

**POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE, TRAINING, CERTIFICATE & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS**

2-YEAR TECHNICAL

2-YEAR TRANSFER

4-YEAR

4-YEAR MILITARY ACADEMY

4-YEAR MILITARY ROTC

APPRENTICESHIP/TRADE

MILITARY ENLISTED

WORKFORCE

**REQUIRED**

**CHECK BOXES ARE REQUIRED**

Each year, scholars are **required** to complete components to build their High School and Beyond Plan. The High School and Beyond Plan tasks are completed within MaiaLearning, an online college/career exploration platform and portfolio. Below is a monthly timeline for scholars to follow that will help them stay on track with their high school and beyond plan activities/tasks. Activities/tasks below are also listed on the MaiaLearning Dashboard.

**MaiaLearning** activities/tasks are in color bands. Scholars can access their **MaiaLearning** account by visiting: [www.maialearning.com](http://www.maialearning.com) and login with their **Gmail (P12)** account (example: #####@p12fwps.org) and password.

**EACH SCHOLAR: A VOICE. A DREAM. A BRIGHT FUTURE.**

SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the "Senior Fall Survey" in your Career Activities and Tasks List.</li> <li>Complete "Interest Profiler Assessment" in the Explore Section.</li> <li>Complete "Personality Assessment" in the Explore Section and select three careers to research.</li> <li>Make a plan for at least one College/Career Readiness Experience (examples: college/career field trip, college/career rep visit, college/career tour or college/career fair).</li> <li>If applying for Early Decision or Early Action: Apply to your post-secondary pathway choice(s) (Target School, Likely School and Stretch School).</li> </ul>
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete FAFSA/WASFA and continue to check the status regularly, and update as completed on your College Activities and Task List.</li> <li>Update your "Career List" by clicking the Heart icon and clicking "Add to Career Plan" in the Career Plan Section and review career plan summaries.</li> <li>Verify your transcript is complete and accurate.</li> <li>Attend the Life After High School College and Career Fair.</li> <li>Order your cap and gown for graduation ceremony in June.</li> <li>Take your post-secondary entrance exam (SAT offered for free during SAT School Day):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-Year, 2-Year transfer, ROTC and Academy: SAT/ACT</li> <li>2-Year Technical or Apprenticeship/Trade: SAT/ACT and technical/trade program exams</li> <li>Military Enlisted: SAT/ACT and ASVAB</li> <li>Work Force: SAT/ACT</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to 1-3 post-secondary pathway choices (Target School, Likely School and Stretch School). View colleges related to your career in the "Education Level" area of career summaries in the "Career List" and use the College Plan Section to add colleges you are considering and applying to.</li> <li>Complete and apply for a minimum of one local, state or national scholarship. "Add Scholarship Award" in the Scholarship Section. Search for scholarships in the "Scholarship Search," Career Center, <a href="http://washboard.org">washboard.org</a>, post-secondary websites and other scholarships searches like <a href="http://fastweb.com">fastweb.com</a>.</li> <li>Create 4 SMART Goals for the year in the Portfolio Section (College Goal, Career Goal, Financial Aid Goal and Academic Goal) by clicking "Add Goal" for each.</li> <li>Take the SAT Subject tests if preferred/required by colleges you are considering.</li> </ul>
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the "Career Plan Essay" requirements in the Portfolio Section and begin rough draft.</li> <li>Create/update your "Resume" under the Portfolio Section.</li> <li>Request one or more letters of recommendation. Request in the College Plan Section in "Recommendations" or request a letter in person and upload recommendation(s) in "Recommendations."</li> </ul>
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Scholarship status by selecting Scholarship to "Add Scholarship Award."</li> <li>Verify that all required documents are submitted to admissions and financial aid offices for the colleges you are considering.</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete final "Career Plan Essay" in the Portfolio Section and upload your Post-Secondary Acceptance, Enrollment, Employment or Application.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-Year, 2-Year transfer, ROTC and Academy Exam: College Acceptance Letter</li> <li>2-Year Technical or Apprenticeship/Trade: College/Program Acceptance Letter</li> <li>Military Enlisted: Proof of Enlistment</li> <li>Work Force: Proof of Employment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Add College/Career Readiness Experience(s) in the Experiences Section of the Portfolio (examples: college/career field trip, college/career rep visit, college/career tour or college/career fair).</li> <li>Review Transcript, SAT/ACT results and graduation status.</li> </ul>
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present your Career Plan Essay, Assessment Results, Resume, Scholarship and Post-Secondary Pathway Acceptance, Enrollment, Employment or Application at SLCs, Advisories or Senior Exit Interviews. Have parent/guardian sign acknowledgment of High School and Beyond Plan.</li> </ul>
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If interested, add to your "Gallery" in the Portfolio Section to create supplemental visual and audio pieces.</li> <li>Review your financial aid award letter(s). Outline yearly &amp; monthly budgets to determine what is best for you/your family and next steps.</li> </ul>
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the "Senior Exit Survey" in your Career Activities and Tasks List.</li> <li>Take AP, IB or Cambridge exams for free. There is no risk, and a successful score could earn you college credit.</li> <li>Request your final transcript to be sent to your post-secondary pathway choice.</li> </ul>
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess and review SMART Goal progress.</li> <li>Complete your Senior Clearance Form and pay fines in order to walk at the graduation ceremony.</li> <li>Attend Graduation Rehearsal.</li> <li>Graduate, celebrate and start your post-secondary journey!</li> </ul>

RECOMMENDED

*There are many important deadlines this year, so organization and timeliness are critical. By the end of this year, scholars should have selected their post-secondary path based on multiple applications to post-secondary institutions and finding their best match for success toward their future goals and career.*

**SEPTEMBER: GET ORGANIZED**

- Take the SAT/ACT, and send your test scores to potential colleges. To help prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org), including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.
- Make a list of post-secondary institutions you will apply to and their deadlines. You should have a list narrowed down to your top choice(s), including a reach college, and a safety college.
- Verify your transcript is complete and accurate.
- Begin brainstorming essay topics and complete essays for post-secondary and scholarship applications.
- Letters of recommendations should be requested at least two weeks in advance. You want to give your recommender time to write a quality letter for your acceptance. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required.
- Update your High School & Beyond Plan in MaiaLearning, the district’s electronic portfolio for the HSBP and contains career and college guidance information and course planning tools. Career Bridge and Career Guidance Washington are other sources for career and college information.

**OCTOBER: FAFSA / WASFA AND TESTING**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA or WASFA): To qualify for most financial aid or college financial aid packages, you’ll need to complete the FAFSA/WASFA. October 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA/WASFA.
- Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®: PROFILE is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- Take the SAT/ACT one more time: Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional course work since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day. Send your test to potential colleges. Ask a Career/College Specialist for a fee waiver if needed.
- Attend college and career fairs with parents/guardians including the Life After High School District College and Career Fair where over 80 college and post-secondary programs present information about their schools.

**NOVEMBER: SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS**

- Research and apply for scholarships. Local scholarships can be found in the career center, state scholarships can be found at [washboard.org](http://washboard.org), scholarship at post-secondary institutions can be found on their websites or by calling the financial aid office and national scholarship can be found at [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) and other search engines.
- Complete at least one post-secondary application by Thanksgiving.

**DECEMBER: FINISH STRONG**

- Many scholarships depend on your final GPA, and admissions to post-secondary institutions are granted based on the assumption that you will pass all remaining course work and continue to challenge yourself academically.

**JANUARY: FINALIZE APPLICATIONS**

- Applications are typically due in January and the priority deadline for the FAFSA/WASFA is in January. Follow up with submitted applications with your college admissions representatives to ensure your application is complete.

**FEBRUARY: UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID AWARD LETTERS**

- Review your financial aid award letter to understand the aid package and determine what is best for you and your family and next steps.
- Learn how the College Bound Scholarship will help you pay for college.

**MARCH: MAKING YOUR DECISION**

- Now that you’ve received your admission letters, determine which post-secondary institution is the best choice for YOU!

**APRIL: TRANSITIONING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

- Make sure you’ve completed everything you need to enroll in the post-secondary institution you’ve selected.

**MAY: WHAT TO EXPECT YOUR FIRST TERM / POST-SECONDARY RESOURCES YOU NEED TO USE**

- Post-secondary education and training is very different from high school. Map out different resources that will help you have a successful first year.
- Take AP, IB, or Cambridge exams. There is no risk, and a successful score could earn you college credit.