



In the swing of it

Now that school is in full swing, it's easy to go through the motions of homework and home games. Don't get too comfortable though — there is much work to be done! It is never too early to start preparing for college, and we want to help.

Remember Me

SAT Registration
September 12

ACT Test Date
September 13

ACT Registration
September 19

SAT Registration
October 9

SAT Test Date
October 11

ACT Test Date
October 25

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High School Students

- Just because you aren't a senior doesn't mean you can't start thinking about what you'll do after high school graduation. Make a list of careers you might be interested in, then look up how much education beyond high school is required for those careers.
- Be sure to [explore your options](#) for higher education and find links to resources helpful in planning and preparing for college.
- If you haven't taken the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) yet, consider signing up. Be sure to also enroll in an ACT/SAT prep class or take advantage of online resources to help you study. Taking the test early in high school may provide ample time if you need to work on bringing up your score to qualify for some scholarships.

Seniors

- Mark your calendar with admissions, financial aid and other deadlines.
- Ask counselors, teachers and employers to write letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications. Asking now should give them plenty of time to complete them before they're due.
- Use [MDHE's College Fit Worksheet](#) to compare your top four college choices.
- Start looking for scholarships and writing your college admissions essays now.
- Volunteer at a local non-profit. It's not only good for the organization, but it looks great on scholarship applications.
- Don't miss out on other college tips and information about scholarship opportunities, follow Journey to College on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

College Students

- Living within your means is important to help reduce the amount of [debt](#) you'll end up with once you finish school. Check out these [tips](#) before you borrow. Remember, do not borrow more than you actually need; if you're not sure, talk with your financial aid office.
- Print your [2014-15 Planning for Financial Success](#) to start the school year off right.
- If you are eligible for an [Access Missouri](#) grant, the deadline to add an institution to your record is Sept. 30.
- If you receive the [Bright Flight Scholarship](#), keep in mind that as a renewal student a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.
- [Bright Flight students](#) who took the ACT in June 2014 and missed the July 31 preferred deadline must submit any required eligibility information by Sept. 30.

Parents

- It is time to start thinking about taking your junior and senior students on college visits. Getting them interested in higher education early in the year may make a difference in their performance throughout the school year.
- Encourage your children to look at all of their options for after graduation. Have them research the types of jobs that interest them, and find out how much continued education they'll need to accomplish those career goals. [Explore your options](#) and find more tips for preparing for college.
- Information about [tuition and fees](#) can also be found on the MDHE's website.