

Journey to College MONTHLY REMINDER

SEPTEMBER 2017



A new beginning

It's back to early mornings and after-school activities. Whether you're starting high school or college, it's time to develop good study habits, set goals, meet deadlines, and get involved. Set yourself up for success by using our NEW Journey to College website to help you plan and pay for college and finish a degree or certificate. Visit journeystocollege.mo.gov today!

High School Students

- ✓ High school is a great time to explore your interests and get a feel for what you want your future to look like. Take classes you might find interesting, and explore careers that match your interests.
- ✓ If your school participates in the **A+ Scholarship** program, ask your counselor about meeting the requirements. Using the scholarship can help you save a significant amount of money as you work toward earning a degree or certificate.
- ✓ Sign up for the ACT or SAT this fall. Your score will be used to determine your eligibility for the **Missouri Bright Flight** program and for scholarships from your potential colleges.

High School Seniors

- ✓ Apply for **grants and scholarships**. Ask your counselor for scholarship applications, and check into local organizations in your area. You will most likely need to include a few letters of recommendation, so it may be a good time to ask some of the adults in your life (teachers, coaches, youth leaders, employers, etc.) if they would be willing to write a reference letter for you.
- ✓ College application season is right around the corner. If you aren't sure where you want to apply yet, carve out a little time each week this month to do some research. Use the resources on our new **Journey to College website** to help you determine the best fit for you.
- ✓ Visiting a few colleges could help you determine the type of college you want to attend. Get the most out of your college visit with these **helpful hints**. If your school hosts a college fair, take time to meet with school representatives. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

- ✓ If your high school is participating in **Apply Missouri**, take advantage of the designated time to apply to several colleges. Your school will provide the help and resources you need.
- ✓ Don't miss out on other college tips and information about scholarship opportunities. Follow Journey to College on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

College Students

- ✓ The drop date for classes may be quickly approaching. Meet with your advisor **before dropping a class** to discuss how it could affect your full-time status, scholarship money, grade point average, and overall cost of your education. Dropping a class just because you may receive a lower grade than desired may not be the best option in the long run.
- ✓ Take advantage of **on-campus resources** such as free tutoring services, free social events, and possible job opportunities. For first-time freshman, **campus life** means a new beginning — learn about managing your time, finances, and social life.
- ✓ If you received the Bright Flight or A+ scholarship, keep in mind that as a renewal student, you must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA to continue receiving the award.

Parents

- ✓ Talk to your kids about the future and encourage them to weigh all of their options for after high school. Consider taking **juniors and seniors** on college visits so they can get a feel for college life and get excited about what the future may hold.
- ✓ If your children plan to attend college in the future, or if you have a college student now, check out the **Missouri 529 College Savings Plan**.



Important
Dates

SEPTEMBER

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SAT Registration

SEPTEMBER

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ACT Test Date

SEPTEMBER

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ACT Registration

OCTOBER

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FAFSA available

OCTOBER

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SAT Registration

OCTOBER

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SAT Test Date

OCTOBER

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ACT Test Date

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