

# COLLEGE BOUND

## SUMMER

- Register to take the ACT before your senior year at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).** Note the registration deadline is May 6 for the June 11 ACT. \*If you plan to attend a two year college or tech school ask admissions about their placement exam.
- Make a list of colleges/compare colleges.** Use free college planning tools on [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org) or [sdmylife.com](http://sdmylife.com).
- Schedule campus tours.** Go to the college's Admissions page and schedule online or call Admissions. If you cannot make it to the campus, check out the college's website to see if you can take a virtual tour.
- Find out a college's actual cost.** Use Net Price Calculator on the college's Admissions page to find out the potential for financial aid and true out-of-pocket cost of each college.
- Compose an activity/school resume and list of references** that will aid when completing applications for both college and scholarships.

## FALL

- Schedule an appointment with your school counselor** to ensure you have the appropriate credits & classes for graduation and discuss your post-high plans.
- Attend WHS College Fair in September and Financial Aid Night in October.** These events allow you to meet with college representatives and get answers to questions.
- Create a college and scholarship calendar.** This should include application deadlines and other important dates. Decide if you plan to apply early for any colleges.
- Apply to Colleges.** Have your resume and transcript handy. Be sure to proofread your application(s). Don't forget to request an official transcript from the WHS registrar.
- Search for and apply for scholarships \$\$\$\$.** Visit [whscounseling.com](http://whscounseling.com) and click on Financial Aid/Scholarships tab. Also, check with your college.
- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) any time after October 1. The government and many colleges use the FAFSA application to award aid.
- Job Shadow.** See Ms. Rodman with ShadowEd in the Counseling Office during your lunch/study on Thursdays.

## SPRING

- Read financial aid award letters** and decide which package is best for you.
- Once you have decided which college to attend, **accept a college's offer**, mail any deposits and submit other required paperwork.

\*Check out more information under the students/seniors tab at [whscounseling.com](http://whscounseling.com)

# MILITARY

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- Learn about the military**  
at [www.todaysmilitary.com](http://www.todaysmilitary.com). Remember, military careers aren't limited to being a soldier. There are opportunities for doctors, engineers, pilots, computer specialists, etc.
- Another resource is to talk to a military recruiter.** They often visit WHS during lunch hours. Check with the counseling office to find out when they have scheduled visits.
- Another way to find out if a military career is a good fit for you is by job shadowing.** See Ms. Rodman with Shadow Ed in the Counseling Office during your lunch/study period on Thursdays.
- If you are serious about the military, take the ASVAB.** The ASVAB is required for military entrance and determines what branch and what jobs you qualify for in the military. It is given at WHS one time in the fall. Check with the Counseling Office in fall. Prepare for the ASVAB at [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com).
- Learn about the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)** of the Army, Air Force and Navy (including the Marine option) offer an excellent scholarship program to the college-bound student willing to make a commitment to several years of active duty with the military after college.

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# EMPLOYMENT

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- Employment resources:** Log into your [sdmylife.com](http://sdmylife.com) account and review the employment tab.
- Applying:** Check application for grammatical errors. Do not use slang. Write legible and in pen. Make sure application is complete and accurate. Ask references permission before using them on an application.
- The Interview:** Be on time. Dress appropriately. Introduce yourself. Shake hands with interviewer(s). Be appropriate. Have cell phone on silent. No earbuds. Thank them.
- SD Department of Labor offers free services during and after high school:** On The Job Training, Job Search Assistance, Application Assistance, Resume Development, Interview Prep, Paid Work Experience. 605-367-5300
- Use resources to search for a job:** SD Department of Labor, [SDMyLife.com](http://SDMyLife.com), newspapers, [Kelolandemployment.com](http://Kelolandemployment.com), school counselor, referrals from friends/family, staffing agencies, [siouxfallshelpwanted.com](http://siouxfallshelpwanted.com).