

The Oak Hill Advisor

College Planning Newsletter

New Year Check Lists

Applications

- Check your student portals at schools to which you have applied for information regarding your application status.
- If there is missing paperwork, touch base with Mr. Hill or Mrs. Groves to have required documents sent to your schools.
- Double check that your SAT and/or ACT scores have been sent to your schools.

Financial Aid

- **Complete** the FAFSA.
- If you have not done so already, go to www.FAFSA.gov and start an application.

Know Your Deadlines!

If you are unsure, touch base with Mr. Hill or Mrs. Groves as soon as you return from break.

DOUBLE CHECK for any early JANUARY deadlines.

Scholarships

- 1) Research your college websites' scholarship/financial aid pages to see what additional scholarships you may be eligible to apply for, and check those deadlines closely.
- 2) Research organizations in which you or your parents are involved to see if they offer college scholarships (for example: parents' employers, church/denomination, local civic clubs, etc.).
- 3) Make a list of traits that make you unique; talents, interests, background, geography, race, disabilities, choice of major, academics, organizations you or your family belong to, etc.
- 4) Google, google, google, searching for scholarships based on the criteria you identified.
- 5) Use an online search engine such as Fast-Web.com or the College Board Scholarship Search to find and apply for scholarships. It is important to target your search toward scholarships for which you fit the criteria.

College Lab Hours

Monday– Friday
Open Lab 3:35pm-5:00pm

Periods 5, 6 and 7
Appointment Only

Note: College Lab hours are subject to change based on the busy OHA schedule.

Need to Register For the SAT or ACT?

Students taking the SAT or ACT must register online by creating an account and completing the registration process on the test's website below:

SAT: www.collegeboard.org/student

ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org>

IMPORTANT: If you have already made an account in the past, please do NOT make a new one! Locate your account info through the online functions or call the College Board or ACT.

If you feel you need to retake the SAT or ACT, check future dates and sign up for tests.

Upcoming Testing Dates

SAT

January 21st, 2017: Late registration online or by phone ends January 10th, 2017.

***March 11th, 2017:** This test is during Oak Hill's Spring Break. Register by February 10th to take this test in your hometown.

May 6th, 2017: Registration deadline is April 7th, 2017.

ACT

April 8th, 2017: Registration deadline is March 3rd, 2017.

* Indicates test is not offered at Oak Hill Academy

THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE OFFERS SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT ALL ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE PROCESS. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US:

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