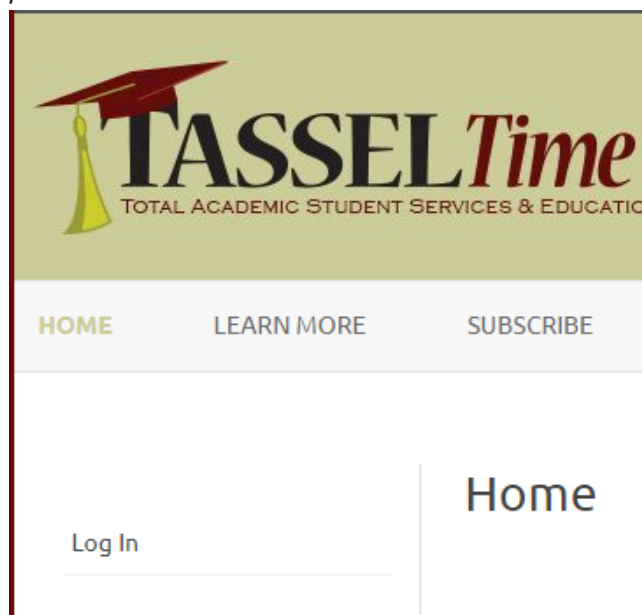


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Juniors,

As your junior year is closing, it is time to start thinking of yourself as a senior and start planning for your senior year scholarship hunting. See the information below about starting your senior year. You will be able to access TASSELTime throughout the summer. To access many of the links in this newsletter you will need to log in to TASSELTime.

Go to www.tasseltime.com and select the Login in the top left-hand corner. Enter your school's username and password.



Senior Year JUNE-SEPTEMBER

1. Try to narrow your college choices to three, five at the most. If you did not get a college information or catalog book from them in the spring in either your spring visit or spring college fair, e-mail the college and request that one be sent to you or they give you a link to their catalog. This is very important!!! You want to make sure you do not have any additional or unknown requirements that are needed for your specific field of study. For example, AP Calculus may be a prerequisite for the field of study you are choosing. You need to know the course requirements for the college you choose. Most of the time, this is not an issue because you are taking a college core track in high school, but you need to be responsible and know this for yourself. Don't assume that he/she automatically knows what college you want to attend or the additional requirements that school may require for unconditional admission.
2. Make sure you have registered for the ACT/SAT. Check the regular and late deadlines. ***Reminder if you have

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3. If you have the opportunity to take an ACT/SAT preparation course provided by your school—TAKE IT!!! If you do not have the opportunity, then go to the ACT/SAT pages in the site and you will find TEST Prep Help. I recommend March2Success, Number2.com and Khan Academy for free test prep.
4. Begin thinking about who you want to ask to write recommendation letters or letters of reference. You want to ask a teacher who knows your capabilities and can recommend you based on your academic performance (athletic and fine arts performance as it applies to you). No offense, your best friend's mom or the local preacher may be able to testify to your character, but can he/she testify to your academic performance with specific detail given to projects or assignments you have completed? Print off a [recommendation form](#) from the scholarship page and look at the areas you will need to fill out. Keep in mind that you need to be detailed when you fill out the form, especially if you are in a large high school. The way you fill out this form can help "jog" that teacher's memory about you and your performance in his/her class.
5. Only give the recommendation form out if you have an upcoming deadline. You will have 2 strips of reminders at the bottom of the form that you will need to tear off. Give this to the teacher 1 week before the letter is needed and then 2 days before the letter is needed.
6. You may want to make copies of the form with your information on it before you hand it out to the teacher(s). This will keep you from having to rewrite all the information each time. Obviously, you will have different class information, but your extracurricular and other information will be the same.
7. Organize an essay committee for yourself. I recommend you ask 3 people to form this committee— this doesn't mean that these people have to meet together to critique your essay. You will give each of these people a copy of your essay, so they can edit/critique your essay BEFORE you send it or attach it to an application (If they prefer give the essay to them on a flash drive or e-mail it to them so they can edit changes for you— it takes less time if they are computer savvy).
8. Do not send an essay with an application unless you and your committee have proofread it!
9. If you need help on how to get started on your essay, go to the essay page on TASSELTime. There are several helpful links.
10. Find out when the fall preview days are for the colleges you have chosen and check to make sure you mark your calendar to attend. Be prepared to ask questions of the students and the recruiters when you take your visit. Be sure that you have all of the applications/forms.
11. On the college page of this Website there is a PDF at the top of the page called "College Visits". Print this off and look over the college visit questions that are important to you and either ask them on your visit or ask them on the College Fair Night.
12. On that TASSELTime must read information you are given a list of things that you need to gather BEFORE filling out a database profile or asking for a recommendation letter. You will also want to gather this information, prior to building or creating your resume:
 - List of all your activities/awards since 9th grade.
 - List of all your courses/ACT/SAT scores (should be on your transcript) Any organizations or clubs you are/were in
 - Any significant awards you may have received beginning with your 9th grade year i.e. Community Volunteer Citizen
 - Names of your parent's current employer/organizations they are/were in
 - Information on families past military experience and your ethnicity/minority background and religious affiliation
 - List of all volunteer work done since 9th grade— if you are not volunteering--- START --- Do something in conjunction with Make-A Difference Day (PDF form for record of Volunteering).
13. Select 3-5 databases from the [TASSELTime Scholarship Database](#) page. Some of these databases will e-

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Service Providers offer 5-7 e-mail accounts with their service. The reason you do this is because may get offers to download music or other ads/spam for other things— this keeps your regular account free of that and allows you to use this separate account for ALL of your college correspondence (if you are going to use this e-mail address as a contact for your resume and or/ admissions information—select wisely {don't use “lazygirl” or “partyanimal” or “girlmagnet”}—select something somewhat professional). Most of these databases will notify you of an added scholarship to your profile or will just e-mail you the link to that scholarship. *IT IS UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE IF THAT SCHOLARSHIP IS WORTH APPLYING!*

14. Make a folder on your favorites menu that says Scholarships and begin to mark or save the scholarship in which you want to apply. BE SURE YOU LOOK AT THE DEADLINES AND MAKE A CHART (PAPER/OR COMPUTER) THAT LIST APPLICATION DEADLINE. Also, there is an Excel spreadsheet or [Google worksheet](#) template on the Scholarship page that you can use and a short video on how to use it: [Scholarship Hunting](#)

15. What is the difference between a Key Word Search and a profile? A key word search is for specific topics or majors to search by.

16. Example Profile: From the Scholarship menu select State Scholarships. One of the first links on this page is the *Fund My Future*. Try out the profile to gain Arkansas specific information. Again, IT IS UP TO YOU TO DETERMINE IF YOU MEET THE CRITERIA FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP AND IF YOU WANT TO APPLY.

*****SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** You need to plan when you will be taking the ACT and/or SAT. Since the Arkansas Challenge and Governor's Scholarship are both based on Superscores- it is important that you are intentional about your planning and preparing. Look specifically at activities for next year (tournaments, playoffs, band/choir competitions, etc.) and be sure you are planning accordingly in case you potentially have activities that will fall on a test date. You may want to take the test in July and/or September. Look closely at the dates. [ACT Dates](#) [SAT Dates](#)



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You can not apply for the FAFSA for the 23-24 school year until October 1st, 2022 (you will need your 2021 tax information). The information listed below is so that you can have an overview of the process and to provide you will the link to apply for your FSA ID.

FINANCIAL AID: [How Financial Aid Works](#)

Visit the [Financial Aid](#) page in Tasseltime for more assistance.

Quick List of Scholarships

Find a full listing of scholarships on the [Tasseltime Individual Scholarship Page](#) (you must user your school username and password to access). You can select individual scholarships on these pages and have the scholarships you select emailed to you.

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