

College Checklist for High School Seniors:

Parents and Students: **PLEASE POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR OR OTHER PROMINENT PLACE AND CHECK OFF EACH ITEM AS IT IS COMPLETED**

Remember to ask for help if you need it! Mentors, Group Leaders, WSF Administrators, College Depot and others are there to help you but we don't know if you need help if you do not ask for it.

Summer:

- Get a Pocket Calendar to write down important deadlines
- If you have not already done so, make a list of teachers, coaches, etc. who can write you letters of recommendation
- Research scholarships at College Depot that you qualify for
- Finalize your personal essay, have your mentor and the people at College Depot read it carefully
- Sign up to take an SAT prep course and buy or check out a prep book (WSF will reimburse) before school starts.

First Semester:

- Meet with your Guidance Counselor the **1st Week of school** to be sure you are on track for graduation in a college bound track
- Ask 3 teachers to give you feedback on your personal essay **by September 1st**
- Take your SAT or other required test by **October 1st** (if you are not pleased with your score, you can study and retake it by **December 1st**)
- Ask teachers, coaches, etc. to write you letters of recommendation by **October 15th**. Ask them to give them to you by **Thanksgiving**
- Submit College Applications **before Halloween** (if you submit this early, you will be considered automatically for Merit Scholarships) (ASU students receive a letter with their ASURITE ID right after they apply, therefore, students should check their MYASU accounts immediately after receiving it for updates on admission and financial aid package)
- Request Transcripts and Test Scores for SAT, etc. to be sent to your colleges **before Halloween**
- Submit FAFSA (Financial Aid) **before Winter Break**. *This is super important because scholarships and financial aid are first-come, first-served and aid will be based on this info!*
- Submit Scholarship Applications **before Winter Break**

Second Semester:

- Check your early dismissal dates for this semester and let Laura or Susan know when you can do your individual college tour by **January 15th**.
- Receive Acceptance Letters from Colleges by **March 1st** or follow up with College
- Activate ASURITE user ID or other College Online Account and give the information to Ivy by **March 1st** (ASU students receive a letter with their ASURITE ID right after they apply, therefore, students should check their MYASU accounts immediately after receiving it for updates on admission and financial aid package)
- Tell your Guidance Counselor that you will be a WSF Scholarship recipient and ask for us to be put on Awards Ceremony Agenda by **March 1st**
- Receive Pell Grant, Obama Scholar (ASU), and other Scholarship notifications by **April 1st** or follow up
- Give Ivy information on Graduation Ceremony (date, time, location, how to get tickets) by **April 1st**
- Give Ivy information on Awards Ceremony (date, time, location) by **April 1st**
- By **May 1st** sign up for Freshman Orientation and choose the earliest date available.
- By **May 1st** sign up for Summer Bridge Program and TRIO and other helpful university programs