

## COLLEGE ADMISSION

1. Check early in high school to find out the entrance requirements for colleges.
2. Take the PSAT in October of your sophomore and junior year, and the SAT and/or ACT in late junior and early senior year (no later than December of grade 12).
3. **Apply to college during the first semester of your senior year (best before Fall Break).** Check deadlines! See your counselor for applications and high school transcripts. You may apply to several schools.
4. Respond to all admissions offers. If required, send an admission deposit to the college in early May.

## FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_ 1. Apply for campus aid when you fill out the admissions application. (Check for college deadlines.) Some colleges (IU) use only the FAFSA and a November 1 deadline.
- \_\_\_ 2. **December:** Meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:00 PM** for parents to fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA)**. Mail or submit online by March 1. **If you plan to attend an in-state school, check the box on the FAFSA for state aid (SSACI).** The FAFSA can then determine your federal and state aid in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and work study. **The FAFSA must be completed yearly.** (KEEP A COPY.) You may apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) January 1 – March 1, 2012.
- \_\_\_ 3. A few weeks after submitting the FAFSA on-line or by mail, you will receive a **Student Aid Report**. Make corrections and send.
- \_\_\_ 4. **Listen to the announcements** for scholarship information. Each scholarship announcement is made for five days, and we will announce scholarships throughout the school year. There are lots of them! Also **check our website** for scholarship information. ([www.nlcs.k12.in.us/bnlhs](http://www.nlcs.k12.in.us/bnlhs))
- \_\_\_ 5. **Bedford North Lawrence Foundation Scholarships.** There are over 180 local and private scholarships for BNL students with a GPA of 2.8 or higher. **Deadline is February 17, 2012.**
- \_\_\_ 6. **The Lilly Scholarship**, a 4-year tuition scholarship, will be available in October to seniors with a GPA of 3.6 or higher. **Deadline is approximately November 30, 2011.**
- \_\_\_ 7. **The Hutton Scholarship for Excellence.** Listen in February for announcement that applications are available! **Deadline will be mid-March.**
- \_\_\_ 8. **Financial Aid notification letters** will come to you in **April or May**. You must indicate acceptance of awards. At this time, you and your parents may want to apply for **parent loans (PLUS)** and student loans (STAFFORD loans or SLS loans) through a bank or lending institution.

**NOTE: Never pay to apply for scholarships.**

**Other sources to check:** tuition awards for the **Indiana Academic Honors Diploma, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar program (from 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment), employer's organizations you and your parents belong to, your church, Vocational Rehabilitation Service (for those with disabilities), V.A. benefits.**

Other important dates:

**North Lawrence Scholarship Awards Night: Mon., May 14, 2012, 6:30 PM**

**Cap & Gown Distribution: in May**

**Graduation: Friday, June 1, 2012 (tentative)**

Toll Free Numbers: Federal Student Aid Information - 1-800-4FEDAID -- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
Learn More Resource Center - 1-800-992-2076 -- [www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org)

**Searches:** [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) [www.triptocollege.org](http://www.triptocollege.org)