2025-2026 CALENDAR



Office of Student Access and Completion Helping Oregon Students Plan and Pay for College

The digital version of this calendar has hyperlinks to some of the listed events.

NOTE: Calendar is not all-inclusive of CCR dates and deadlines across the state. Events and dates provided are a snapshot of the offerings from institutions and organizations listed prior to printing and may be subject to change.



Application Deadlines for Oregon Universities

Public Oregon Universities	Application Deadlines	Institutional Scholarship Deadlines	Plan your Visit
Eastern Oregon University	Priority: 2/1	March 1	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Oregon Institute of Technology	Priority: 11/1	March 1	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Oregon State University	EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/1	Varies; many due February 15	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Oregon State University—Cascades	EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/1	Varies; many due February 15	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Portland State University	Regular: 8/1	Varies; Many due between April 1— May 15	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Southern Oregon University	Priority: 2/1	March 15	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
<u>University of Oregon</u>	EA: 11/1; Regular 1/15	Varies; Apply by Jan. 15, November 12, January 31	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Western Oregon University	Priority: 2/3; Rolling	March 1	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Private Oregon Universities			
Bushnell University	EA: 11/1; Priority: 1/15; Regular: 3/1	March 1, Varies	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Corban University	EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/15	<u>Varies</u>	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
George Fox University	EA: 11/1, Priority : 2/1	Varies, Scholarship Summit,	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Lewis & Clark College	EA/ED: 11/1, Regular: 1/15	Varies, Apply by 11/1, FAFSA by 1/15	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Linfield University	EA: 11/1, Regular 2/1	Varies; Apply by 12/1	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Pacific Northwest College of Art	EA: 11/15, Priority: 2/1	February 1	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Pacific University	EA:1 11/1, EA2: 1/15, Rolling Admission	<u>Varies</u>	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Reed College	EA/ED1: 11/1, ED2: 12/20, Regular; 1/15	Awarded automatically	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
<u>University of Portland</u>	EA: 11/1, Regular: 2/1	Varies, Most Awarded automatically	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Warner Pacific University	Rolling Admission	<u>Varies</u>	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual
Willamette University	EA/ED: 11/1, Regular: 1/15	<u>Varies</u>	Preview Events/Campus/Virtual

EA is Early Action; ED is Early Decision and **Glossary of Terms** may be helpful to review

NOTES:

- 1. Students often need to be accepted, before they can apply for scholarships
- 2. Dates and deadlines may change. **Please always verify application and scholarship** deadlines.

Oregon Community Colleges

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*Many sites have multiple campuses *To apply

*To apply students often need to be accepted

Blue Mountain CC Pendleton Opens Twice a Year, January 8 and September 1

<u>Central Oregon CC</u>*** Bend <u>Opens August 1</u>

<u>Chemeketa CC</u> Salem <u>Opens February 1, Scholars- usually first week in March</u>

<u>Clackamas CC</u> Oregon City <u>Opens Twice a Year, January 30 and August 1</u>

<u>Clatsop CC</u> Astoria <u>Opens June 1</u>

<u>Columbia Gorge CC</u> The Dalles <u>Opens February 15</u>

<u>Klamath CC</u> <u>Stamath Falls</u> <u>Opens Twice a Year, September 1 and March 1</u>

Lane CC*** Eugene Opens Early January

<u>Linn-Benton CC</u> Albany <u>Opens Twice a Year; Fall</u>—Welcome Day, Spring—3rd week in February

Mt. Hood CC Gresham Opens Twice a Year; August 1 and January 2

<u>Oregon Coast CC</u> Newport <u>Opens February 1</u>

<u>Portland CC</u> Beaverton <u>Opens December 1</u>

Rogue CC Grants Pass Opens February 1

Southwestern CC*** Coos Bay Opens January 1

<u>Tillamook Bay CC</u>

Tillamook

Opens Twice a Year; March & August

<u>Treasure Valley CC</u>*** Ontario <u>Opens November 1</u>

<u>Umpqua CC</u> Roseburg <u>Opens Twice a Year; February 1 & August 1</u>

Oregon Promise Grant

Oregon Promise Grant - Encourage all seniors and early grads to apply!

The Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition costs at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates. Students must apply during their senior year or immediately after GED® test completion. More information: https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-promise-grant/

*** Community Colleges with On-Campus Residence Halls— Make sure to research campus housing deadlines

SEPTEMBER

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- Meet with your HS counselor to discuss career/college plans—create a your HS academic plan
- Explore career possibilities through <u>CIS</u>, <u>Naviance</u>, Career Onestop, or College Navigator
- Get involved: Join a school activity, club, sports team
- □ Volunteer for something you find important and record your service (organization, hours, and responsibilities)
- ☐ Begin researching colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training

JUNIOR

- Review courses for this year and work with HS Counselor to plan academic courses for your senior year
- □ Review high school transcript / graduation requirements:
 Are you on track for graduation?
- Attend college admissions visitation events at your school
- Research colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training
- Explore career possibilities through <u>CIS</u>, <u>Naviance</u>,
 <u>Career Onestop</u>, or <u>College Navigator</u>
- Create a professional email address to use when applying for scholarships, admissions, registering for college entrance exams and completing college applications

SENIOR

- Create a personal and professional email address to use on all college applications, scholarships, resumes, employment apps
- Memorize your social security number
- Create a safe place to save your username/ passwords (file, password safe app, etc.)
- □ SAT or ACT scores: Check your scores and see if you need to retake the tests (or take for the first time) and register
- ☐ Verify you are on track for graduation
- ☐ Prepare for the FAFSA: <u>Create an FSA ID</u> at fsaid.ed.gov and watch <u>Preparing for the</u>
 FAFSA Form YouTube video @studentaid
- ☐ Attend financial aid nights/workshops/events
- ☐ Attend college admissions visitation events at your school
- ☐ Research colleges, universities, careertechnical schools and their fields
- Make your final list of 3-6 colleges you want to apply to, always include at least one Oregon community college
- ☐ Research min college admissions requirements for your top choice schools, review transcript to make sure you meet those requirements
- ☐ Begin submitting college applications

- Identify and monitor college application deadlines (priority and regular deadlines)
- Complete essays for college admissions and scholarship; have your ASPIRE mentor proofread your work
- Complete your Activities resume and/or "brag sheet"
- Fill out request forms for letters of recommendations to give to teachers, counselors, and/or employers. Include Activities resume/"brag sheet." Give the recommenders at least 2-4 weeks advance notice.
- ☐ Consider requesting PDF, signed copies of general letters of recommendation so you can reprint as needed
- □ Private colleges: Find out if they require an additional financial aid application (the CSS Profile) and if they accept the Common Application (list at CommonApp.org)
- ☐ If you've been in foster care, see if you are eligible for Chafee Education & Training Grant
- Attend an OSAC Finding Funds presentation or online webinar
- ☐ Create account in OSAC Student Portal
 - Start OSAC Scholarship Personal Statements and complete your Activity Chart





September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Seniors: Create your FSA ID and watch Applying for Financial Aid Coordinators: Plan Fall College Application/ Paying for College Events	1 labor day	2 Register for the AS- PIRE Conference	3	4	5 Union Apprenticeship Info Session, 9:30 AM	6 ACT Testing Day
7	8 <u>Financial Aid 101</u> (Willamette U. Virtual Event)	9 ASPIRE Coordinator "Kick Off the New School Year"	10 Beat the Odds Scholarship Deadline	11	12 ACT Registration Deadline	13 SAT Testing Day
14	15 Gates Scholarship Deadline Top 10 Tips for Supporting the College Search (Willamette U. Virtual Event for Parents & Guardians)	16 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	17	18	19 SAT Registration Deadline	20
21	22	23 FAFSA Plus+ Training, 12:00 PM	24	25 Willamette Spotlight: Computer & Data Science (HS CCR Staff)	26	27
28	29	30 Southern Oregon Career Trades Expo				Note: September is College Savings Month

OCTOBER

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

	Develop good habits—organization, attention to detail, begin using a calendar to meet deadlines
	Engage in your classes and school community
	Attend College and Career Fairs
	Explore career possibilities through <u>CIS</u> , <u>Naviance</u> , <u>Career</u> <u>Onestop</u> , or <u>College Navigator</u>
	Begin researching colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training
	Sophomores: Consider taking a <u>PSAT</u>
	Utilize <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources

JUNIOR

Attend financial aid nights/workshops/events in preparation for your senior year—Learn the process Attend college and career fairs in your community Consider your social media footprint. Always be positive and professional when using social media. Colleges, scholarship committees, and employers often review an applicant's social media Sign up and utilize SAT and ACT college test prep/practice resources Take the PSAT, could qualify for National Merit Scholarship Make list of careers you are interested in and research the education required for each profession Talk with professionals in careers you are curious about and ask about their work. You may request a formalized informational interview. Make sure you bring a list of questions

SENIOR

Need Help w/ FAFSA? Refer to Financial Aid Request unofficial and official transcripts from YouTube Videos or talk to your counselor your high school registrar—you will need both types depending on the application. College Create account in OSAC Student Portal and Admissions typically wants Official transcripts, apply for Oregon Promise Grant scholarships applications may only require Private colleges: Find out if they require an unofficial. Have several on hand to use through additional financial aid application (the CSS fall semester as needed Profile) and explore colleges that accept the Research college application deadlines (priority **Common Application** and regular deadlines) - some colleges require a It's time to get organized: Create a digital applying by a certain date to apply for their calendar and start placing known deadlines and college general scholarships—don't miss out! events on your calendar. Begin work on essays for college admissions Attend Financial Aid/College Goal Oregon and scholarships; have your ASPIRE financial aid nights/workshops/events Coordinator, ASPIRE mentor, teacher/counselor Attend college fairs and career fairs proofread your work Attend college admissions fall preview days at Complete and submit college admissions the schools you are interested in—If you can't applications directly or use Common App get to campus consider virtual campus tours on Consider The Role of Social Media in College many college websites Admissions—What High School Students Connect or follow up with recommenders writing Should Know your letter(s) of recommendation If you've been in foster care, see if you are Finalize portfolios, audition materials or writing eligible for Chafee Education & Training Grant samples if required as part of the application ☐ Are you a member of an Oregon Tribe? See if Continue to add to your Activity Chart any new you are eligible for the OR Tribal Student Grant activities, projects, honors, or achievements -Explore local, regional, university scholarships Track all hours spent working for pay, volunteering, and working in community activities





October 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Seniors: Create OSAC Student Portal account Apply—FAFSA/ ORSAA	Coordinators: Build ASPIRE Awareness October is Careers in	PSU Preview Days Sessions in OCT TBD	1 APPLY NOW— FAFSA/ ORSAA OPEN	2	3	4 SAT Testing Day
& OR Promise Grant	6 PNACAC College Fair, Redmond 9AM Unpacking App Review (Willamette U. Virtual Event)	7 PNACAC College Fair, Rogue CC FAFSA Plus+ Training, 3:00 PM	8 PNACAC College Fair, Roseburg HS Paying for College Webinar—ECMC & partners, 6PM	9 PNACAC College Fair, Lane CC ABC PNW Craft Championships - registration required	10 Preview Day: WOU, OSU-Cascades; UO; Corban PSU Campus Tours Day - WOU	11
12 NACAC College Fair, OR Convention Center, 1—4:30 PM	13 NACAC College Fair, OR Convention Center, 9AM—12PM	14 OPU Counselor Conference—SOU	15 OPU Counselor Conference—OSU-Cascades	16	17 Preview Day: UO, Willamette	18 ACT Testing Day
19	20	21 OPU Counselor Conference—WOU OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	22 OPU Counselor Conference—UO	23 Willamette Spotlight: Biology & Health Sciences (HS CCR Staff)	24 SAT Registration Preview Day: EOU, OSU Aspiring Educators WOU	25 Preview Day: <u>OR Tech</u>
26	27	28	29	30	31 Preview Day: George Fox	

NOVEMBER

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

	Identify your interests and skills to help you focus on your goals — Take <u>CareerOneStop.org Self-Assessments</u>
	Explore career possibilities through <u>CIS</u> , <u>Naviance</u> , or <u>College Navigator</u>
	Consider taking career technical education courses offered at your HS to explore career pathways
	Begin researching colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training
	Attend college fairs and career fairs

JUNIOR

Consider how you can enhance skills that will be useful in career of interest through your extracurricular, service, or HS classes you choose
Meet with college admissions/career/military reps when they visit your HS—Ask questions, make an impression
Begin to identify and narrow your college list
Research college websites for admission requirements
Become or stay involved in extracurricular activities
Start your SAT or ACT preparation—use <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources
Create a safe place to save your username/passwords (file, password safe app, etc.)
Learn about the different types of Financial Aid
Consider The Role of Social Media in College

SENIOR

Ш	Prepare for the FAFSA: Create an FSA ID at		Keep growing your scholarship list— local,
	fsaid.ed.gov and watch <u>Preparing for the</u>		regional, national, and institutional opportunities
	FAFSA Form YouTube video @studentaid		Make sure you always read, proofread, and
	Create account in OSAC Student Portal		have another person review your essays/
	Look for opportunities to financial aid and		applications before submitting
	scholarship workshops/events		Fill out request forms for letters of
	Attend college fairs and career fairs in your		recommendations to give to teachers,
	region or local community		counselors, and/or employers. Give the letter
	Attend college preview day events at your top		recommenders 2-3 weeks advance notice
	college choices—get a feel for the campus, use	Ш	Private colleges: Find out if they require an
	the Get the Most Out of Your Campus Visit		additional financial aid application (the <u>CSS</u> Profile)
	Still unsure of where to apply? Research	П	,
	colleges, universities, career-technical schools	Ш	All seniors should complete the <u>Oregon</u> <u>Promise Grant</u> application
	and their fields of study	П	If you've been in foster care, see if you are
	Narrow down your list of colleges—if you have	Ш	eligible for Chafee Education & Training Grant
	added a school to your list make sure you also add that school to your FAFSA/ORSAA	П	Attend an OSAC Finding Funds presentation or
П	· ·		watch the video online
ш	Always note deadlines and events on your calendar, adding reminder notifications help	П	APPLY for the OSAC Scholarship—Application
П	Continue your work on college admissions		opens Nov 1
ш	applications (direct app or use <u>Common App</u>)	П	Use OSAC Step-by-step scholarship guide to
П	Make sure you look for additional scholarship		get started on Personal Statements and Activity
	applications at the schools you apply to. Many		Chart
	have additional applications, beyond the		Continue to stay involved in extracurriculars
	admissions application—Note deadlines and		,
	don't miss out!		





November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Seniors: Begin OSAC and other scholarship applications.	Coordinators: : November is Career Development, College Application, & Scholarship Month					1 OSAC Scholarship OPEN Preview Day: OSU- Cascades, PSU
2	3 Financial Aid 101 (Willamette U. Virtual Event)	4	5	6	7 ACT Registration Deadline Willamette U Counselor Day (HS CCR Staff) Preview Day: Bushnell, OSU	8 SAT Testing Day
9 Corban Experience	10 Corban Experience	11 Open House: <u>Linfield</u>	12	13	14 Preview Day: Willamette; SOU Arts Day - WOU	15 Preview Day: OSU
16	17 Preview Day: <u>UO</u>	18 Open House: OR Tech-PDX OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	19	20 Willamette Spotlight: Business & Industrial Engineering (HS CCR Staff)	21 SAT Registration Deadline PSU Bridges—Jr/SR from Diverse/1st Gen backgrounds	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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DECEMBER

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

	Maintain your grades and school attendance
	Learn to ask questions in your classes, with your counselor/ ASPIRE mentor. The most successful people ask questions
	Job Shadow: Spend a day with a family member, friend, or community member and learn about their job
	Talk to current college students about their path to college
	Consider taking virtual tours of college campuses at www.ecampustours.com ,/search for tours on college website
	Begin to talk with your parents/guardians about future plans

JUNIOR

Begin to consider who you will ask for recommendation letters (teachers, coaches, counselors, employers, etc.)
Continue to use SAT or ACT preparation—use <u>SAT</u> and <u>AC</u> college test prep/practice resources
Stay active and involved and look for leadership opportunitie
Maintain your grades—colleges use transcripts from the end of junior year for admission decisions
Continue to attend college visitation events at your school—ask questions to help you narrow your college choices
Explore career possibilities through <u>CIS</u> , <u>Naviance</u> , <u>Career Onestop</u> , or <u>College Navigator</u>
Match career interests to college majors and determine what schools have your program of interest
Talk to current college students you know home on holiday break about their path to college

SENIOR

	Use the <u>FAFSA/ORSAA Filter Tool</u> to identify which financial aid application you need to complete—APPLY		Private colleges: Find out if they require an additional financial aid application (the <u>CSS</u> <u>Profile</u>) and explore colleges that accept the
	Create account in OSAC Student Portal and	П	Common Application If you've been in foster care, see if you are
	complete the Oregon Promise Grant application—keep all options open		eligible for <u>Chafee Education & Training Grant</u>
	Keep your social media clean, positive, and focused on family, positive relationships/		If you haven't, create account in <u>OSAC Student</u> <u>Portal</u> at OregonStudentAid.gov
	activities and your personal accomplishments.		Are you a member of an Oregon Tribe? See if
	Need assistance with your FAFSA/ORSAA?	П	you are eligible for the <u>OR Tribal Student Grant</u> Complete and submit college admissions
	Attend an OSAC Webinar, or attend a local or regional financial aid assistance event/	Ш	applications directly/or use Common App
	workshop		Start OSAC Personal Statements and Activity
	Attend college admission visits at your school		Chart
	Use your holiday break wisely. Keep searching		Explore local, regional, university scholarships
	for scholarships—take time and care on your essays—this is how the scholarship committees		Talk to current college students home on holiday break about their post-HS experiences
	get to know you		Discuss your future goals and college plans
Ц	Order more official or unofficial transcripts as needed—use for college and scholarship apps		with family/caregivers. Begin the conversation of how you will pay for post HS education.
	Continue to submit your college applications		Share the fields of study, colleges, universities,
	Consider if you need additional or specific letters of recommendations for upcoming apps.		trades schools or military service you are considering.
	Update your resume and activities chart		





December 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Ford Family Foundation Scholarships OPEN	2	3	4	5 Union Apprenticeship Info Session, 9:30 AM International Volunteer Day	6 SAT Testing Day
7	8	9	10	11	12 PSU Campus Tours	13 ACT Testing Day
14	15 <u>Financial Aid 102</u> (Willamette U. Virtual Event—admitted SRs)	16 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Utilize <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources
Continue exploring career possibilities through CIS, Naviance, Career Onestop, or College Navigator
As you identify interests, explore different post-high school educational options (career-technical school, 2-year, 4-year, etc.). Determine what type of education is needed for careers you are interested in
Research college/training school admission requirements to get an idea of what classes you need to take
Save \$\$\$ -Talk with your HS counselor about taking AP, IB, or Dual Credit college courses to receive college credit
Track your activities using the ASPIRE/OSAC <u>Activities Chart</u> : Keep track of all activities, clubs, community service paid employment, awards, and leadership roles—note participation dates and involvement, etc.

JUNIOR

Start gathering information on cost of attendance (COE) and financial aid options at schools of interest
Continue practicing for the SAT and/or ACT utilizing <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources
Register to take <u>ACT</u> and/or <u>SAT</u> - take first tests during spring or summer so you have the opportunity to take test again fall senior year to increase score. Though many schools are now test-optional, testing is still recommended
Narrow down your top educational options—Research colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training
If planning on attending a 4-year school, put together a list of 10 colleges of interest. Plan on applying to 3-6 schools during senior year, always include an Oregon community college.
Research colleges admissions requirements and note any additional courses or requirements you need to qualify
Sign up for the <u>College Board Big Future Scholarship</u> where you could earn a scholarship for simply completing steps to plan for college
Get more information on federal financial aid studentaid.gov and watch @studentaid YouTube videos
Attend local financial aid nights/workshops/events or online webinars at OregonStudentAid.gov/Webinars, with a parent or guardian if possible
Track your activities using the ASPIRE/OSAC <u>Activity Chart</u> : Keep track of all activites, clubs, community service, paid employment, awards, and leadership roles—note participation dates and involvement, etc.
Open a bank or credit union account and save money for the future (college and living expenses)

SENIOR

	Submit applications to at least three colleges
	Check with colleges you have applied to make sure they have received all necessary documents. Continue to monitor applications
	Check your personal email regularly and respond to requests in a timely manner
	Attend scholarship events at your HS /attend online OSAC /ASPIRE Scholarship webinars
	Complete the Oregon Promise Grant—whether community college is your first choice or a back-up plan
	If you haven't, complete your financial aid application: <u>FAFSA/ORSAA Filter Tool</u>
	Apply for local and regional scholarships
	Investigate private national scholarships and other student aid programs: <u>JLVCounseling Scholarships</u> , <u>College Board</u> , <u>Fastweb</u> and many more
	Place all scholarship application deadlines on your calendar with reminder notifications
	Check your email and OSAC Student Portal for notifications
	Are you a member of an Oregon Tribe? See if you are eligible for the OR Tribal Student Grant
	If you've been in foster care, see if you are eligible for Chafee Education & Training

Additional Resources: ASPIRE

Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists





January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Coordinators: National Mentor Month— How will you celebrate your ASPIRE mentors?				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 ACT Registration Deadline	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	21 #ThankYourMentorDay	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 George Fox Scholar- ship Summit	31

FEBRUARY

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Sign up and utilize <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college prep/practice resources
Explore career possibilities through CIS, Naviance, Career Onestop, or College Navigator
Explore your different post-high school options (career-technical school, 2-year, 4-year, etc.) and see which seem like the best fit for you
Plan ahead: if you family is traveling during spring break, consider scheduling college tours at nearby colleges
Find a club, sport, or service opportunity that you enjoy and look for leadership opportunities
Learn about types of scholarships and grants: finaid.org and oregonstudentaid.gov
Open a bank or credit union account and save money for the future (college and living expenses)

JUNIOR

Keep practicing for college tests using <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources
If you haven't already, Register to take <u>ACT</u> and/or <u>SAT</u> during the spring or summer so you have the opportunity to take it again in the fall senior year if you want
Plan a test preparation schedule to be ready for taking <u>SAT</u> and/or <u>ACT</u>
Plan ahead: If your family is traveling during spring break, consider scheduling college tours at nearby colleges
Consider taking virtual tours of college campuses www.ecampustours.com and/or check college websites
Attend spring campus preview days (See ASPIRE Calendar) - Make a plan to visit campuses you are considering
Start seriously investigating private national scholarships and other student aid programs: <u>JLVCounseling Scholarships</u> , <u>College Board</u> , <u>Fastweb</u> and many more
Using your ASPIRE/OSAC <u>Activity Chart</u> , start creating a rough draft of your résumé (extracurriculuars, volunteerism, jobs, leadership roles, awards, etc.)
If planning on attending a 4-year college or university, put together a list of 10 colleges of interest. Plan on applying to 3-6 schools during senior year.
Consider a Job Shadow: Spend a day with a family member, friend, or community member—learn about their job
Create account in OSAC Student Portal
Start working on OSAC personal statements and activity chart to apply in November senior year

SENIOR

	Request your high school sends your
	transcript for OSAC Scholarship Application
Ш	Feb 15: Submit OSAC application by Early Bird deadline: includes Activity Chart,
	personal statements, and transcript. Final
	deadline is March 1
	Have a teacher/ASPIRE mentor/coordinator
	proofread your scholarship essays, activities chart/resume before submission
П	Check with colleges you have applied to
	make sure they have received all necessary
	documents.
	Check to see if mid-year transcripts have
	been sent to colleges applied to
	As you receive college award letters review
	awards and ask questions if needed
	Don't stop! Continue to apply for local,
	regional, and college scholarships
	Consider national scholarships:
	JLVCounseling Scholarships, College Board,
	Fastweb and many more
	Track all scholarship application deadlines
Ш	Check your email and OSAC Student Portal for notifications
Ш	Create and check your college portals/emails
	for college "next steps"

Additional Resources: ASPIRE

Checklists and ECMC Opportunities





February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Coordinators: National CTE & Financial Awareness Month #FinaidFeb National School Counselor Week Feb 2-6 Corban Experience	2 Corban Experience	3	4	5 Willamette Spotlight: Computer Science (HS CCR Staff)	6 George Fox Scholar- ship Summit	7
8 National Apprentice- ship Week Feb 9-15	9 <u>Financial Aid 102</u> (Willamette U. Virtual Event—admitted Srs)	10	11	12	13	14 ACT Testing Day Junior Preview Day: Willamette
15 Linfield Scholarship and Visit Weekend	16 OSAC Scholarship Early Bird Deadline Admitted SR Day: OSU WOU; OSU-Cascades Preview Day: OR Tech, Bushnell	17 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	18	19	20 Admitted SR Day: UO Duck Days National Student Volunteer Day #MakeADifference	21
22 National Engineers Week, Feb 22-28	23 Alumni Career Panel (Willamette U. Virtual Event)	24	25	26 George Fox Associatesto-Bachelor Transfer Scholarship Opens	27 SAT Registration Deadline Preview Day: SOU	28

MARCH

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Sophomores: Review PSAT results, if you have questions connect with your HS counselor
Explore your different post-high school options (career-technical school, 2-year, 4-year, etc.) and see which seem like the best fit for you
Research college/training school admission requirements
Start creating a résumé that you can build on and add to throughout high school (classes taken, extracurriculuars, volunteerism, jobs, leadership roles, awards, etc.)
Those interested in a career in the trades explore community college and trade technical programs For more information: <u>ASPIRE Apprenticeship Webpage</u> and <u>OregonApprenticeship.org</u>

JUNIOR

Review PSAT results, if you have questions connect with your HS counselor
With knowledge from PSAT results, plan a test preparation schedule to be ready for taking SAT and/or ACT
If you haven't registered for the ACT and/or SAT, do that now. Suggestion: take 1st test in the spring or summer
If you plan to attend a 4-year school, put together a list of 10 colleges of interest. Plan on applying to 3-6 schools during senior year—always include one Oregon community college
Research the 17 Oregon Community Colleges in Oregon—See ASPIRE Calendar (Pg. 2) for info/links
Those interested in a career in the trades explore community college and trade technical programs For more information: <u>ASPIRE Apprenticeship Webpage</u> and <u>OregonApprenticeship.org</u>
Still not sure about a future career? Take an online career inventory to help connect your interests and skills with a career: Road Trip Nation or CareerOneStop assessments
Start seriously investigating private scholarships and other student aid programs: <u>OregonStudentAid.gov</u> , <u>CollegeBoard</u> , <u>JLVCounseling.com/Scholarships</u> , <u>Fastweb</u> and many more
Volunteer or job shadow in a field you may enjoy or a career field that is of interest to you
Start working on OSAC personal statements and continue building your ASPIRE/OSAC Activity Chart
Start creating a rough draft of your résumé (extracurriculuars, volunteerism, jobs, leadership roles, awards, etc.)
Learn how money works; take a financial literacy course: www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
Start gathering information on your top choice college costs and include your parents/guardian in financial planning

SENIOR

Ш	Visit your top choice colleges during spring
	break to help you narrow your decision—
	make sure to talk with them about your
	financial award
	Submit OSAC Scholarship application by
	final deadline of March 1; includes Activity
	Chart, personal statements, and transcript
	Keep up your grades- college admissions
	are conditional and can be rescinded if you
	do not continue academic excellence
	Check with colleges you have applied to
	make sure they have received all necessary
	documents. Continue to monitor applications
	Make sure mid-year transcripts have been
	sent to colleges applied to
	Oregon community colleges: Complete the
	Oregon Promise Grant application
	Make sure you have completed the FAFSA
	or ORSAA financial aid application
	Keep applying for local, regional, and college
	scholarships!
	Check your personal, college portals, and
	OSAC Student Portal for notifications
	Learn how money works; take a financial
	literacy course: www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
	Keep your social media clean and positive





March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Coordinators: Help students connect with local Community Ser- vice opportunities	2 OSAC Scholarship Deadline	3	4 Criminal Justice Day— WOU	5	6 True Self (GSA) Day—WOU George Fox Scholar- ship Summit Admit Day: UO	7 ACT Registration Deadline
8	9	10	11	12	13 Admitted SR Day: Willamette Preview Day: Corban UO Scholars Recognition Day	14 <u>SAT</u> Testing Day
15	16 Supporting the College Decision (Willamette U. Virtual Event)	17 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM PWA NW Careers Expo, OR Convention Center	18	19	20 Admitted SR Day: UO Duck Days Preview Day: EOU	21 Admitted SR Day: OSU
22	23 Preview Day: OSU-Cascades	24 Preview Day: <u>EOU</u>	25	26	27 Admitted SR Day: OSU -Cascades, OSU	28
29	30	31				

APRIL

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- □ Meet with a school counselor to research classes. Consider registering for challenging classes.
 □ Continue to explore career interests and which schools offer programs in that field of study
 □ Continue to add to your Activity Chart any new activities, projects, honors, or achievements
 □ Volunteer in a field you may enjoy or a career field that is of interest to you
 □ Consider getting a summer job to increase your experience and knowledge
- Explore <u>summer opportunities</u> —be mindful of application deadlines. Consider employment, academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, service learning, travel, camps, internship shadow opportunities, jetc.

JUNIOR

Prepare for upcoming Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests
Continue to research schools of interest and narrow down list of top choices
Review your high school transcript. Are you on track for graduation?
Register to take <u>ACT</u> and/or <u>SAT</u>
Meet with school counselor and register for challenging classes
Continue to explore career interests and which schools offer programs in that area
If you haven't already, create an account in the OSAC Student Portal
Prepare for the FAFSA: <u>Create an FSA ID</u> at fsaid.ed.gov and watch <u>Preparing for the FAFSA</u>
Form YouTube video @studentaid
Explore summer opportunities—be mindful of application deadlines. Consider employment,
academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, service learning, travel, camps, internship,
job shadow opportunities, etc.

SENIOR

Prepare for upcoming Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests
If you are on a college wait list, notify that school if you are still interested in attending
Keep applying for any scholarships available—investigate private national scholarships and other student aid programs: CollegeBoard , JLVCounseling.com/Scholarships , Fastweb , and many more
Submit any requested documentation to the college financial aid office
Check your email and OSAC Student Portal for notifications
Write thank you notes to scholarship donors and those who have assisted you in your college planning process (teachers, coaches, mentors, etc.)
If you have not—complete <u>FAFSA/ORSAA</u> & <u>Oregon</u> <u>Promise</u> applications
Compare all financial aid awards to determine best financial fit for you and your family
Create a college budget and discuss your college options with your family
Accept financial aid offer from the college you will be attending (Required by May 1 at most colleges)





April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Seniors: Compare your Financial Aid Awards Financial Literacy Month #FinLitMonth	Coordinators: Recognize your volunteers this month. Plan Senior Celebration/Decision Days		1	2	3 Admitted SR Day: OSU-Cascades, UO Duck Days; OSU, Willamette Preview Day: George Fox	4
5	6	7 Open House: OR Tech-PDX	8	9	10 Preview Day: WOU; Corban; SOU Admitted SR Day: UO Duck Days	11 ACT Testing Day Admitted SR Day: OSU
12	13	14	15	16	17 SAT Registration Deadline Admitted SR Day: Willamette; UO Duck Days Preview Day: EOU	18 Preview Day: OR Tech
19 National Volunteer Week April 19-25	20	21 OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	22 SAT Registration Deadline	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 College Night Webinar, Win \$1000 scholarship! ECMC, 6 PM		



FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Consider your social media footprint. Always be positive and professional when using social media. Colleges, scholarship committees and employers often review an applicant's social media
 Continue to explore career interests and which schools offer programs in that field of study
 Continue to add to your resume or portfolio any new activities, projects, honors, or achievements
 Utilize <u>SAT</u> and <u>ACT</u> college test prep/practice resources
 Update your <u>Activities chart</u>—list all clubs, service, activities, employment and leadership
 Finalize summer plans

JUNIOR

Explore <u>summer opportunities</u>—be mindful of application deadlines. Consider employment, academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, service learning, travel, camps, internship)
 Still need to register to take <u>ACT</u> and/or <u>SAT</u>? Now is the time!
 Take your Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Test, if applicable
 Plan ahead: If your family is traveling during summer break, consider scheduling college tours at nearby colleges
 Consider taking virtual tours of college campuses <u>www.ecampustours.com</u> or college websites.
 Discuss your future goals and college plans with your parents/caregivers. Begin the conversation of how you will pay for post HS education. Share the fields of study, colleges, universities, trades schools or military service you are considering.
 If you haven't, create a safe place to save your username/passwords (file or password safe app)
 Create a Common App Account: <u>CommonApp.org</u> - Use this one application to apply to multiple colleges/universities through this online college application platform—opens August 1
 Ask your counselor or ASPIRE coordinator for a list of local scholarships so you can work on scholarship essays over the summer

SENIOR

May 1 is National Decision day

Notify all schools of your decision—to attend or not attending Take your AP and IB tests to receive college credit If you are attending a 4-year college and living on campus, make sure to complete housing registration materials Submit any requested financial aid verification forms or other documentation to the college financial aid office Accept financial aid offer from the college you will be attending Continue to complete scholarship applications. Check your email and OSAC Student Portal for notifications If you haven't, complete the FAFSA or ORSAA and Oregon **Promise Grant** If you receive a scholarship make sure to write thank you notes to scholarship donors Continue to log into your OSAC student account to check for notifications and/or scholarship awards Sign into your college student portal and review your admitted student task list—note deadlines and registration for your college

Additional Resources: ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

orientation (typically in summer or prior to fall attendance)





May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
National Military Month	Coordinators: Host inclusive Decision Day Event (College, trades, military, workforce)				1 National Decision Day School Principals' Day	2 SAT Testing Day
3 National Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8	4	5	6	7	8 ACT Registration Deadline Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference—WOU	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	OR Goes to College Educator Chat, 9 AM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JUNE

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Plan ahead: If your family is traveling during summer break, consider a college tour at a nearby college
Consider taking virtual tours of college campuses — <u>www.ecampustours.com</u> or on college websites
Contact business owners and professionals in your area to inquire about job shadowing opportunities
Continue to track your activities: paid work, community service, and other summer activities
Volunteer ior job shadow in a field you may enjoy or in a career field that is of interest to you
Sophomores: Spend time studying for your PSAT (fall JR Year) - strong performance on this test may qualify you for National Merit Scholarships
Continue to discuss your future goals and college plans with your parents. It is important to begin the conversation of how you will pay for post HS education. Share the fields of study, colleges, universities, trades schools or military service you are considering.
Learn about types of financial aid: $\underline{studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types} \ \& \ \underline{oregonstudentaid.gov}$

JUNIOR

Ask your counselor or ASPIRE coordinator for a list of local scholarships so you can work on scholarship essays over the summer
Visit college campuses
Continue to add to your <u>activities chart</u> any new activities, projects, honors, or achievements - Track all hours spent working for pay, volunteering, and working in community activities
Do some research on how to write strong college application essays— Here is some advice from a Student & Admissions Rep . In addition, learn about common essay mistakes students make
Begin working on your admissions application essays. Go to college websites and/or <u>Commonapp.org</u> to find essay prompts
Talk with professionals in careers you are curious about and ask about their work. You may request a formalized informational interview. Make sure you bring a list of questions
Contact business owners and professionals in your area to inquire about job shadowing opportunities

SENIOR

	Congratulations—You have Graduated!!!
	Request your final transcript be sent to your college choice from your HS registrar before college deadline
	Check your college portal and respond to all mail/email from your selected college
	Request and send your selected college admission aid office your final transcript
	If you haven't, complete the <u>FAFSA or ORSAA</u>
	Identify when college orientation dates are and make arrangements to attend
	Register for college on campus housing (if needed)
	Continue logging into your OSAC student account to check for notifications and/or scholarship awards
	Make a doctors appointment to get all your vaccines up to date—many colleges require proof of vaccinations
	Get a summer job and save money for college expenses
	Take time to thank your teachers/parents/guardians





June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Students: Build Resume/Plan your summer— Consider volunteering, educational programs, or part-time job	1 Oregon Promise Grant Application Deadline	2	3	4	5 <u>ACT</u> Registration Deadline	6 SAT Testing Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ACT Testing Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

JULY

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- Reading books during the summer is a great way to increase your vocabulary and knowledge that will help you on college placement tests
 Find community service opportunities in your local community or create your own (inviting friends and family to participate) Looks great on college/scholarship/employment applications
 Continue to explore career interests and which schools offer programs in that field of study
 Informational interviews can be a great way to learn more about what a job is really like in the workplace. Come prepared with questions, If interview is in person, dress professionally. Or appropriate to the job environment—Family, friends, counselors, and teachers may have contacts to consider.
- Continue to add to your <u>activities chart</u> any new activities, service, work experience, and achievements
 - Volunteer do job shadow in a field you may enjoy or in a career field that is of interest to you

JUNIOR

Ц	family to participate) - Looks great on college/scholarship/employment applications
	Visit college campuses during your summer break
	Contact business owners and professionals in your area to inquire about job shadowing opportunities
	Take some time to research additional scholarships you can apply for your senior year—this month focus on local and regional community scholarships
	Consider The Role of Social Media in College Admissions—What High School Students Should Know
	Continue to add to your resume or portfolio any new activities, honors, or achievements
	Do some research on how to write strong college application essays— Here is some advice from a Student & Admissions Rep . In addition, learn about common essay mistakes students make
	It's time to get organized: Identify how you plan to track your important senior events, application and scholarship deadlines and lists of things you need to accomplish over the next few months. Suggestion: Use a digital calendar and start placing known deadlines and events on your calendar. Example: October 1—EAESA/ORSAA Financial Aid Application opens, college and deadlines, etc.

SENIOR

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	Respond to all communication from your selected college, check your college portal/email regularly
	Re-visit your budget and plan your payments; tuition payments are due at the beginning of the semester or term—so research payment options now
	Make travel arrangements if you are going away to college—talk with your family about whether you plan to return for breaks
	Make time this summer to connect with HS friends and family
	Continue to work to earn money for your fall expenses
	Review your finances—and the <u>types of student aid</u> you are receiving. If taking loans make sure you understand the responsibility and loan process. Watch @StudentAid <u>Responsible Borrowing</u> video



July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Students: Explore careers and consider visiting a college campus			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ACT Testing Day
12	13	14	15 Gates Scholarship opens	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 George Fox Summer Visit Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

Visit college campuses on preview days or a schedule a tour.
If you can't get to campus consider attending college fairs and consider taking virtual tours of college campuses www.ecampustours.com or on college websites
Contact business owners and professionals in your area to inquire about job shadow opportunities
Track all hours spent working for pay, volunteering, and working in community activities
Continue to add to your Activity Chart any new activities, service, work experience, and achievements
Volunteer or job shadow in a field you may enjoy or in a career field that is of interest to you
Take an interest inventory or assessment—it expands your ideas for careers you may enjoy. Take a loo at <u>College Board– Big Future</u> or <u>Career OneStop</u>
Use the tools found on the <u>College Affordability and Transparency Center Website</u> to compare and estimate your college costs at schools you are considering.

JUNIOR

Continue identifying scholarships you are eligible to apply for
Common App opens August 1 - Begin applying to your top choice colleges/universities
Need help completing the Common App? Use AXS Companion—videos, tips, videos to assist in app
Keep adding application and scholarship deadlines and college/future planning related events to your calendar - Set reminders/notifications
Review your first ACT and/or SAT Scores—determine if you would like to re-test. If so, register now
Request unofficial and official transcripts from your high school registrar—you will need both types depending on the application. College Admissions typically wants Official transcripts, scholarships applications may only require unofficial. Have several on hand to use through fall semester as needed
Create a specific scholarship activities resume and/or "brag sheet" that includes all your non-academic activities and honors. Give this document to individuals you choose to write your letters of recommendation
Identify 2-3 individuals you would like to ask to write general letters of recommendation for you (teachers, coaches, counselors, ASPIRE mentors, employers, community or youth group leaders, etc.)

SENIOR

Spend time with your family and friends - if you will be leaving for home set expectations for while you are in college on how and when you will communicate during the school year
Register for your fall college classes
Attend your college orientation
Connect with other students attending your college of choice through college apps, or when you meet at orientation
Identify college clubs, activities or service opportunities you want to participate in during your college experience
If you are leaving for college, review college checklist of items you need to bring to campus (and those things they want you to leave at home)
Continue logging into your OSAC student account to check for notifications and/or scholarship awards
Gather any last minute documents requested by your college and send/take them to the appropriate offices
Have a wonderful time settling into your new college experience



August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Students: Learn about Oregon's Community College, Public and Private college options.					Class of 2027— Begin Applying to college!	1 Common App Open Need help? Use the Common App AXS Companion
2	3	4	5	6	7 George Fox Summer Visit Day	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					