

# JUNIOR

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## PAYING

Get serious about securing the grants, scholarships, and financial aid packages you've decided on. Talk to your counselor about what's available nationally and in your community.

Attend college fairs and talk to college admissions staff to learn about specific college scholarships and financial aid.

## PLANNING

- Talk with your counselor to find resources that give you the best chance to score higher on the ACT.
- Take the ACT test – it's free and you need it to earn scholarships and get into college. Your school will provide the ACT test during your junior year.
- Find colleges you're interested, learn about their admission requirements and deadlines, and visit them if you can. Your junior year is a great time to visit a few schools with your parents and find out which one is right for you!
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities at school, and get a part-time job or internship in a field you're interested in.
- Start to write a resume that covers your activities and accomplishments at school and in the community.
- Focus on grades and give yourself the best chance at your first-choice college.
- Are you taking AP classes? Have you considered Concurrent/Dual Enrollment classes at your high school? Make sure you and your counselor explore all the options!

## CAREER

Have you figured out what you want to be yet? If not, that's OK! Now is the time to explore and experiment with what interests you, what you're good at, and what career paths are most compelling and which state schools align with them. Talk to teachers, counselors, and family members who attended college and find out how they made their decision about a career.

