

# College Planning Time Line

## Junior Year:

### *In the Fall-*

- Review your plan with your MCC guidance counselor to make sure you are in all the correct college-prep courses.
- Explore ways to earn college credit in high school such as Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)- Contact your home school counselor.
- Take the PLAN or PSAT test if you haven't already- Contact your home school counselor.
- Visit the websites of colleges that interest you and request information online.
- Get involved with extracurricular activities.

### *In the Winter-*

- Register to take the ACT or SAT tests in the spring.
- Narrow your career and college choices to a list that you can investigate further.
- Use the Financial Aid calculator at [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) to determine how much college will cost.

### *In the Spring-*

- Be ACT or SAT ready! Take practice tests at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Talk to your MCC counselor about your senior year schedule.
- Plan your summer work/intern/volunteer activities.
- Start searching for scholarships.
- Contact your recommendation writers.
- Set up appointments at your top college choices.

### *In the Summer-*

- Visit the colleges you are considering, take tours, and talk to admissions.
- Review college applications online. Check out their requirements and what you need to do.
- Get advice from other college students.

## Senior Year:

### *In the Fall-*

- Pick 1 to 5 colleges you really want to attend.
- Make a calendar of test dates, application due dates, and visitation dates.
- Register online to take the ACT or SAT in the fall of your senior year.
- Write college application essays.
- Submit college applications early. Try to apply by Thanksgiving.
- Ask for letters of recommendation.
- Review and submit scholarship applications by deadlines.
- Apply for housing if living on campus.

### *In the Winter-*

- Apply for financial aid online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with your parents or guardians by February 1st.

### *In the Spring-*

- Finalize your college choice.
- Review your financial aid/scholarship package.
- Confirm with your college by May 1st.
- Graduate from High School!

### *In the Summer-*

- Send your final high school transcript to the college of your choice. Please provide your home school with the complete address.
- Finalize where you will live (on or off campus), what you will eat (meal plans), and what you will need.