: English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Writing: _____

2) Date taken: _____ Composite Score: _____

Score: English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Writing: _____

Have you registered for a future ACT? Yes No Date: _____

Advanced Placement/Concurrent Enrollment Credit

Course Name	Credits earned	Grade received
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Plans after leaving high School

College/Technical School

List the top three colleges or technical schools you plan to apply to:

Proposed Major: _____

Military

Which branch: _____

Church Service

When do you plan to leave and for how long: _____

Work

Where: _____

Have either of your parents earned a bachelor's degree or higher?

Yes

No

Involvement

Clubs & Organizations:

Club Name	Years Involved	Offices held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Awards & Honors:

Award Name	Reason of Award	Year Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Athletics:

Years Involved	Position Played	Award/Recognition
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Service:

Organization	Activity	Length of time
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Personal

Work experience:

Employer	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What do you consider your strongest personal quality?

What three words best describe you?

Name three mentors (other than family) who know you well and would speak highly of you

RECOMMENDATION REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Letter Due Date: _____

Purpose of Letter: _____

Please address the letter of recommendation to the following name and address:

Name of Organization: _____

To the attention of: _____

Address: _____

My resume and a "brag sheet" are attached. The information below may be useful in your preparation of this letter of recommendation for me. (Examples: specific classes, relevant experiences or awards; reminders of specific, special experiences you and the recommender had together; information about the scholarship requirements; hardship you've overcome, accomplishments you're particularly proud of; etc.)

- Please call or email me when the letter is ready for pickup.
- Please mail the letter in the stamped/addressed envelope that I provided.

Thank you in advance for your time and agreeing to recommend me.

PASSWORD PAGE

WARNING: Write usernames and passwords here, with or without encryption, at your own risk. Your password is the electronic equivalent of your signature. Treat your passwords as you would treat any piece of personal and confidential information by taking measures to keep them confidential. If you choose to write your usernames and passwords here, keep tight control of this form at all times and if someone learns your password, or you lose this page, you should immediately change your password(s).

Name of website		Web Address	
Username		Password	

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section two

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

Utah Colleges & Universities

College Names:

	CERTIFICATE	ASSOCIATE DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	GRADUATE DEGREE
<i>Bridgerland Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Brigham Young University*</i>			X	X
<i>Davis Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Utah Tech University</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Dixie Technical College</i>	X			
<i>LDS Business College*</i>	X	X		
<i>Mountainland Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Ogden Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Salt Lake Community College</i>	X	X		
<i>Snow College</i>	X	X	X	
<i>Southern Utah University</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Southwest Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Tooele Technical College</i>	X			
<i>Uintah Basin Technical College</i>	X			
<i>University of Utah</i>			X	X
<i>USU Eastern & Statewide</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Utah State University</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Utah Valley University</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Weber State University</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>Westminster College*</i>			X	X

*Private Colleges

Types of Colleges

Institutions of higher learning serve different purposes and fall into different categories. Depending on your future career plans, some colleges may be a better fit than others for you.

Vocational or Technical Schools (1-2 years)

These schools offer specific career-oriented programs that last from a few months to a couple of years. Most are specialized and offer intense training in one specific skill area. They may be a separate institution or may be part of a larger community college or university.

Community Colleges (2-4 years)

These colleges offer certificates and associate degrees at a lower cost than universities. They offer a wide variety of courses from job training programs to general education that make it easier to transfer to a four-year university to continue your education.

Regional Campuses (2-4 years)

These colleges or universities are located throughout the state. They offer courses leading to an undergraduate degree, as well as associate and career-oriented programs such as certificates.

Colleges or Universities* (4+ years)

These institutions are larger and typically separated into specialized colleges and graduate programs in business, engineering, medicine, law, agriculture, nursing, and the arts. They offer advanced degrees.

Specialized Schools* (varies)

This type of institution provides a limited number of training programs in specific areas such as nursing, art, or business. Make sure that any school you apply to is accredited so that credits may be transferred to other institutions, and that your credentials will attract potential employers.

* Public vs Private Colleges

Public colleges and universities are owned and supported by the State of Utah. Private, not-for-profit colleges and universities are not owned by the state but are regionally accredited.

College by Degrees

Most jobs today require college education beyond high school. Think of college as one year, two years, four years, or more: college certificates can be earned in one year or less, associate degrees in two years, bachelor's degrees in four years, and graduate degrees in more than four years.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Provides foundational skills for success in life, college, and the workplace.

CERTIFICATES & OTHER CREDENTIALS

1
year

Provides basic preparation for specific jobs and careers.

CNA
Pharmacy Tech
Welder

Apprenticeships
Licenses
Professional Certifications

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

2
years

Provides preparation for a job or a bachelor's degree.

Dental Hygienist
Vet Tech
Nurse

Associate of Applied Science
Associate of Science
Associate of Arts

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

4
years

Provides education for a career or for graduate study.

Accountant
Engineer
Teacher

Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Arts

GRADUATE DEGREE

+1-6
years

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Doctor
Lawyer
Social Worker

Master's degrees
Doctoral degrees
Graduate Certificates

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(College & Universities)

Brigham Young University

Admissions Process - November 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.enrollment.byu.edu/admissions/freshman-applicants
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Submit two activity essays
- 6) Submit two letters of recommendation (one being from your seminary teacher)
- 7) Pay the \$35 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – January 1
- Scholarships – December 1

Enrollment Process - June

- New Freshman admitted are randomly assigned a date for registration during the second week of June
- Register for classes at www.enrollment.byu.edu/registrar/registering-for-classes

Deferment

- Website: registrar.byu.edu/deferring-enrollment
- Phone: 801-422-4104

Salt Lake Community College

Admissions Process - February 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.slcc.edu/apply
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$20 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – April 15
- Scholarships – February 1

Enrollment Process - March

- Sign up for an orientation time and meet with your Academic Advisor
- Register for classes online www.slcc.edu/future/getting-started.aspx

Deferment

- Website: www.slcc.edu/apply/admission/deferred-admissions.aspx
- Phone: 801-957-4298
- Email: admissions@slcc.edu

Southern Utah University

Admissions Process - March 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.suu.edu/apply
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$50 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – June 1
- Priority Academic Scholarships – December 1
- Final Academic Scholarships – March 1
- Academic Scholarship Acceptance – May 1
- Other Scholarships – Varying Deadlines

Enrollment Process - April/Early May

- Pay \$100 Enrollment Deposit
- Fill out the Tbird Takeoff Questionnaire
- Academic Advisor will build students schedule
- Student may approve or adjust schedule prior to starting classes
- Each student is assigned a peer tutor (ACES) to help through the process

Deferment

- Website: www.suu.edu/admissions/deferment.html
- Phone: 435-586-7741
- Email: info@suu.edu

Utah Tech University

Admissions Process - March 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.apply.dixie.edu/apply/
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$35 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – June 1
- Scholarships – March 1

Enrollment Process - April

- Fill out the enrollment intention form
- Academic Advisor will build students schedule
- Student may approve or adjust schedule prior to starting classes

Deferment

- Website: admissions.dixie.edu/forms/leave-of-absence/
- Phone: 435-652-7777
- Email: admissions@dixie.edu

Snow College

Admissions Process - March 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.snow.edu/admissions
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$30 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – June 1
- Scholarships – March 1

Enrollment Process - March

- Fill out the New Freshman Registration Questionnaire
- Academic Advisor will build students schedule
- Student may approve or adjust schedule after July 15

Deferment

- Website: www.snow.edu/offices/scholarships/defer_application.html
- Phone: 800-848-3399
- Email: scholarships@snow.edu

University of Utah

Admissions Process - November 1*

- 1) Apply using the Common Application or online at www.admissions.utah.edu/apply/freshmen-students/
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$55 application fee
- 6) If accepted, confirm your intent to enroll and pay the \$300 deposit (this goes towards your first semesters tuition)

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – February 1
- Scholarships – December 1
- Last date for admission – April 1

Enrollment Process - June-July

- Complete the New Student Orientation
- You will have an Orientation Leader to help you through the process
- You will be able to create your schedule at the end of the New Student Orientation

Deferment

- Website: admissions.utah.edu/deferment/
- Phone: 801-581-8761
- Email: admissions_deferment@utah.edu

Utah State University

Admissions Process - March 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.usu.edu/admissions/apply/
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$50 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – July 1
- Scholarships – January 10
- Last date for admission – August 1

Enrollment Process - April

- Complete the online orientation process (It contains 5 modules, the second teaches you how to register)
- Meet with your academic advisor
- Follow the First Semester Registration Guide for your intended major
- Register for classes online on your USU Banner

Deferment

- Website: <https://www.usu.edu/sots/loa>
- Phone: 435-797-7557
- Email: orientation@usu.edu

Utah Valley University

Admissions Process - February 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.uvu.edu/admissions/whatsnext/
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$35 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – July 15
- Scholarships – February 1

Enrollment Process - April 15

- Students have two hold on their account they must clear before registration
 - Meet with their academic advisor
 - Attend orientation
- Register for classes online at www.uvu.edu/registration/

Deferment

- Website: www.uvu.edu/admissions/whatsnext/deferredadmissions.html
- Phone: 801-863-8706
- Email: admissions@uvu.edu

Westminster College

Admissions Process - December 1*

- 1) Apply using the Common Application or online at www.westminstercollege.edu/undergraduate/how-to-apply
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) No application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – June 1
- Scholarships – December 1

Enrollment Process - Summer

- Students attend Griffen Gear Up (Orientation)
- Students meet with their academic advisor to build their schedule

Deferment

- Website: westminstercollege.edu/admissions/deferred-enrollment-and-gap-year
- Phone: 801-832-2200
- Email: admission@westminstercollege.edu

Utah State University Eastern

Admissions Process - July 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.usu.edu/admissions/apply/
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$50 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – July 1
- Scholarships – July 1
- Last date for admission – September 1

Enrollment Process - April

- Complete the online orientation process (It contains 5 modules, the second teaches you how to register)
- Meet with your academic advisor
- Follow the First Semester Registration Guide for your intended major
- Register for classes online on your USU Banner

Deferment

- Website: <https://www.usu.edu/sots/loa>
- Phone: 435-797-7557
- Email: orientation@usu.edu

Weber State University

Admissions Process - December 1*

- 1) Apply online at www.weber.edu/apply
- 2) Submit your High School Transcripts
- 3) Submit your Concurrent Enrollment transcripts if applicable
- 4) Submit your ACT or SAT scores
- 5) Pay the \$30 application fee

Important Deadlines

- FAFSA – April 1
- Scholarships – December 1

Enrollment Process - April

- Register online at www.weber.edu/Registration/Help.html

Deferment

- Website: www.weber.edu/returntoweber
- Phone: 801-626-6000
- Email: admissions@weber.edu

ADMISSIONS & ENROLLMENT (Technical School)

Bridgerland Technical College

Logan, Utah

- Animal Sciences
- Apprentice Electrician
- Apprentice Plumber
- Auto Collision
- Automated Manufacturing
- Automotive Service 1 & 2
- Building Technology
- Business Technology
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Controls Engineering Technology
- Cosmetology/Barbering
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel
- Drafting
- Electronic Engineering Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Fashion Merchandising and Development
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Heavy Equipment Operator/CDL
- Information Technology
- Interior Design
- Machining Technology
- Master Esthetics
- Meat Services
- Media Design
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing Assistant
- Paramedic
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Police Academy
- Practical Nursing
- Real Estate
- Web & Mobile Development
- Welding Technology

Davis Technical College

Kaysville, Utah

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Architectural & Engineering Design
- Automation and Robotics
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administrative Services
- CNC Machining
- Composite Materials Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel/Heavy Duty Technology
- Digital Media Design
- Electrician Apprentice
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Esthetician
- Firefighter
- Hair Designer
- Health Information Technology
- Heating and Air Conditioning
- Home Health Aide
- Manufacturing Technology
- Master Esthetician
- Medical Assistant
- Nail Technician
- Nurse Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy
- Plastic Injection Molding
- Plumbing Apprentice
- Practical Nurse
- Radiology Practical Technician
- Software Development
- Surgical Technology
- Welding Technology

Utah Tech University

St. George, Utah

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Automotive Technician
- CNC Machining
- Collision Repair
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Culinary Arts
- Design Media Design
- Diesel Technician
- Drafting and Design
- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- HVAC Technician
- Industrial Automation Technician
- Information Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Medication Aide
- Nursing Assistant
- Operations Management
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Plumbing Apprenticeship
- Practical Nursing
- Welding

Mountainland Technical College

Orem, Utah

- Accelerated Medical Billing and Coding
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Artisan Baking and Pastry
- Automated Manufacturing
- Automotive Technology
- Automotive: Automatic Transmission and Transaxle
- Automotive: Brakes
- Automotive: Electrical and Electronics
- Automotive: Engine Performance and Repair
- Automotive: HVAC Systems
- Automotive: Manual Drive and Axles
- Automotive: Suspension and Steering
- Basic Life Support Certification Course
- Central Sterile Technician
- Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)
- Construction Craft Skilled Laborer
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts 1 & 2
- Custom Design and Fabrication
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Mechanic
- Digital Media
- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Form Builder Rough Carpenter
- Hair Design
- Heartsaver CPR/AED Certification Course
- Heartsaver First Aid Certification Course
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- HVAC Apprenticeship
- Information Technology Technician
- Information Technology: Technician + Project Management
- Maintenance and Light Repair Course
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Office Administration
- Medication Aide
- Mobile Development
- Nail Technician
- Nurse Assistant
- Nurse Assistant Accelerated
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Pipe Welding Processes
- Plumbing Apprenticeship
- Practical Nursing
- Precision Machining
- Summer Stem Cooking Course
- Surgical Technology
- UDOT Flagger Training Course
- Vehicle Emissions Course
- Vehicle Safety Inspection Course
- Web Programming & Development
- Welding Technology

Ogden-Weber Technical College

Ogden, Utah

- Automotive
- Barbering
- Business
- Composites
- Computer Aided Design
- Construction
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Assisting
- Electrical Trades Preparation
- Electrician Apprentice Related Instruction
- Health Information
- HVAC
- Industrial Automation
- Information Technology
- Machinist 1 & 2
- Machinist Apprentice Related Instruction
- Medical Assisting Metal Fabrication
- Nail Technician
- Non-Destructive Inspection
- Nursing Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Plumbing
- Practical Nursing
- Real Estate
- Software Development
- Software Technology
- Web and Graphic Design
- Welder Production

Southwest Technical College

Cedar City, Utah

- Accounting
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Automotive Technician
- Business
- Business Specialist
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Media
- Digital Media Specialist
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Industrial Maintenance and Automation
- Information Technology
- Medical Clinic Assistant
- Nursing Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Practical Nursing
- Production Welding
- Software Development
- Software Development Specialist
- Structured Steel and Pipe Welding
- Web Basics
- Web Design Specialist
- Web Development Specialist
- Welding Essentials

Tooele Technical College

Tooele, Utah


- Accounting Clerk
- Central Sterile Processing Technician
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Computer Upgrade and Repair Technician (A+)
- Cosmetology/Barbering
- Customer Service
- Diesel Technician
- Electrician Apprentice
- Executive Assistant
- Heavy Duty Diesel Technician
- Industrial Maintenance and Automation Technician
- Nail Technician
- Network Administrator (MCSA)
- Network Engineer (CCNA)
- Networking Technician
- Office Clerk
- Office Manager
- Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Practical Nursing
- Receptionist
- Software Development
- Welding Technician 1, 2 & 3


Uintah Basin Technical College


Vernal, Utah


- Auto Technology
- Automation Technician
- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair
- Cabinetry
- Carpentry and Residential Construction
- Civil Drafting Technician
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Apprenticeship
- Classroom Training
- Farm & Ranch Management
- Heavy Duty Diesel
- IT Support Technician
- Medical Assistant
- Network Technician
- Nursing Assistant
- Office Professional
- Oil and Gas Technician Program
- Pharmacy Technician
- POST Satellite Academy
- Practical Nursing
- Security Technician
- Surgical Technologist
- Welding
- Welding Basic Technician Program
- Well Control Supervisor Program

COLLEGE INDEX COMPARISON

Most Competitive 

Very Competitive 

Competitive 

Open Enrollment 

This is only a guide. Please refer to the Admissions Requirements section on the individual college websites or ushe.edu. There are more post secondary education opportunities available! Talk to your school counselor for more information.

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EASTERN

SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY

SNOW COLLEGE

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS & ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

Once you've received your acceptance letters and decided on a school, there are still a few actions you'll need to take to secure your spot. Plus, you'll want to keep track of some key information.

Use the tools on this page to help you keep everything organized.

Be sure to check your college email account regularly.

If you have questions about processes or next steps, check in with your college representative, financial aid counselor or admissions counselor.

The college I am attending next year is: _____

My admissions counselor's name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My financial aid counselor's name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My college username: _____

My college ID#: _____ Email: _____

Password: _____

Date I accepted admissions offer	Date I paid enrollment deposit	Date I applied for housing	Date I selected for orientation	Date I sent my final transcript	Date I accepted financial awards

Extra Notes:

DEFERMENT CHECKLIST

PRE-DEFERRAL

This checklist is a general guide for deferring your university or college enrollment. Please contact your chosen university or college for specific procedures and other details relating to deferred enrollments.

University/College Admissions

- Meet with an academic advisor to obtain a list of recommended courses to take upon your return. Also, double check on your academic standing, ensure you have no holds or fees that will prevent you from applying.
- Assign a delegate such as your parent or guardian whom you authorize to conduct business with the school during your absence. This includes admission, course registration, housing, FAFSA, etc.
- Fill out a Parent Declaration of Student Dependency delegation form (or similar) to grant your parent or guardian full access to your records and to conduct business with the school.
- You may also complete a limited power of attorney granting your delegate authority to conduct business with the school for you.
- Fill out and submit a deferral request form, and other supporting forms, and submit it to the school – found on college websites.
- Fill out online form (if applicable) or fill out any documentation your desired institution requires.
- Send confirmation of intent to enroll to the admissions office.
- Pay enrollment deposit if required (verify with your academic advisor).
- Provide a copy of your mission call, a letter from your bishop confirming your mission application, or, if entering military service, a copy of your orders to active duty.
- ACT/SAT scores expire after one year for placement purposes only. If your deferral request has you returning after your ACT/SAT exam scores expire you may be required to take a placement exam or refresher course before registering for certain courses.

If you have assigned a delegate for yourself while away, gather the following information for your delegate and have them keep the list where it can be easily accessed. Most student passwords expire within 1 year and your delegate will need to renew it for you.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student ID Number <input type="checkbox"/> Security Phrase <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Password <input type="checkbox"/> Access to your preferred email (for password recovery) <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of power of attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Set calendar reminders for deadlines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure preferred email is a professional email (not HS Email) <input type="checkbox"/> Deferment/Leave of absence contact information <input type="checkbox"/> Advisor's name, phone number, and email address <input type="checkbox"/> Advisor's checklist (List of classes suggested that you take upon return) <input type="checkbox"/> Information regarding your desired housing (application & deadlines) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of your FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of all scholarship & financial aid award letters <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of deferment letters from the college <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of deferment letters for every scholarship or financial aid package. <input type="checkbox"/> Review orientation protocol
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Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Remain on track to receive your scholarship.
- Complete and return the conditional acceptance form.
- Obtain and complete the required deferral forms.
- Provide supporting documentation such as a copy of your mission call, a letter from your bishop confirming your mission application, or, if entering military service, a copy of your orders to active duty.
- Complete student release of information forms so that your delegate can conduct business with the scholarship and financial aid offices.
- You may also complete a limited power of attorney granting your delegate authority to conduct business with the scholarship and financial aid offices for you.
- Accept any scholarships that you have been offered before the deadline and before you defer your admission. Work with private scholarship awarders to figure out what they want you to do.
- FAFSA - Opens Oct. 1 for the following year, you'll want to fill that out as close to that date as possible for the year that you plan to return.
- Review what steps need to be taken for private scholarships.

DEFERMENT CHECKLIST

RETURN HOME

This checklist is a general guide to use when returning to your university or college. Please contact your chosen university or college for specific procedures and other details relating to deferred enrollments.

You may ask your delegate to take care of your returning home checklist if you would otherwise miss the required deadlines for admission, housing, registration and financial aid. Keep in mind that registration for summer semester is in early April, fall semester is in mid-April, and spring semester is in mid-November (approximately).

If you change the dates of your return, for example returning home early from a mission, you must contact the school and scholarship providers immediately as the terms of the deferment are now void. Ask for assistance in submitting a new deferment request. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of scholarships and admissions.

University/College Admissions

- Contact the admissions office and inform them of your intent to enroll and which semester.
- Contact your academic advisor, to verify your class schedule and that you are on track.
- Register for freshman orientation and pay the orientation fee.
- Obtain a current immunization form/record.
- Pay tuition and fees by the established deadline(s).
- Contact the housing office and arrange for your housing. Pay the fees. If you aren't using on campus housing, arrange to rent an apartment, etc.
- Sign up for a meal plan.
- Request a campus mail box (if needed/available).
- Attend orientation.
- Register for classes.
- Reset your password and security phase.
- Look for any campus clubs, social groups, etc. you can join now to meet new people and stay involved.
- Sign up for tutoring and study groups.
- When you return from your deferment, make sure your mailing address and email contact information are updated in your personal information.

University/College Admissions

- Complete a new FAFSA for the year in which you are enrolling.
- Verify that your selected courses meet the requirements of your scholarship(s).
- Notify the financial aid office of your return and request reactivation of your financial aid package.
- Notify scholarship providers of your return and request reactivation of your scholarships and tell them which semester you will be enrolling and your anticipated list of courses.

What if I'm not going to college right after high school?

Are you planning to join the military or join a religious mission before enrolling in college?

You should still apply for college and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships.

Many scholarships are only available to graduating high school students. If you can't afford application fees, there are some programs that can help cover those costs while you are still in high school but not after you have graduated. Apply now to find out what options are available to you.

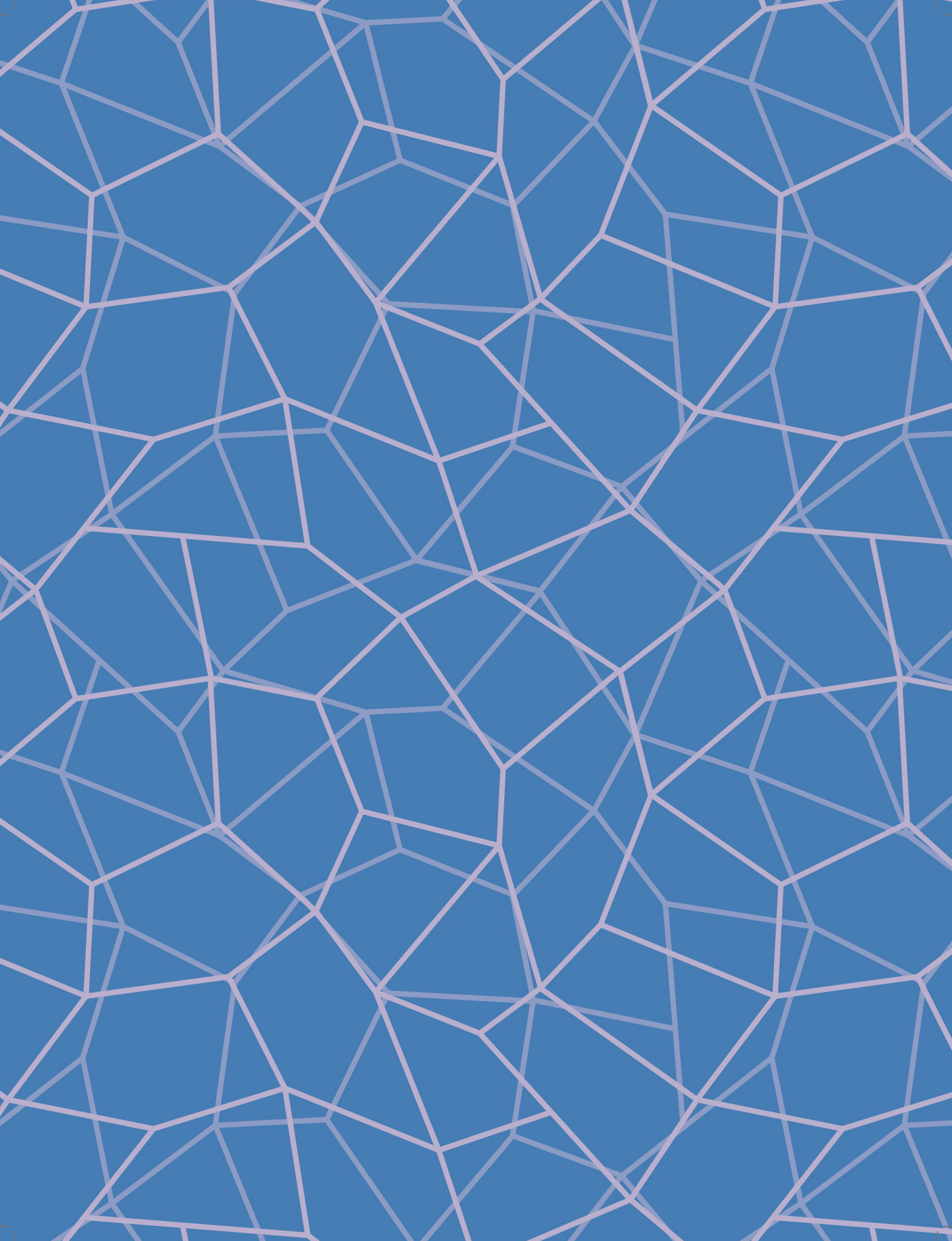
Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form. Without this form, colleges will not legally be able to talk with your parents or guardians about you until after you turn 18. Talk to your college's admissions office for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.

COLLEGE IS READY WHEN YOU ARE!



section three

FINANCIAL AID



Paying for college

Grants, work-study programs, and scholarships should always be your first choice for paying for college. Here's some helpful information about each option.

Grants

A grant is money for college that you don't have to pay back, as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress. A grant is usually provided by the state or federal government.

Work-Study

Work-study is a part-time job for students that is usually on campus and has flexible hours that generally work around your class schedule.

Student Loans

Student loans are money you borrow for college that you have to pay back—even if you don't graduate.

What do I need to know?

Grants don't have to be repaid.

They're based on financial need (determined by the FAFSA).

One of the most common grants is the Federal Pell Grant.

Eligible students receive a specified amount each year under this program

Ask the financial aid office at your college for more info about available grants.

What do I need to know?

Work-study jobs are usually on campus and offer flexible hours. Work-study jobs come with financial aid benefits.

They can give you work experience related to your college major (such as working in a chemistry lab, tutoring center, or campus business office).

What do I need to know?

Student loans can come from the federal government, from private sources such as a bank or financial institution, or from other organizations. Learn the differences before you sign.

Explore federal student loans first (through submitting your FAFSA), as they often have lower interest rates and more flexible repayment options compared to private loans.

Paying for college with FAFSA

Submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov is the only way to receive federal financial aid for college.

Who should submit the FAFSA?

Everyone should submit, even if you think you make too much money to qualify for financial aid. You never know what you'll be awarded unless you apply.

What does the FAFSA do?

The FAFSA determines your eligibility for federal financial aid—grants, work-study, and student loans—as well as aid from the State of Utah, and your college.

When should I submit my FAFSA?

It's best to submit the FAFSA the same time you apply to college in the fall of your senior year. The FAFSA application opens October 1 of your 12th grade year. You can complete the application at any point in your senior year, but for the following school year you should apply as soon as you can. However, you can still submit your FAFSA later than that if needed. Check the priority deadline at the colleges you're applying to so you know when you should complete the FAFSA. Remember: You need to resubmit the FAFSA every year you're in college.

Where do I go to submit the FAFSA?

Submit the FAFSA at fafsa.gov or use the official myStudentAid mobile app from Federal Student Aid. Never use any other website to file. If you need help submitting your FAFSA, ask your college access advisor, the GEAR UP office at your school, or watch the FAFSA Walk-Through video on YouTube.

Keep in mind

Even if you don't think you'll qualify for financial aid, it's worth taking a few minutes to submit the FAFSA. You may be surprised!

FAFSA PREP FORM

By filling in this form you will have all the information you need to create your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) ID online and to complete your FAFSA. **Remember to keep this information confidential and in a safe place.**

Students Full Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent #1 Full Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent #2 Full Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you a Utah Resident? Yes No

Month/Year you began living in Utah: _____

Are your Parents Utah Residents? Yes No

Month/Year your parents began living in Utah: _____

Your Social Security Number (SSN): _____

Parent #1 SSN: _____

Parent #2 SSN: _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, what is your Alien Registration Number: _____

Parent #1 Date of Birth: _____

Parent #2 Date of Birth: _____

Do you have a Drivers License? Yes No

Drivers License #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

What is the highest level of school your parents completed (check for each parent)?

Parent #1: Middle school/Jr. High High School College or beyond Other

Parent #2: Middle school/Jr. High High School College or beyond Other

When you file the FAFSA, in addition to the information above, these are the items to have on hand (for yourself and your parents).

Last year's W2 forms

Last year's Federal Income Tax Forms

Most current statements from all accounts (checking, savings, investments, etc.)

Child support paid or received

Value of investment farms and businesses

Other prior year benefits (workers comp, military, or veteran amounts)

FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID Form

The first step to completing your FAFSA is to create an FSA ID (a username and password). Your FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and serves as your legal signature. Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use.

Fill in this form as you create your FSA ID, so you have the information when you need it to log in later. To create an FSA ID, go to fsaid.ed.gov.

Student Information:

Email: _____

Username: _____ Password: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Challenge Questions	Answers

Significant date answer (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Parent Information:

Email: _____

Username: _____ Password: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Challenge Questions	Answers

Significant date answer (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND IN A SECURE PLACE

Advice for Undocumented Students

1

Undocumented students, with and without Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), can attend college in Utah! All students, regardless of immigration status, are eligible for admission into any of the accredited colleges and universities (public and private) in Utah.

2

Earn college credits in high school: Undocumented students (with and without DACA) can participate in Concurrent Enrollment (CE), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes while in high school, saving time and money once you get to college.

3

Scholarships: Utah high school graduates do not need to provide proof of citizenship to qualify for privately funded scholarships. For a comprehensive list of privately funded scholarships in Utah, visit educate-utah.org.

4

In-State Tuition Waiver: Utah state law allows qualifying undocumented and documented high school graduates to pay in-state tuition rates if they attend a public Utah college or university. To learn more about qualifications, talk to your counselor or visit educate-utah.org/hb144facts. You may want to ask specifically about "HB 144" and "SB 253."

To qualify for HB 144, a student must submit a HB 144 Affidavit for the institution they want to attend and meet the following requirements:

- Student must have attended a Utah high school for three or more years
- Student must have graduated from a Utah high school with a diploma or G.E.D.

5

To find additional support and information visit:

- educate-utah.org
- University of Utah Dream Center: dream.utah.edu, which has important information for undocumented students, regardless of which college you plan to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

1

Explore options at your school. Talk with your school's counselor, scholarship coordinator, and athletics coach. Ask about scholarships through employers or any clubs or organizations you or your family are involved with.

2

Create profiles on trustworthy national scholarship search websites such as:

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/
- unigo.com/scholarships
- tuitionfundingsources.com/

3

Use a scholarship list to get started. Here's one that we like:

- gearupforcollege.com/scholarships.php

4

Undocumented student can find additional information on applying for scholarships at educate-utah.org or dream.utah.edu//dream_scholarships.php

5

Check with the financial aid offices at the colleges you plan to attend. Many colleges have scholarships posted on their financial aid and department websites. If you know what you want to study, check for scholarships through your major or department.

6

Sign up for GEAR UP texting by texting the word "STUDENT" to 801-407-9957 to learn about scholarship opportunities.

7

Senior year, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sometimes scholarships require this as part of their application process.

8

Apply. Apply. Apply.

Don't count on only one scholarship to fund your education.

9

Apply for scholarships at any age/time, even if you plan to take a gap year or defer before you go to college - like if you plan to serve a religious mission or join the military.

**Beware of scholarship scams! You should never pay money to apply for a scholarship.*

SCHOLARSHIP TRACKER

	Scholarship	Application components (e.g., essay, recommendations, transcripts, applications, nominator, etc.)	Amount	Deadline	Notes	Date submitted	Date received and amount of award
#1							
#2							
#3							
#4							
#5							
#6							
#7							
#8							

COLLEGE TERMS

Academic Advisor: A person that helps you with course selection, requirements in your major, and other academic problems.

Admission: Receiving an acceptance from a college after submitting all required information.

Associate degree: Awarded to students completing a program of at least two in a particular field of study.

Bachelor's degree: Awarded to an undergraduate completing a four-year college or university.

Certificate: Awarded to students completing a skill-based vocational program.

Community College: A two-year institution, offering vocational certificates and associate degrees. Some students transfer to a university to complete a bachelor's degree.

Credit hours: Courses in college are measured in terms of credit hours. Most classes are around three credit hours.

Dean: Person responsible for an instructional or administrative division.

Degree: Awarded to a student for completing a particular field of study. See associate or bachelor's degree.

Extracurricular activities: Non-classroom activities such as intramural, sports, clubs, and social events.

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form students need to fill out to get any financial aid.

Final Exams: Tests, essays, and projects that students complete at the end of a college semester.

Freshmen: Students in their first year of college.

Full-time: Student taking 12 or more credit hours per semester.

Lecture/Lab: College has different class formats. In lectures, instructors talk and students listen and take notes. Labs apply what students have learned, usually in science or engineering classes.

ACT/SAT: Acronyms of two common college entrance exams. Each test is slightly different in length and the material covered and may be required for college admission.

Alumni: These are people who have graduated from the institution.

Auditing: A class taken for the benefit of the experience without receiving a grade or college credit.

Catalog: A list of all classes, services, regulations, requirements, and procedures offered by the institution.

College: An institution of higher education that grants degrees. It is also an instructional division within a university such as the College of Education or the College of Engineering.

Commuter: A commuter is a student who lives off-campus and drives to class.

Curriculum: Group of courses in an area of specialization leading to a degree or certificate.

Deferred Admission: Permission from a college that has accepted you to postpone enrolling in the college.

Department: An organizational unit in a college that offers classes in specific fields of study.

Faculty: An educator who works at a college or university.

Fees: A set amount of extra charges for registration, certain activities, or courses.

Financial Aid: Money given or loaned to you to help pay for college, including grants, work-study, loans, and scholarships.

Fraternities/Sororities: Social organizations, or the Greek System, are groups made up of students at a university with fraternities (for men) and sororities (for women).

Grade Point Average (GPA): A number that shows overall academic performance.

Letter grades/GPA: Most colleges use a letter grade A (best), B, C, D, or F (fail) for each class to calculate GPA.

Major/Minor: A student's chosen field of study, requiring a specific number of credit hours/courses for completion is called a major. A minor is a secondary field of study

Non-credit: Attending class for the benefit of experience without receiving a grade or college credit.

Part-time: Student taking fewer than 12 credit hours per semester.

Private/Public Institutions: Public colleges are state-funded while private schools rely on other resources. This makes for differences in program offerings, tuition costs, and student population.

Registration: Process of signing up for college classes.

Semester: Length of a 15-week class term.

Textbooks: Printed or digital material required for a course, that can be purchased, or rented at the campus bookstore or other places.

Tuition: The price you pay for your classes, based on the number of credit hours.

University: An institution that offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Midterms: An exam given in the middle of an academic grading term that tests material covered up to that point.

Open admission: A policy of accepting any high school graduate, no matter what his or her grades are, into a college.

Prerequisite: A specific course that you need to take and pass before you take a higher-level course.

Registrar: The college official who registers students.

Schedule: Information on course offerings and the registration process.

Syllabus: An outline written by an instructor, with assignments, deadlines, and policies specific to a course.

Transfer: The process of getting credit for courses after having attended another college.

Undergraduate: A college student who is working toward an associate or a bachelor's degree.

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SENIOR SUCCESS

TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

Get **PSYCHED** for senior year

Senior Brag Sheets Form

Create a calendar of admissions, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines

Register to take or retake the ACT

Meet with HS counselor

Create Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID

OCTOBER

Complete the FAFSA

Tour the colleges you are considering

Complete early college applications (BYU, UofU, Westminster, & Weber)

Apply for private scholarships

Sign up for GEAR UP Texting

NOVEMBER

Participate in Utah College Application Week

Talk with representatives from the colleges who visit your school

Go on campus tours and attend college open houses

Don't forget that grades matter!

Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family!

DECEMBER

Submit applications in advance of deadlines

Apply for college/university scholarships

Narrow down college choices

Follow-up on letters of recommendation

Take winter break as an opportunity to research schools and scholarships

JANUARY

Send fall test scores and transcripts to colleges to which you've applied

Explore housing options

Explore extracurricular and leadership activities you may be interested in

Research and apply for scholarships

Clean up social media account

FEBRUARY

Retake ACT if needed

Finalize college choices

Watch out for senioritis

Plan something fun for spring break

Order graduation announcements

MARCH

Celebrate your offers of admission!

Compare financial aid awards

Visit colleges to help finalize your choice

Confirm housing

Start researching majors

Think of summer job/internship

APRIL

Finalize plans with college of choice

Meet with college academic advisor in person or virtually

Register for fall semester classes

Fill out the GEAR UP Senior Exit Survey

Accept financial aid/scholarship awards

Prepare for AP/CE tests

MAY

Schedule alumni interviews

Shadow professionals in your field of interest

Stay in touch

Transfer CE/AP Credits

Write thank you notes to those who have helped you along the way

Sign up for college orientation day

Verify summer job

Happy graduation! You're a college student now!