

2008 Student Planning Calendar

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Your Map to Tomorrow

January

To-Do List

Visit the JA Student Center and share your thoughts on entrepreneurship and summer jobs. Take a brief survey, and enter to win an iPod.

Seniors: Have your parent(s) complete an IRS tax return as soon after January 1 as possible to complete your FAFSA. Paper applications are available from your high school counselor or financial aid office, or apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Juniors: Conduct an in-depth college information search through the JA Student Center. Register for the ACT test to be administered in February.

Key Dates

1/15/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *Annenberg Citizenship Grant.*

1/31/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *The Discover® Scholarship Program.*

February

To-Do List

The ACT exam is held in February. Dates and locations vary by state.

Seniors: Be aware of all college and scholarship application due dates. Make sure federal tax returns have been filed.

Juniors: Register for the required entrance exams. Narrow your school choices to your top five.

Key Dates

2/1/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *DePauw University Holton Memorial Scholarship, Hugh B. Sweeny Achievement Award, Joe Francomano Scholarship, Johnson and Wales University, Operation Enterprise American Management Association, and The Walt Disney Company Foundation Scholarship.*

March

To-Do List

The SAT exam is held in March. Dates and locations vary by state.

Tax season is here! Whether you are required to file or not, it is a good idea to check out the JA Student Center for tips on how to budget your money.

Seniors: Look for entrance notification letters in the mail. Promptly respond to any request for additional information.

Juniors: Register for any AP exams, if enrolled in AP courses.

Key Dates

3/1/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *Kettering University.*

April

To-Do List

The ACT exam is held in April. Dates and locations vary by state.

Seniors: Make a final decision on a school, sign your letter of intent, make your tuition deposit, and request that your final transcript be sent to your chosen school.

Juniors: Begin discussing financial aid and savings with your family. Resources are available at the JA Student Center.

Key Dates

4/1/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *N. Donald Edwards Scholarship.*

May

To-Do List

The SAT exam is held in May. Dates and locations vary by state.

Start looking for a summer job or internship.

Seniors: Verify exact cost of information from your chosen school and be prepared to send deposits for housing. Follow up with financial aid and orientation at the school of your choice. Make sure your final high school transcripts are sent to the college you plan to attend.

Juniors and Seniors: Register for any AP exams, if enrolled in AP courses.

Key Dates

5/1/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *Northwood University Scholarship.*

5/15/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *Illinois Institute of Technology - Fall Semester.*

June

To-Do List

ACT and SAT exams are held in June. Dates and locations vary by state.

Juniors: Consider visiting your favorite schools this summer and request admission and financial aid applications.

Sophomores: Get involved in community and volunteer activities this summer.

July

To-Do List

Seniors: Develop a financial aid plan using the tools provided at the JA Student Center.

Juniors and Sophomores: Look into a job or internship that has relevance to your career goals. Take a series of online career assessments at the JA Student Center to find out what careers are good for you. Start preparing for the SAT/ACT tests.

August

To-Do List

Interested in fun and educational opportunities during the after-school hours? Check out the JA Student Center to learn about becoming involved in JA Afterschool programs in your area.

Students: Register for the PSAT or ACT to be administered in October.

Freshmen: Map out your high school courses, including college prep and AP classes.

September

To-Do List

Do you have a special interest in business? Visit the JA Student Center for business tips, read about successful teen entrepreneurs, and more!

Visit the JA Student Center and share your thoughts on careers, personal finance, and holiday spending. Take a brief survey and you'll be entered in a drawing to win an iPod.

Students: Check with your high school counselor about graduation requirements and register for test prep courses. Contact college administration officers to schedule a campus visit.

October

To-Do List

Start your search for possible private scholarships.

Seniors: Attend college fairs and financial aid nights with your parents.

Juniors: Take the PSAT to qualify for National Merit Scholarships. Start researching schools you may be interested in.

Sophomores: Take the PSAT this month for practice.

Key Dates

10/15/08 — Scholarship Deadline: *Illinois Institute of Technology - Winter Semester.*

November

To-Do List

Continue your scholarship search. The JA Student Center gives you access to more than \$35 million in college scholarships.

Seniors: Request transcripts, test scores, and letters of recommendation for college applications. Apply for admission to the school(s) in which you are interested and promptly respond to any requests for additional information.

December

To-Do List

ACT and SAT exams are held in December. Dates and locations vary by state.

Seniors: Request the financial aid needs analysis (FAFSA) from your high school counselor or the college to which you have applied. Do not submit the FAFSA form until after January 1.

Juniors: Make a list of important criteria when considering your future school. Continue looking for schools based on your criteria.



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