

# Journey to College MONTHLY REMINDER

JUNE/JULY 2017



## Sweet summertime!

As you enjoy the sunshine, ball games, and days by the pool, take some time each week to set goals and make things happen. Big goals, little goals, they're all good. Work hard, play hard — that's what summer is all about!

### High School Students

- ✓ Aside from sleeping in, what are your summer plans? Here are a few ideas:
  - Create a reading list and carve out a little time each day to read a few chapters.
  - Research careers you'd like to know more about and make a plan to shadow someone in those fields of study.
  - Keep your writing skills up to par. Choose a topic and write a short story or essay.
  - Set a savings goal. Seek out opportunities to make money, and put a set portion of your earnings in a savings account.

### Graduated Seniors

- ✓ Don't get sidetracked by "summer melt." Be sure you have a plan to make it to college in the fall. Finalize housing, transportation, orientation, registration, etc. If you're in the [St. Louis](#) or [Kansas City](#) area, get free help from a summer melt program.
- ✓ Connect with your assigned roommate this summer. Make sure you discuss who will bring what items, and start your friendship out on the right foot.
- ✓ When you register for fall classes, keep in mind it takes 15 or more credit hours each semester to [graduate on time](#).
- ✓ Get a summer job and line up a part-time job on campus for when you start school. Make a [realistic budget](#) and follow it.

- ✓ It's not too late to file your [2017-18 FAFSA](#). If you expect to use the A+ Scholarship, you need to have a FAFSA on file.

### College Students

- ✓ Are you making some money this summer? If so, set aside a portion of your earnings to help you with expenses for next semester.
- ✓ It's not too late to get a summer internship or gain some volunteer experience. Use your extra time to learn more about your future career and build your resume.
- ✓ Make sure you've turned in any required paperwork to qualify for renewable scholarships. Likewise, if you haven't filed the 2017-18 FAFSA, do so ASAP. You don't want to miss out on free money.

### Parents

- ✓ Make sure your graduated seniors are all set for their first semester of college. Encourage them to stay organized with orientation, registration, and housing information.
- ✓ Don't let your teens waste away their summer. This is a great time to learn about potential careers, research and visit colleges, volunteer, and make some money. The life experience of a [job](#) is invaluable.

### Important Dates

JUNE

**10**

ACT Test Date

JUNE

**30**

2016-17  
FAFSA  
Deadline

JULY

**28**

SAT Registration

AUG.

**4**

ACT Registration

AUG.

**26**

SAT Test Date

SEPT.

**8**

SAT Registration

SEPT.

**9**

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