

Suffering Through Senioritis

Spring Checklist - January through May

- Apply for financial aid by completing and submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1 as possible. The FAFSA is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- Call the school of your choice and confirm that they have received your admissions applications materials, including letters of recommendation and housing applications.
- Request that your high school send a copy of your transcript to the school where you have applied. Make sure your first semester senior year grades are included on the transcript.
- The information you receive back, after the FAFSA is processed, is the Student Aid Report (SAR). If any portion of the information on the SAR is incorrect, please correct it and resubmit it to the processing center.
- Submit any additional financial aid forms and documentation that is required by the school of your choice. Some of these forms may be available online including the FAFSA and admission applications.
- Notify the school(s) in writing as to whether you are accepting or declining admission by the proper deadline.
- Review your financial aid award letter with your parents and be sure that you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each kind of aid. Sign your financial aid award letter and return it to the school.
- Notify the financial aid office of any outside scholarships or grants that you have accepted since your initial application.
- Be aware of due dates for tuition, fees, room and board, and other expenses. Find out how your financial aid will be disbursed and whether you can defer payments until the funds are available.
- Respond immediately to all correspondence regarding school, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshman after high school graduation.
- Meet all class registration deadlines.

REMEMBER:

The financial aid process begins again in January for the next year of study.

