

Scholarship & Financial Aid Nights: Fall 2011

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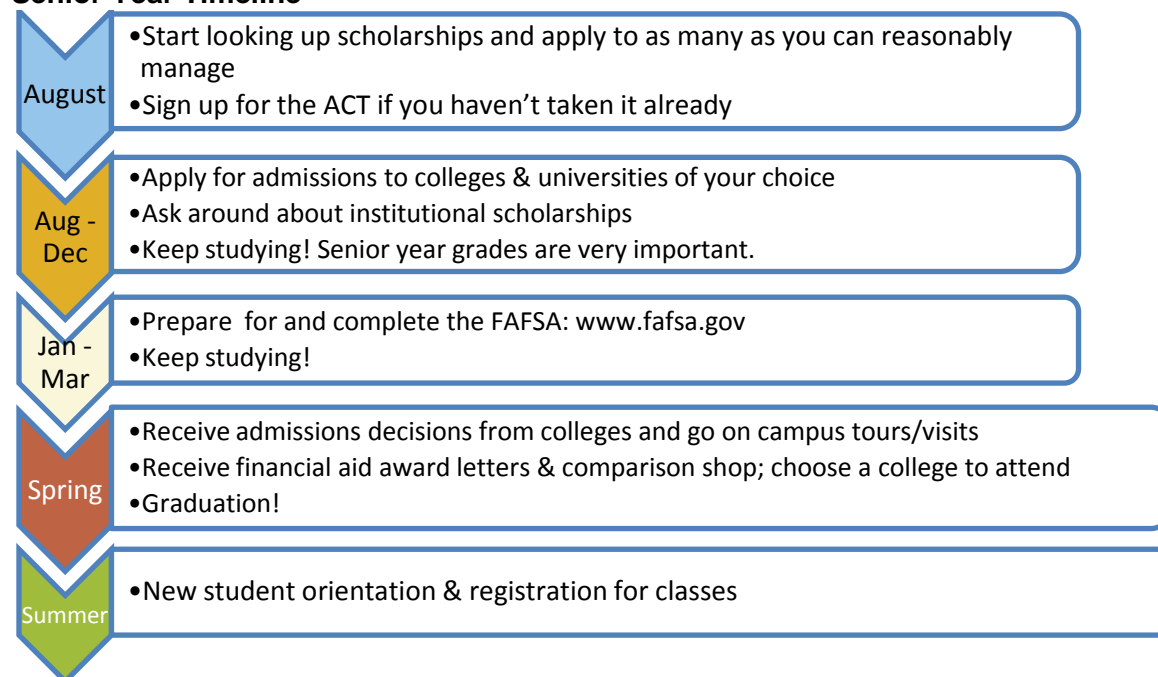
Scholarship Information

- **ENTER THE SUPER SHORT ESSAY CONTEST!** Details at www.uheaa.org/finaidnights
- Online scholarship searches:
 - www.UtahFutures.org
 - www.zinch.com
 - www.fastweb.com
- Regents' & New Century Scholarships: www.HigherEdUtah.org, click on "Scholarships"
 - Regents: regentsscholarship@utahsbr.edu, 801-321-7294
 - New Century: newcentury@utahsbr.edu, 801-321-7221

General Information

- Education & career planning at www.UtahFutures.org
- General financial aid information at www.FinAid.org
- 529 Savings Plan information at www.UESP.org

Senior Year Timeline



Step Up To Higher Education - College Nights

Weber State University	March 13, 2012
Salt Lake Community College, Taylorsville Campus	March 14, 2012
Utah Valley University	March 20, 2012
USU Eastern	March 21, 2012
Dixie State College	March 22, 2012

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Federal Financial Aid

- File the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov
 - Social Security Card or Number
 - Records of taxable income, like your W-2
 - Income Tax Return
 - Parents' Income Tax Return
 - Records of untaxed income, like TANF, Social Security, Military Earnings
 - Your most recent Bank Statement
 - Alien Registration or Permanent Resident Card
 - Records for your Business, Farm and Investments
- Get your PIN to electronically sign the FAFSA at www.pin.ed.gov
- Other federal financial aid resources: www.students.gov & www.college.ed.gov

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- www.twitter.com/uheaa

Scholarship Tips

1. Know your deadlines—some scholarships require applications to be postmarked by a certain day, while others require applications to be RECEIVED at the scholarship office by a certain day. When in doubt, send it in two to three weeks early.
2. Make sure you know what is required in the application—if it's just a form, or if you have to include an essay, letters of recommendation, or proof of community involvement.
3. Put some effort into your essays; don't send the same thing to everyone. You have to at least tweak it to be relevant to the specific scholarship you're applying for.
4. Ask for letters of recommendation at least two months in advance.
 - The best letters of recommendation come from people who know you WELL, not necessarily the most illustrious person in your community.
 - Give your recommendation writers a little background. They'll need to know what scholarship you're applying for, as well as what you do that makes you a good fit for the award.
 - Include a resume of sorts, detailing your academic achievements, athletic prowess, community service, unique talents, etc. This will help your recommender write a really personal letter.
5. Save outstanding writing assignments from classes. Think ahead, and see if you can make school assignments fulfill the requirements of a scholarship essay as well!