

# Journey to College MONTHLY REMINDER

MAY 2017



It's the final countdown! In just days, you'll be sleeping in and soaking up spare time. Keep your momentum going to get through finals and graduation. Study hard, finish those final papers, and end the year in a way that will make you proud.

## High School Students

- ✓ Don't get behind dreaming of summer days. Focus on your final exams, ask for help if you need it, and start looking ahead to how you can make the most of your summer.

As you schedule classes for next year, keep the following recommended courses in mind:

English/ Language arts ... 4 units  
Social studies..... 3 units  
Mathematics ..... 4 units  
Science ..... 3 units  
Fine arts ..... 1 unit  
Physical education..... 1 unit  
Health education..... 0.5 unit  
Personal finance ..... 0.5 unit  
\*Electives..... 7 units

*\*Two units of a single foreign language are strongly recommended for college-bound students.*

## High School Seniors

- ✓ If you haven't submitted your FAFSA yet, make that your number one priority this month. If you filed, but need to make **corrections** or add a new school, log back on to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) using your FSA ID and make your changes as soon as possible.
- ✓ Although Decision Day has passed, many of you are still finalizing your post-graduation plans. Celebrate your decision on social media using #MODecisionDay, #IDecided, and #Classof2017.
- ✓ Congratulations on making it through high school! College may not start until fall, but several things need to be done this summer before you can successfully take on the new school year.
  - Inform your school of your intent to enroll. Make your deposit and turn in any required paperwork needed before you can register for fall classes.
  - Attend your college's summer orientation and registration event.
  - Consider housing, transportation and meals. How will you get to school and back home for breaks? If you are taking a car to college, how will you pay for gas, insurance, and parking?

- Will you be living on campus or will you need to find an apartment? Check with your school for affordable off-campus recommendations.
- Look at your budget. You may need to get a part-time job to help pay for tuition, fees, or room and board.
- Review your financial aid award letter. Do you understand which amounts are grants and scholarships and which are loans? Can you afford to return a portion of your student loan money? Remember, you should only borrow what you need.

## College Students

- ✓ Look for scholarships specific to your major. Use [myscholly.com](http://myscholly.com) or [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) to find matches.
- ✓ If you have renewable grants or scholarships, make sure you have submitted the required paperwork by the designated deadlines. The Department of Higher Education's application deadline for the [Minority Teaching Scholarship](#) and the [Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program](#) is June 1.
- ✓ You should file a FAFSA every year you plan to enroll in college. If you filed but need to make **corrections**, log back on to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) using your FSA ID and make your changes as soon as possible.
- ✓ Summer employment and internships are a great way to get real work experience and save some money for the next school year. Finding a job in your field may also help you understand different job options available with your degree.

## Parents

- ✓ If your son or daughter filed a FAFSA, but now needs to make **corrections**, log back on to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov), using the FSA ID to make changes as soon as possible.
- ✓ Encourage your child to use the summer wisely. Summer employment and internships are one way students can get real work experience — good for both their resume and their wallet.

## Important Dates

MAY

9

SAT Registration

MAY

19

Final ACT Registration  
(late fee)

MAY

24

Final SAT Registration  
(late fee)

JUNE

5

SAT Test Date

JUNE

10

ACT Test Date

JULY

28

SAT Registration

AUGUST

4

ACT Registration

AUGUST

26

SAT Test Date

SEPTEMBER

9

ACT Test Date

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