

Senior To Do List:

- **Build your resume!** It is important that you have your resume up to date with all the info on your participation in school and community activities, jobs held, leadership positions held, awards and recognition received, volunteer work, etc.
 - Your resume will be an important part of job applications, as well as college and scholarship applications.
- **Interested in the military?** Be sure that you are visiting with recruiters from the branch you are interested in. They will help you get the application process going. You will also need to be sure that you take the ASVAB exam.
- **Interested in NCAA athletics?** Be sure to visit with your School Counselor to do an NCAA credit check, to make sure you have taken the needed amount of credits. You will need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and have your transcript sent to NCAA.
- **CONTACT/VISIT COLLEGES!!** It is important to make that personal contact!
 - College reps will not be visiting Huron High School throughout the fall and spring due to Covid. Schools will be scheduling virtual sessions. Please pay attention to announcements. These are the individuals who will eventually be reading your applications! Visit this link for a virtual tour. <http://www.ecampustours.com/>
 - College visits can usually be set up by going to that school's website, or by calling the Admissions office.
- **Start asking for your Letters of Recommendation!** Scholarships, and some college admissions, want letters of recommendation. I suggest that you get at least three letters of recommendation to keep on file and ready to go, and to be sure to have at least one letter come from a teacher. You need to give the teachers plenty of time to write your letter, don't ask for a letter that you need that day or the next, give them a few days' notice!
- **Retake the ACT if Needed!** If you need to retake the ACT to get a higher score, you should plan on taking the test on the October and/or December test dates, colleges typically do not want seniors to take the ACT beyond these dates, unless absolutely necessary.
- **BE AWARE OF THE APPLICATION DEADLINES!!** Give yourself plenty of time to complete the application and anything that goes along with it, such as an essay, letters of recommendation, etc.
 - Ideally, when possible, you should try and have your college applications done and sent out by the time we leave for holiday break in December.
 - **REMEMBER:** "Early Decision" applications are binding, this means that if you are accepted, you MUST attend that school and can no longer apply to any other colleges.
- **TRANSCRIPTS: EVERY** college you apply to will need an official transcript from Huron High School. Be sure to stop in the Counselor's Office and request a transcript to be sent where you need it sent with Ms. Tschetter; your application will be incomplete without it.
- **HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION?**
 - **Start researching scholarships!** Go directly to the schools you are looking at and fill out their scholarship applications if it is separate from the admission packet. Also, check out the scholarship page on the HS Counseling Services site. Be sure to register with scholarship search engines such as Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, etc.
 - Check and see if you are eligible for the SD Opportunity Scholarship
 - **REMEMBER:** There is NO limit to the amount of scholarship money you can earn. Always remember, if you meet the qualifications, and you are a good candidate, you should apply! FREE money is the BEST money! ☺ See your School Counselor for questions.
 - **The FAFSA form is the application for federal student aid.** This will determine your eligibility for student loans, student grants and work study program. The FAFSA application window will open October 1st. You will use yours and your parent's prior year taxes to fill out the FAFSA. The application is located online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - **REMEMBER:** In order to apply for Financial Aid, you must also apply for college admission, so get those applications out ASAP!
 - HHS will have a financial aid night, official date and time is TBD. Here students and parents can come and get the latest information on the FAFSA process and applying for financial aid.