

JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

You're off to a great start!

Keep up the good work! Some of you are wondering what you can do to prepare for college and earn scholarships. Well, here's my best advice: Your guidance counselor and one or two of your teachers will be writing your letters of recommendation. Make the effort during your junior year to get to know them and help them get to know you. The better they know you, the stronger recommendation letter they will be able to write. Share with them your dreams about college, your academic interests, and your school accomplishments.

At the beginning of your junior year, make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your college goals and make sure you are on track to meet college admission requirements. Your counselor may also be able to help you with your applications, scholarships, and provide other resources to help you on your college journey.

In addition to having fun and making new friends, you'll increase your chances for scholarships and admissions to the college of your choice. Enjoy the rest of your Junior Year

Important Dates

- Sept 11 : UNL Honors program college visit in the cafeteria (Juniors/Seniors)
- Sept 16 : Practice Act 9th-11th grade
- Sept 17 : Bellevue College Fair at the lied center
- Sept 19 : Homecoming football game
- Sept 20 : Homecoming dance

Sept 24 : Picture day

EducationQuest

Education Quest offers free college planning and services such as:

- Activities Resume
- Scholarship Quest
- College Profiles
- College Funding Estimator
- FAFSA Tools
- Blogs
- Videos

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Where should I look for Scholarships?

Fast Web scholarship recommendations for junior students:

https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/scholarships-for-high-school-juniors?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=20230903_HS

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Scholarships for Juniors

Juniors

Get involved with an activity and consider a leadership role. Staying involved in your extracurriculars can be challenging junior year, especially if you are taking demanding courses. However, your activities and extracurriculars can demonstrate your interests outside of class and provide opportunities for you to show leadership. If you haven't participated in any activities, now is the time to get involved – whether it's with a club, a team, a community organization, or your church.

Of course, it's not enough to just join a club or activity -- it's important to participate in a significant way. You don't have to be the president or team captain, though. There are other ways to show your creativity, enthusiasm and leadership. For example, you might organize food drop-offs for people in your community, run fundraisers or lead a committee, or come up with strategies and activities that improve how the club operates or recruits and retains members.

Attend a college fair

A college fair can be a great way to learn about colleges and connect with admission reps. Whether you attend a college fair virtually or in person, it's important to plan ahead so you can make the most of your time. Check out these do's and don'ts for college fairs for some tips.

For more information on upcoming college fairs, visit the NACAC college fairs website, or consult the College Fair Guide for a list of fairs in your region.



Juniors

This is the time for juniors to begin laying the groundwork for their college or career plans. Starting off on the right foot with this checklist will help them feel confident from the start to finish.

- ☐ Ask your counselor what courses you still need to take to meet college admission requirements.
- ☐ Take dual-credit courses to earn college credit, if available at your school.
- ☐ Get involved in extracurricular activities to increase your chances for scholarships and college admission.
- ☐ Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- ☐ Attend a College Fair to meet with college representatives.
- ☐ Learn about careers that match your skills and interests.
- ☐ Research colleges that offer programs in your areas of interest.

The Importance of getting Involved

Start the school year by getting involved in extracurricular activities. Not only will this increase your chances for scholarships and admission to your favorite colleges, it is also important for your growth as a well-rounded person and valued member of your community. Plus it looks good on your activities resume.

Voice of Democracy Rules and Eligibility

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private, parochial school, or home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools are also eligible to participate.
<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>