

Sophomore Year

- **Fall**
 - Take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for practice. When you fill out your test sheet, check the box that releases your name to colleges so you can start receiving brochures from them.
 - Become familiar with general college entrance requirements. Take a foreign language if you have not already done so. Bright Futures Scholarships and colleges require 2 years or more of a language.
- **Winter**
 - Learn about your PSAT score and link to Khan Academy for free online practice.
 - Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work toward leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
 - Read, read, read. Read as many books as possible from a comprehensive reading list.
 - Work on your writing skills—you'll need them no matter what you do.
- **Spring**
 - Keep your grades up so you can have the highest GPA and class rank possible.
 - Register for courses for your Junior year.
 - Prepare for AP exams if appropriate for the classes you are taking.
 - Begin zeroing in on the type of college you would prefer (two-year or four-year, small or large, rural or urban)
 - If you are interested in attending a military academy, now is the time to start planning and getting information.
 - Contact colleges and ask for their academic requirements for admission.
 - Read all of the mail you receive from colleges. You may see something you like.
 - Attend college fairs.
 - Continue working on Community Service hours to meet Bright Futures Requirements.