

College Planning Timeline

Senior's

If you are a High School Senior planning for college, then this page is made for you! We've prepared the following planning timeline to help make it easier for you to remember deadlines while navigating the exciting process of college exploration and admissions. This timeline should provide a helpful outline of the important steps you'll need to complete over the course of your senior year in high school to prepare yourself for college.

August

- ☐ Review your career plans and decide which type of school is right for you.
- ☐ Request admission information from colleges you are interested in.
- ☐ Narrow your college list to 3-5 schools and make plans to visit each campus.
- ☐ Contact your high school counselor to ask about enrollment in dual-credit college courses.

September

- ☐ Find dates of 'Senior Day' events on campuses of the colleges you are most interested.
- ☐ Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school.
- ☐ Remember that you must take tests like the SAT/ACT at least six weeks before admissions deadlines for scores to be submitted to colleges.
- ☐ Begin asking teachers/guidance counselors/employers for letters of recommendation to include with your admissions and/or scholarship applications (when required).
- ☐ Contact your high school counselor about application to national, state and local scholarships

October

- ☐ Attend college fairs in your area.
- ☐ Submit your completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ☐ Complete the Labette Community College Scholarship Application
- ☐ Note application and scholarship deadlines for the 3-5 schools you would like to attend.

November

- ☐ Begin preparing your college applications and scholarship forms. Read them carefully to determine what information is required and when the applications/forms are due.

December

- ☐ Apply for local, state and national scholarships in addition to scholarships at your top 3-5 colleges.

January

- ☐ Contact your high school counselor to ask about enrollment in dual-credit college courses.
- ☐ Complete and submit the FAFSA if you have not already done so.

February

- ☐ Follow up with college(s) you are applying to and confirm that they have received your Admissions and Financial Aid/FAFSA applications/information.

March

- ☐ Watch for Admissions and Financial Aid information from school(s) you have applied to.
- ☐ Keep copies of all forms you submit to the financial aid office.
- ☐ Priority deadline for Labette Community College scholarships is April 1st.

April

- ☐ Watch your mailbox for college acceptance and financial aid award letters.
- ☐ Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, enrollment, etc...)
- ☐ Research housing options.

May

- ☐ Request your high school transcript to be sent to your future college after graduation.
- ☐ Watch for enrollment information and/or contact your chosen college to make an appointment with your advisor to enroll for Summer/Fall courses.
- ☐ Finalize summer employment plans. Obtain a summer job that might be related to your career interests.

Important Websites:

- LCC Financial Aid/Scholarships: <http://www.labette.edu/financialaid>
- Early financial aid estimator: www.act.org/fane/index.html
- FAFSA web site: studentaid.gov
- Scholarship searches: www.fastweb.com or www.scholarships.com
- Scholarship scam alert: www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml
- Loan repayment calculator: www.finaid.org/calculators/loanpayments.phtml
- Kansas Board of Regents: www.kansasregents.org
- NCAA Guide to the College Bound Athlete: www.ncaa.org/eligibility/cbsa/index.html
- Department of Education Student Guide: www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide
- The College Board: www.collegeboard.com