

THS Senior Year Checklist

Fall (August-November)

- Decide post-high school pathway:
 - College, Apprenticeship, Military, Work Force
- Research options via online websites or personal visits
 - Compare colleges on sites like Collegeboard.org or Princetonreview.com
 - Choose 4-6 colleges/universities to apply to
 - Review the college application process on the college's website
 - Trade Apprenticeships: connect with staff at Labor and Industries: lni.wa.gov to help find an apprenticeship program for you! Their website lists so many options!
 - Military careers: connect with recruiters directly or allow our Career Specialist, Mrs. Boesenberg to help you: dboesenberg@nthurston.k12.wa.us
 - Work Force: begin building and fine-tuning your resume. Mrs. Boesenberg can help you with interviewing tips too.
- View all [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA-Financial Aid\) informational videos](#) linked to the THS Counseling Center site
- Complete the [FAFSA \(fafsa.ed.gov\)](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to apply for federal aid and loans and other supplemental financial aid applications
- Register for SAT or ACT and/or SAT Subject tests if your college requires it. Due to COVID-19, most colleges are not requiring test scores
- Reach out to your school counselor to discuss the college process if you have questions
- Attend local and national virtual college fairs and open houses at your desired colleges
- Sign up for [college representative visits](#) on the THS Counseling Website
- Start writing your college essays - Ask your English teacher or another qualified individual to review your essay before submission.
- Ask your teachers or counselor for letters of recommendations (LOR's)
 - *Not all schools require LORs – please check the colleges' admission requirements before asking! Give the writer at least 2 weeks notice.
- Begin applying to colleges – check their websites for application instructions
 - *Take note of early deadlines for applications and financial aid (FAFSA)! Most Early Action/Early Decision application deadlines are in November. Priority scholarship and certain programs/majors deadlines may be as early as December 1st (even for rolling admission schools!)
 - Request for your transcript to be sent to your colleges from THS Counseling website

- If you are looking to play athletics in college make sure you are eligible! Connect with your college's athletic department and register through the **NCAA Eligibility Center** if playing Division I or II levels: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Send official score reports from your College Board or ACT Student accounts to your colleges and/or NCAA Eligibility Center (if playing athletics)
- Apply for [outside scholarships](#) and college-specific scholarships

Winter (December-February)

- Attend Financial Aid Night to learn about paying for college (November)
- Continue applying to colleges and check that each prospective school has received all of your materials
- Continue to explore Trade Apprenticeships if that is your pathway: www.lni.wa.gov
- Continue applying for [outside scholarships](#) and college-specific scholarships
- Prepare for college interviews if required by your college

Spring (March-June)

- Review all of your responses and financial aid packages from colleges
- Prepare and fine-tune your resume - All seniors are required to submit their during Student Led Conferences at the end of March. For those entering the Work Force or Trade Apprenticeships, review and study interviewing techniques and strategies
- Take the [ASVAB](#) (free) if interested in Military careers
- Complete your Apprenticeship application if this is your pathway
- Take the AP Exams if you are enrolled in an AP course (May)
- Send deposit to your college of choice
- Notify your college about any outside scholarships that you have received
- Request for [final transcript](#) to be sent to your college- done through the THS Counseling Website