

Sheboygan Lutheran High School

SENIOR TIMELINE

September-October

- Attend scheduled senior meeting with Mrs. L. (see calendar outside guidance office).
- Update your resume and turn it in to Mrs. Thiel/Mrs. Mannchen by _____. This will go in your file in my office.
- Complete and turn in your personal statement/essay by _____.
- Schedule college visitations. Always call in advance to schedule an appointment.
- Review your records with Mrs. L. to ensure you have enough credits and have fulfilled all required courses (i.e. computer applications, 4 years of theology, etc.).
- Talk with your parents regarding college, finances, choices, etc.
- Narrow down your college choices to your top 3.
- Complete undergraduate applications online (I suggest 3). If your desired school begins accepting applications on Sept. 15th, apply as soon as possible.
- Write necessary essays - college applications, scholarships, etc.
- Identify teachers and/or other adults (boss, 4-H leader, coach) for letters of recommendation -- request it in writing at least 2 weeks in advance & attach your resume. REMIND THEM prior to the date you need it! Write a THANK YOU note afterwards.
- Register with Parchment.com (on the Guidance website) and self-request your transcript (free). Look over it closely to make sure there are no errors!
- Register to take/retake the ACT/SAT in October or December for the 2nd (or 3rd) time.
- Attend visiting college admission reps (see list on website, calendar on my door).
- Males (18 & older) must register for the selective services -- <http://www.sss.gov/>
- Visit college fairs (LTC - Fri, Sept. 30th; Frontier Airlines Center: Oct. 9th).
- Scholarships!!!! Check the LHS website for scholarship updates every 2-3 weeks. Apply for as many as possible. Check the "guidance wall" regularly, also.

October:

- COMPLETE college applications online if you have not already done so.
- If you plan to attend a college with limited housing (e.g. UW-Milwaukee), get your housing request in asap.

- **After you complete your application:** Request your transcript and eSSR (electronic counselor form) to be sent to the appropriate school through Parchment.com. You can expect this to happen within 2 school days.
- Military applications are due.
- Next ACT/SAT test dates are Oct. 22nd/Oct. 1st. See Guidance site for other dates.
- Utilize Future's Day on Wed, Oct. 12th for a college visitation opportunity.

November-December:

- BE AWARE of early application deadlines for selective colleges.
- Submit housing applications.
- Apply for scholarships!!!!

January:

- Double-check classes for second semester. Are your proverbial ducks in a row?
- After January 1st, submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Attend the January 19th Financial Aid Night at LHS with your parent(s).
- Have I mentioned that you should apply for scholarships?

February - April:

- Continue to apply yourself academically! All admissions acceptances are tentative until colleges deem your final grades have met their standards.
- Apply for scholarships!!!
- Colleges will begin notifying students of admission status and financial aid status.
- Submit a letter to colleges where you applied but are not planning to attend.

May:

- Scholarships and awards are recognized at Honors Night. Plan on being there.
- Write Thank You notes for any scholarships you have received.
- **Request final transcripts through Parchment.** These will be sent out once grades are finalized.
- GRADUATION!!

June:

- Begin preparing yourself for the transition to college, work, etc.
- You will receive information about orientation programs. Carefully read registration materials and the course catalogue to be prepared for registration.
- Your college will send you information about housing, roommates, orientations, advising, insurance and health plans, meal plans, etc. Call the college admissions office with any questions you have.
- Contact your roommate and get to know them over the summer --who's bringing what, etc.
- Enjoy the summer!