

CLASS OF 2019

LOOKING AHEAD TO SENIOR YEAR!



October

Begin the financial aid process

- Complete the FAFSA at <https://fafsa.gov> or your college's Dreamer Aid Application
- If you'll be completing the FAFSA, create your FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>
- Make sure you and your parents (if applicable) have completed 2017 taxes
- Looking for help with FAFSA? DSF offers FAFSA workshops! For details, visit your Future Center or <https://denverscholarship.org/FAFSA>.

All Year Scholarships

- Start your search here: <https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms>
- VERY IMPORTANT:** Note deadlines on your calendar and don't miss them
- Check out the scholarships offered by colleges you're applying for. Find more information on the Financial Aid page of your college's website.

Summer

Set yourself up for college application success

- Make a list with 3-7 colleges you plan to apply to (consider academic, financial & social fit)
- Know your GPA and start thinking about your personal statement (essay)
- Decide if you should retake the SAT:
Registration deadlines:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>
(see your DSF College Advisor or school counselor for a fee waiver if you think you're eligible)

October - December

Complete college applications

- Complete the Common Application if used by the colleges on your list:
<https://www.commonapp.org>
- Recommendations - ask teachers who know you well
- Personal statement - edit, edit, edit
- VERY IMPORTANT:** Note deadlines on your calendar and don't miss them

April

Prepare to commit!

- Complete any financial aid follow-up and compare financial aid award letters
- Have a family discussion about the right college choice for you and your family, including paying the bill
- Check your college portal for next steps to start college
- April 1: Deadline to complete DSF Scholarship Application at <https://denverscholarship.org/apply> and FAFSA (if eligible for federal aid)

Questions?

Contact DSF at www.denverscholarship.org/contactus or (303) 640-6564.

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