

Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

The financial aid award notification you received from your college(s) after you filed your FAFSA indicates the type of student loans you qualify to borrow. In addition, your parents may qualify for a PLUS loan to help pay for your college expenses. See the Student Loan section at EducationQuest.org for information about the types of student loans.

Follow these tips to avoid unnecessary debt: Use your student loan money *only* for tuition, books and fees; work while you go to college and use that money to pay living expenses; carefully research the college you plan to attend to make sure it's a good fit. Transferring to a different college can add additional years of school and loan debt; compare the estimated starting salary of potential careers to your estimated college debt to ensure you can afford future loan payments; keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at nslds.ed.gov so you're not surprised by the amount when it's time to graduate.

May "To Do" List

- Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- Register for freshmen orientation at your college.
- Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- Get a summer job to help pay college expenses

Juniors...use the summer to prepare for college!

If you're a high school junior, summer is the time for you to do some serious college planning. Here are your assignments:

Start narrowing your college choices. By the fall of your senior year, you should have narrowed your choices to three or four schools. Visit some college campuses this summer and check out college Web sites.

Update your *Activities Resume* at EducationQuest.org. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards and part-time jobs.

Look for scholarships. Check out *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org, which has over 2,000 local and statewide scholarships. Pay attention to the scholarships seniors are earning.

Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses. Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

May "To Do" List

- Register by May 7 for June 12 ACT
- Continue campus visits.
- Get a summer job and save for college.
- Schedule a college planning conference with Mrs. Chvatal

ACT DATES -- Bishop Neumann ACT Code is 282-448

Students: Remember when you register to have your scores sent to at least 4 colleges that you are interested in attending!

June 12, 2010 ----- registration deadline is May 7, 2010

Plan ahead!! 2010-2011 Dates

Sept. 11, 2010 Oct. 23, 2010 Dec. 11, 2010 Feb. 12, 2011

Apr. 9, 2011 June 11, 2011

UNL changes the way it will accept ACT and SAT scores! Beginning with applicants for the fall/summer 2011 term, the UNL Office of Admissions will only accept ACT and SAT scores directly from the testing agency. When students sign up online this is the time to put UNL in as a choice to receive their scores if this is a college you are considering!