

## 2025-2026 CALENDAR

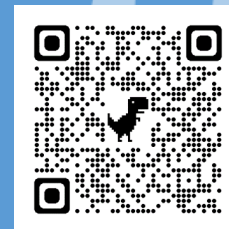
# ASPIRE



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

[Eastern Oregon University](#)

[Oregon Institute of Technology](#)

[Oregon State University](#)

[Oregon State University—Cascades](#)

[Portland State University](#)

[Southern Oregon University](#)

[University of Oregon](#)

[Western Oregon University](#)

## Private Oregon Universities

[Bushnell University](#)

[Corban University](#)

[George Fox University](#)

[Lewis & Clark College](#)

[Linfield University](#)

[Pacific Northwest College of Art](#)

[Pacific University](#)

[Reed College](#)

[University of Portland](#)

[Warner Pacific University](#)

[Willamette University](#)

## Application Deadlines

Priority: 2/1

Priority: 11/1

EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/1

EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/1

Regular: 8/1

Priority: 2/1

EA: 11/1; Regular 1/15

Priority: 2/3; Rolling

EA: 11/1; Priority: 1/15; Regular: 3/1

EA: 11/1; Priority: 2/15

EA: 11/1, Priority : 2/1

EA/ED: 11/1, Regular: 1/15

EA: 11/1, Regular 2/1

EA: 11/15, Priority: 2/1

EA: 11/1, EA2: 1/15, Rolling Admission

EA/ED1: 11/1, ED2: 12/20, Regular; 1/15

EA: 11/1, Regular: 2/1

Rolling Admission

EA/ED: 11/1, Regular: 1/15

## Institutional Scholarship Deadlines

[March 1](#)

[March 1](#)

[Varies; many due February 15](#)

[Varies; many due February 15](#)

[Varies; Many due between April 1— May 15](#)

[March 15](#)

[Varies; Apply by Jan. 15, November 12, January 31](#)

[March 1](#)

[March 1, Varies](#)

[Varies](#)

[Varies, Scholarship Summit,](#)

[Varies, Apply by 11/1, FAFSA by 1/15](#)

[Varies; Apply by 12/1](#)

[February 1](#)

[Varies](#)

[Awarded automatically](#)

[Varies, Most Awarded automatically](#)

[Varies](#)

[Varies](#)

## Plan your Visit

[Preview Events/Campus/Virtual](#)

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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

## Community Colleges

## Location (Main Campus)

*\*Many sites have multiple campuses*

## Institutional Scholarships

*\*To apply students often need to be accepted*

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

[Blue Mountain CC](#)

Pendleton

[Opens Twice a Year, January 8 and September 1](#)

[Central Oregon CC\\*\\*\\*](#)

Bend

[Opens August 1](#)

[Chemeketa CC](#)

Salem

[Opens February 1, Scholars- usually first week in March](#)

[Clackamas CC](#)

Oregon City

[Opens Twice a Year, January 30 and August 1](#)

[Clatsop CC](#)

Astoria

[Opens June 1](#)

[Columbia Gorge CC](#)

The Dalles

[Opens February 15](#)

[Klamath CC](#)

Klamath Falls

[Opens Twice a Year, September 1 and March 1](#)

[Lane CC\\*\\*\\*](#)

Eugene

[Opens Early January](#)

[Linn-Benton CC](#)

Albany

[Opens Twice a Year; Fall—Welcome Day, Spring—3rd week in February](#)

[Mt. Hood CC](#)

Gresham

[Opens Twice a Year; August 1 and January 2](#)

[Oregon Coast CC](#)

Newport

[Opens February 1](#)

[Portland CC](#)

Beaverton

[Opens December 1](#)

[Rogue CC](#)

Grants Pass

[Opens February 1](#)

[Southwestern CC\\*\\*\\*](#)

Coos Bay

[Opens January 1](#)

[Tillamook Bay CC](#)

Tillamook

[Opens Twice a Year; March & August](#)

[Treasure Valley CC\\*\\*\\*](#)

Ontario

[Opens November 1](#)

[Umpqua CC](#)

Roseburg

[Opens Twice a Year; February 1 & August 1](#)

## 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/>

# SEPTEMBER

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- ☐ Meet with your HS counselor to discuss career/college plans—create a your HS academic plan
- ☐ Explore career possibilities through [CIS](#), [Naviance](#), [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 [CIS](#), [Naviance](#), [Career Onestop](#), or [College Navigator](#)
- ☐ 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: [Create an FSA ID](#) at fsaid.ed.gov and watch [Preparing for the FAFSA Form](#) YouTube video @studentaid
- ☐ Attend financial aid nights/workshops/events
- ☐ Attend college admissions visitation events at your school
- ☐ Research colleges, universities, career-technical 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](#)

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# September 2025

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MON                                                                                                                                                                  | TUE                                                         | WED                                                   | THU | FRI                                                           | SAT                                      |
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| <b>Seniors:</b> Create your <a href="#">FSA ID</a> and watch <a href="#">Applying for Financial Aid</a><br><b>Coordinators:</b> Plan Fall <a href="#">College Application/Paying for College Events</a> | 1 LABOR DAY                                                                                                                                                          | 2 <b>Register for the <a href="#">ASPIRE Conference</a></b> | 3                                                     | 4   | 5 <a href="#">Union Apprenticeship Info Session</a> , 9:30 AM | 6 <a href="#">ACT</a> Testing Day        |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8 <a href="#">Financial Aid 101</a> (Willamette U. Virtual Event)                                                                                                    | 9                                                           | 10 <a href="#">Beat the Odds Scholarship</a> Deadline | 11  | 12 <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline                  | 13 <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day       |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15 <a href="#">Gates Scholarship</a> Deadline<br><a href="#">Top 10 Tips for Supporting the College Search</a> (Willamette U. Virtual Event for Parents & Guardians) | 16 <a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM  | 17                                                    | 18  | 19 <a href="#">SAT</a> Registration Deadline                  | 20                                       |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 22                                                                                                                                                                   | 23 <a href="#">FAFSA Plus+ Training</a> , 12:00 PM          | 24                                                    | 25  | 26                                                            | 27                                       |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 29                                                                                                                                                                   | 30 <a href="#">Southern Oregon Career Trades Expo</a>       |                                                       |     |                                                               | 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 [CIS](#), [Naviance](#), [Career Onestop](#), or [College Navigator](#)
- ☐ Begin researching colleges, universities, career-technical schools and their majors or fields of training
- ☐ Sophomores: Consider taking a [PSAT](#)
- ☐ Utilize [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) 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 YouTube Videos](#) or talk to your counselor
- ☐ Create account in [OSAC Student Portal](#) and apply for [Oregon Promise Grant](#)
- ☐ Private colleges: Find out if they require an additional financial aid application (the [CSS Profile](#)) and explore colleges that accept the [Common Application](#)
- ☐ It's time to get organized: Create a digital calendar and start placing known deadlines and events on your calendar.
- ☐ Attend Financial Aid/College Goal Oregon financial aid nights/workshops/events
- ☐ Attend college fairs and career fairs
- ☐ Attend college admissions fall preview days at the schools you are interested in—If you can't get to campus consider virtual campus tours on many college websites
- ☐ Connect or follow up with recommenders writing your letter(s) of recommendation
- ☐ Finalize portfolios, audition materials or writing samples if required as part of the application
- ☐ Continue to add to your [Activity Chart](#) any new activities, projects, honors, or achievements - Track all hours spent working for pay, volunteering, and working in community activities
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Research college application deadlines (priority and regular deadlines) - some colleges require a applying by a certain date to apply for their college general scholarships—don't miss out!
- ☐ Begin work on essays for college admissions and scholarships; have your ASPIRE Coordinator, ASPIRE mentor, teacher/counselor proofread your work
- ☐ Complete and submit college admissions applications directly or use [Common App](#)
- ☐ Consider [The Role of Social Media in College Admissions—What High School Students Should Know](#)
- ☐ If you've been in foster care, see if you are eligible for [Chafee Education & Training Grant](#)
- ☐ Are you a member of an Oregon Tribe? See if you are eligible for the [OR Tribal Student Grant](#)
- ☐ Explore local, regional, university scholarships

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# October 2025

| SUN                                                                                                                                     | MON                                                                                                                              | TUE                                                                                                       | WED                                                                                                                            | THU                                                                                                                           | FRI                                                                                                                       | SAT                                            |
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| <b>Seniors:</b> Create <a href="#">OSAC Student Portal</a> account<br><br><b>Apply—</b> <a href="#">FAFSA/ ORSAA</a> & OR Promise Grant | <b>Coordinators:</b> Build <a href="#">ASPIRE Awareness</a><br><br>October is <a href="#">Careers in Construction Month</a>      |                                                                                                           | <b>1 APPLY NOW—</b><br><a href="#">FAFSA/ ORSAA</a> OPEN                                                                       | 2                                                                                                                             | 3                                                                                                                         | <b>4</b> <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day       |
| 5                                                                                                                                       | <b>6</b> <a href="#">PNACAC College Fair</a> , Redmond 9AM<br><a href="#">Unpacking App Review</a> (Willamette U. Virtual Event) | <b>7</b> <a href="#">PNACAC College Fair</a> , Rogue CC<br><a href="#">FAFSA Plus+ Training</a> , 3:00 PM | <b>8</b> <a href="#">PNACAC College Fair</a> , Roseburg HS<br><a href="#">Paying for College Webinar</a> —ECMC & partners, 6PM | <b>9</b> <a href="#">PNACAC College Fair</a> , Lane CC<br><a href="#">ABC PNW Craft Championships</a> - registration required | <b>10</b> Preview Day: <a href="#">WOU</a> , <a href="#">OSU-Cascades</a><br><a href="#">Aspiring Educators Day - WOU</a> | 11                                             |
| <b>12</b> <a href="#">NACAC College Fair</a> , OR Convention Center, 1—4:30 PM                                                          | <b>13</b> <a href="#">NACAC College Fair</a> , OR Convention Center, 9AM—12PM                                                    | <b>14</b> OPU Counselor Conference—SOU                                                                    | <b>15</b> OPU Counselor Conference—OSU-Cascades                                                                                | 16                                                                                                                            | <b>17</b> Preview Day: <a href="#">Willamette</a>                                                                         | <b>18</b> <a href="#">ACT</a> Testing Day      |
| 19                                                                                                                                      | 20                                                                                                                               | <b>21</b> OPU Counselor Conference—WOU<br><br><a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM     | <b>22</b> OPU Counselor Conference—UO                                                                                          | 23                                                                                                                            | <b>24</b> <a href="#">SAT</a> Registration Deadline                                                                       | <b>25</b> Preview Day: <a href="#">OR TECH</a> |
| 26                                                                                                                                      | 27                                                                                                                               | 28                                                                                                        | 29                                                                                                                             | 30                                                                                                                            | <b>31</b> Preview Day: <a href="#">George Fox</a>                                                                         |                                                |

# NOVEMBER

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- ☐ Identify your interests and skills to help you focus on your goals — Take [CareerOneStop.org Self-Assessments](https://www.careeronestop.org/self-assessments)
- ☐ Explore career possibilities through [CIS](#), [Naviance](#), or [College Navigator](#)
- ☐ 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 a 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 [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) 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 Admissions—What High School Students Should Know](#)

## SENIOR

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

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# November 2025

| SUN                                                                                             | MON                                                                                                        | TUE                                                                                                              | WED | THU | FRI                                                                                              | SAT                                                                                         |
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| <b>Seniors:</b> Begin <a href="#">OSAC</a> and <a href="#">other scholarship applications</a> . | <b>Coordinators:</b> : November is <i>Career Development, College Application, &amp; Scholarship Month</i> |                                                                                                                  |     |     |                                                                                                  | <b>1 <a href="#">OSAC Scholarship OPEN</a></b><br>Preview Day: <a href="#">OSU-Cascades</a> |
| 2                                                                                               | <b>3 <a href="#">Financial Aid 101</a></b><br>(Willamette U. Virtual Event)                                | 4                                                                                                                | 5   | 6   | <b>7 <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline</b><br><a href="#">Willamette U Counselor Day</a> | <b>8 <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day</b>                                                    |
| 9                                                                                               | 10                                                                                                         | 11                                                                                                               | 12  | 13  | <b>14 Preview Day:</b><br><a href="#">Willamette Arts Day - WOU</a>                              | 15                                                                                          |
| 16                                                                                              | 17                                                                                                         | <b>18 Open House: <a href="#">OR Tech-PDX</a></b><br><br><a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM | 19  | 20  | <b>21 <a href="#">SAT</a> Registration Deadline</b>                                              | 22                                                                                          |
| 23                                                                                              | 24                                                                                                         | 25                                                                                                               | 26  | 27  | 28                                                                                               | 29                                                                                          |
| 30                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                  |     |     |                                                                                                  |                                                                                             |

# 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](http://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 [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) college test prep/practice resources
- ☐ Stay active and involved and look for leadership opportunities
- ☐ 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 [CIS](#), [Naviance](#), [Career Onestop](#), or [College Navigator](#)
- ☐ 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 [FAFSA/ORSAA Filter Tool](#) to identify which financial aid application you need to complete—APPLY
- ☐ Create account in [OSAC Student Portal](#) and complete the [Oregon Promise Grant](#) application—keep all options open
- ☐ Keep your social media clean, positive, and focused on family, positive relationships/activities and your personal accomplishments.
- ☐ Need assistance with your FAFSA/ORSAA? Attend an OSAC Webinar, or attend a local or regional financial aid assistance event/workshop
- ☐ Attend college admission visits at your school
- ☐ Use your holiday break wisely. Keep searching for scholarships—take time and care on your essays—this is how the scholarship committees get to know you
- ☐ Order more official or unofficial transcripts as needed—use for college and scholarship apps
- ☐ Continue to submit your college applications
- ☐ Consider if you need additional or specific letters of recommendations for upcoming apps.
- ☐ Update your resume and activities chart
- ☐ Private colleges: Find out if they require an additional financial aid application (the [CSS Profile](#)) and explore colleges that accept the [Common Application](#)
- ☐ If you've been in foster care, see if you are eligible for [Chafee Education & Training Grant](#)
- ☐ If you haven't, create account in [OSAC Student Portal](#) at OregonStudentAid.gov
- ☐ Are you a member of an Oregon Tribe? See if you are eligible for the [OR Tribal Student Grant](#)
- ☐ Complete and submit college admissions applications directly/or use [Common App](#)
- ☐ Start [OSAC Personal Statements and Activity Chart](#)
- ☐ Explore local, regional, university scholarships
- ☐ Talk to current college students home on holiday break about their post-HS experiences
- ☐ Discuss your future goals and college plans with family/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.

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# December 2025

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

# JANUARY

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- ☐ Utilize [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) 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 [Activities Chart](#): 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 [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) college test prep/practice resources
- ☐ Register to take [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#) - 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 [College Board Big Future Scholarship](#) 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 [Activity Chart](#): Keep track of all activities, 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: [FAFSA/ORSAA Filter Tool](#)
- ☐ Apply for local and regional scholarships
- ☐ Investigate private national scholarships and other student aid programs: [JLVCounseling Scholarships](#), [College Board](#), [Fastweb](#) 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 |
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| <b>Coordinators:</b> National Mentor Month—How will you celebrate your ASPIRE mentors? |     |                                                                                                 |     | 1   | 2                                                   | 3   |
| 4                                                                                      | 5   | 6                                                                                               | 7   | 8   | 9 <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline         | 10  |
| 11                                                                                     | 12  | 13                                                                                              | 14  | 15  | 16                                                  | 17  |
| 18                                                                                     | 19  | 20<br><a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM<br><br><i>#ThankYourMentorDay</i> | 21  | 22  | 23                                                  | 24  |
| 25                                                                                     | 26  | 27                                                                                              | 28  | 29  | 30<br><a href="#">George Fox Scholarship Summit</a> | 31  |

# FEBRUARY

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- ☐ Sign up and utilize [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) 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 [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) college test prep/practice resources
- ☐ If you haven't already, Register to take [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#) 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 [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#)
- ☐ 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: [JLVCounseling Scholarships](#), [College Board](#), [Fastweb](#) and many more...
- ☐ Using your ASPIRE/OSAC [Activity Chart](#), start creating a rough draft of your résumé (extracurriculars, 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
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Check your email and OSAC Student Portal for notifications
- ☐ 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                                                                                            |
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| <b>1</b> <b>Coordinators:</b> <i>National CTE &amp; Financial Awareness Month</i><br>#FinaidFeb<br><i>National School Counselor Week Feb 2-6</i> | 2                                                                                                                                                                                | 3                                                                 | 4   | 5   | <b>6</b> <a href="#">George Fox Scholarship Summit</a>                 | 7                                                                                              |
| <b>8</b> <i>National Apprenticeship Week Feb 9-15</i>                                                                                            | <b>9</b> <a href="#">Financial Aid 102</a><br>(Willamette U. Virtual Event—admitted Srs)                                                                                         | 10                                                                | 11  | 12  | 13                                                                     | <b>14</b> <a href="#">ACT</a> Testing Day<br>Junior Preview Day:<br><a href="#">Willamette</a> |
| 15                                                                                                                                               | <b>16</b> <a href="#">OSAC Scholarship Early Bird Deadline</a><br>Admitted SR Day:<br><a href="#">WOU</a> ; <a href="#">OSU-Cascades</a><br>Preview Day: <a href="#">OR Tech</a> | <b>17</b> <a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM | 18  | 19  | <b>20</b><br><i>National Student Volunteer Day</i><br>#MakeADifference | 21                                                                                             |
| <b>22</b> <i>National Engineers Week, Feb 22-28</i>                                                                                              | <b>23</b> <a href="#">Alumni Career Panel</a> (Willamette U. Virtual Event)                                                                                                      | 24                                                                | 25  | 26  | <b>27</b> <a href="#">SAT</a> Registration Deadline                    | 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, extracurriculars, volunteerism, jobs, leadership roles, awards, etc.)
- ☐ Those interested in a career in the trades explore community college and trade technical programs For more information: [ASPIRE Apprenticeship Webpage](#) and [OregonApprenticeship.org](#)

## 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: [ASPIRE Apprenticeship Webpage](#) and [OregonApprenticeship.org](#)
- ☐ 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: [OregonStudentAid.gov](#), [CollegeBoard](#), [JLVCounseling.com/Scholarships](#), [Fastweb](#) 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 (extracurriculars, volunteerism, jobs, leadership roles, awards, etc.)
- ☐ Learn how money works; take a financial literacy course: [www.fdic.gov/moneysmart](http://www.fdic.gov/moneysmart)
- ☐ Start gathering information on your top choice college costs and include your parents/guardian in financial planning

## SENIOR

- ☐ 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](http://www.fdic.gov/moneysmart)
- ☐ Keep your social media clean and positive

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# March 2026

| SUN                                                                                     | MON                                                                              | TUE                                                                                                                      | WED                                        | THU | FRI                                                                                        | SAT                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 <b>Coordinators:</b> Help students connect with local Community Service opportunities | 2 <a href="#">OSAC Scholarship</a> Deadline                                      | 3                                                                                                                        | 4 <a href="#">Criminal Justice Day—WOU</a> | 5   | 6 <a href="#">True Self (GSA) Day—WOU</a><br><a href="#">George Fox Scholarship Summit</a> | 7 <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline |
| 8                                                                                       | 9                                                                                | 10                                                                                                                       | 11                                         | 12  | 13 Admitted SR Day: <a href="#">Willamette</a>                                             | 14 <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day          |
| 15                                                                                      | 16 <a href="#">Supporting the College Decision</a> (Willamette U. Virtual Event) | 17 <a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM<br><a href="#">PWA NW Careers Expo</a> , OR Convention Center | 18                                         | 19  | 20                                                                                         | 21                                          |
| 22                                                                                      | 23 Preview Day: <a href="#">OSU-Cascades</a>                                     | 24                                                                                                                       | 25                                         | 26  | 27 Admitted SR Day: <a href="#">OSU-Cascades</a>                                           | 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 [summer opportunities](#)—be mindful of application deadlines. Consider employment, academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, service learning, travel, camps, internship shadow opportunities, etc.

## 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 [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#)
- ☐ 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: [Create an FSA ID](#) at fsaid.ed.gov and watch [Preparing for the FAFSA 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](#), [JLV Counseling.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 [FAFSA/ORSAA](#) & [Oregon Promise](#) 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)

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# April 2026

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

# MAY

## 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 [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) college test prep/practice resources
- ☐ Update your [Activities chart](#)—list all clubs, service, activities, employment and leadership
- ☐ Finalize summer plans

## JUNIOR

- ☐ Explore [summer opportunities](#)—be mindful of application deadlines. Consider employment, academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, service learning, travel, camps, internship)
- ☐ Still need to register to take [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#)? 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 [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com) 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: [CommonApp.org](http://CommonApp.org) - 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 orientation (typically in summer or prior to fall attendance)

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and  
ECMC Opportunities Checklists

# May 2026

| SUN                                                    | MON                                                                                           | TUE                                                           | WED | THU | FRI                                                                                                   | SAT                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>National Military Month</i>                         | <b>Coordinators:</b> Host inclusive Decision Day Event (College, trades, military, workforce) |                                                               |     |     | 1<br><a href="#">National Decision Day</a><br><i>School Principals' Day</i>                           | 2 <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day |
| 3 <i>National Teacher Appreciation Week</i><br>May 4-8 | 4                                                                                             | 5                                                             | 6   | 7   | 8 <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline<br><a href="#">Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference—WOU</a> | 9                                 |
| 10                                                     | 11                                                                                            | 12                                                            | 13  | 14  | 15                                                                                                    | 16                                |
| 17                                                     | 18                                                                                            | 19<br><a href="#">OR Goes to College Educator Chat</a> , 9 AM | 20  | 21  | 22                                                                                                    | 23                                |
| 24                                                     | 25                                                                                            | 26                                                            | 27  | 28  | 29                                                                                                    | 30                                |
| 31                                                     |                                                                                               |                                                               |     |     |                                                                                                       |                                   |

# 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 — [www.ecampustours.com](http://www.ecampustours.com) 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 or 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: [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types) & [oregonstudentaid.gov](http://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 [activities chart](#) 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 [Commonapp.org](http://Commonapp.org) 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 [FAFSA or ORSAA](#)
- ☐ 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

**Additional Resources: ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists**

# June 2026

| SUN                                                                                                                            | MON                                                                | TUE | WED | THU | FRI                                                | SAT                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Students:</b> Build Resume/Plan your summer– Consider volunteering, <a href="#">educational programs</a> , or part-time job | <b>1</b> <a href="#">Oregon Promise Grant</a> Application Deadline | 2   | 3   | 4   | <b>5</b> <a href="#">ACT</a> Registration Deadline | <b>6</b> <a href="#">SAT</a> Testing Day  |
| 7                                                                                                                              | 8                                                                  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                                                 | <b>13</b> <a href="#">ACT</a> 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 [activities chart](#) 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

- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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—FAFSA/ORSAA Financial Aid Application opens, college app deadlines, etc.

## SENIOR

- ☐ Verify your final transcript was received
- ☐ 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 [types of student aid](#) you are receiving. If taking loans make sure you understand the responsibility and loan process. Watch @StudentAid [Responsible Borrowing](#) video

**Additional Resources: ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists**

# July 2026

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

# AUGUST

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE

- ☐ Visit college campuses on preview days or 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](http://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 look at [College Board—Big Future](#) or [Career OneStop](#)
- ☐ Use the tools found on the [College Affordability and Transparency Center Website](#) 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

**Additional Resources:** ASPIRE Checklists and ECMC Opportunities Checklists

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