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College Planning Timeline

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

- Apply for Choctaw Nation's Scholarship Advisement Program (SAP).
- Apply for Oklahoma's Promise or other state tuition aid programs. SAP can help you apply!
- Take a solid and appropriate course load.
- Be an involved community member.
- Begin building your Native American resume by getting involved with your tribe and its people.
- Build strong relationships with school faculty.
- Work hard in all classes.
- Meet with your advisor to build a three-year Academic Plan.
- Start thinking about and planning for Off-Campus Programs, such as College Horizons.
- Take the PSAT and PLAN.

Spring

- Register for the SAT and ACT.
- Create an appropriate, yet challenging schedule for junior year. Consult a College Counselor or SAP with any questions.
- Do a good job on your final exams.

Summer

- Take the SAT and ACT.
- Attend College Horizons or other SAP approved summer programs.
- Work, pursue a passion, be involved in community service, and read.

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

- Take Advanced Placement classes.
- Take the PSAT.
- Meet with your College Counselor or SAP.
- Start thinking about and planning for Off-Campus Programs, such as College Horizons or other SAP approved programs.

Spring

- Take the SAT and ACT.
- Take SAP's College Selection Quiz.
- Plan and schedule college visits for Spring Break.
- Discuss your college plans with your parents.
- Meet with College Counselor or SAP and review your Senior Year curriculum.
- Attend a College Fair.
- Take Advanced Placement Exams.

Summer

- Continue college visits.
- Attend College Horizons or other SAP approved programs.
- Set-up and complete the Common Application.
- Start organizing and reviewing applications.
- Draft college essay and supplemental essay questions.
- Create resume of activities, work experience, interests, and community service.
- Research scholarships. Contact SAP for access to our Native American Scholarship Database.
- Work on portfolio/audition, if applicable.
- Have a productive summer: work, study, community service, complete summer reading, and find time to have a little fun.
- Study SAT and ACT prep materials, such as Kaplan study guides and courses.
- Plan any remaining college visits and interviews for the fall.

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

- Update College Counselor and SAP on summer visits. Draft a preliminary Final List of schools.
- Take the SAT and ACT.
- Keep drafting the college essay, complete resume, and work on a portfolio or audition, if required.
- Work on Supplemental applications and essays.
- Research scholarship opportunities. Contact SAP for access to our Native American Scholarship Database.
- Meet with your College Counselor and SAP to put together and finalize a well-balanced “Final List” and work on college applications.
- Look into Fly-In Programs and similar programs at schools on your Final List. Some universities will provide funding for Native American students to come visit their campus.
- Attend a College Fair.
- Check deadline dates on all college applications.
- Early Decision deadline for many schools is November 15th.
- Begin college interviews.
- Review applications with your College Counselor and SAP prior to Winter Break.

Spring

- All applications should be completed by January 15th.
- Financial Aid Information (FAFSA) should be completed before February 1st.
- Continue researching scholarship opportunities. Contact SAP for access to our Native American Scholarship Database.
- Apply to Choctaw Nation Higher Education Program.
- Seek out College Counselor and SAP for support in making final college decision.
- Decide on a college by May 1st.
- Graduate!

Summer

- Get a summer job to save money for college.
- Explore your interests through an internship.