

Journey to College MONTHLY REMINDER

NOVEMBER 2017



Keep up the good work!

The semester is more than half over, and the next few weeks before holiday break are going to fly by. Stay focused on all the daily tasks – homework, projects, studying – to get the grades you need. Don't forget about the big picture though – scholarships, college applications, and discovering your interests.

High School Students

- ✓ Did you know high school students at all grade levels can apply for [scholarships](#)? It's true! There are scholarships for all ages and interests.
- ✓ Your grade point average is one of the main factors considered on many college scholarship and admission applications. The work you do now will count your senior year. That said, if your grades aren't where you want them to be, you still have time to get that GPA up. The key is to [start preparing](#) for college and a career now.
- ✓ Create a college binder to keep all of your information organized. Make a list of colleges you like, and check to see if they meet your needs and interests — look at majors, campus size, location, extra-curricular activities, etc. Use a [college fit worksheet](#) to get started.

High School Seniors

- ✓ November is an important month for college scholarship and admission applications. Pay attention to deadlines and prepare accordingly. If you need recommendation letters from teachers or other adults, make sure you give them plenty of time to get those written.
- ✓ If you're still not sure about where or how to apply to college, use the [Apply Missouri](#) resources to get started.
- ✓ The 2018-19 FAFSA became available Oct. 1. You need to complete the application in order to receive most forms of financial aid, including state scholarships and grants. The fastest and easiest way to file is online at [fafsa.ed.gov](#).
- ✓ Get free help completing your FAFSA at a [FAFSA Frenzy](#) event near you. Find out if you're considered a [dependent or independent student](#),

and get your [FSA ID](#) to get started. You and at least one of your parents will need an FSA ID in order to sign and submit the FAFSA online.

College Students

- ✓ Filing the FAFSA is something you should do each year you plan to enroll in college. The [2018-19 FAFSA](#) became available Oct. 1, and some financial aid is first-come, first-served. Get free help at a [FAFSA Frenzy](#) event near you. Don't forget to use your [FSA ID](#) to sign and submit your FAFSA online.
- ✓ As you register for next semester, look at your graduation requirements. Are you taking enough credit hours to graduate on time? Consider taking at least [15 credit hours](#) each semester to stay on track. You may also need to take a summer course. Map out your semesters. An extra year in school could cost more than you think.

Parents

- ✓ Encourage your teenagers to take advanced placement or dual credit courses during high school. Taking these classes now will give them a [head start](#) on earning a college degree, and it can save you money.
- ✓ If you have a high school senior or college student, now is the time to apply for financial aid for the 2018-19 school year. Get free help at a [FAFSA Frenzy event](#) now through January.
- ✓ Some financial aid is first-come, first-served. Encourage your son or daughter to file the FAFSA as soon as possible. [They'll need](#) to report 2016 tax information, have their own FSA ID, and social security number. Get your own [FSA ID](#) in order to sign and submit the FAFSA online.



Important
Dates

OCTOBER

1

FAFSA filing begins

NOVEMBER

2

SAT Registration

NOVEMBER

3

ACT Registration

NOVEMBER

4

SAT Test date

DECEMBER

2

SAT Test date

DECEMBER

9

ACT Test date

JANUARY

12

ACT Registration

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