

It's All About You To Do List

Try a sport. Try team sports or start an exercise group. Join a yoga class. Too strenuous? Join the pep club or ask the coach if you can film games, manage equipment, or be a student trainer.

Join a club or start a club. Participate in competitions and fairs.

Go political. Run for student government or work on someone's campaign. Find a cause that interests you and collect signatures for a petition. Help raise funds.

Work on the school newspaper, the yearbook, or the school website. Be a writer, photographer or even a webmaster.

Lend a hand. Help with school activities, work on fundraisers, build floats, decorate for dances, or even plan events.

Get cultured! Join the band or choir. Act in a school play or join a community theater group. Can't act? Paint scenery, sell tickets, be an usher.

Travel-long trips, short trips, day trips- every chance you get.

Volunteer. Give back to the community.

Get a hobby. Check out hobby shops, craft stores and the internet for something interesting.

Set a goal. Train for an event. Learn a new instrument. Audition for a play, a band, or a commercial!

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* **Meet** with your counselor to go over your 4-year course schedule and next step plan. Keep them updated in Naviance throughout high school as you make decisions about what college and majors you're considering.

* **Check** out Naviance in addition to asking both counselors and teachers to keep you informed of any special programs or extracurricular activities for you to get involved in.

* **Get to know** teachers so they get to know you. At some point you may need recommendations for summer programs, scholarships and college applications. Watered-down, generalized recommendations don't help.

* **Research** Naviance for your 'dream' colleges. What are their admission requirements? Are you taking the right courses? (ALSO check the requirements for any specific majors you're considering at that school... note how much math, science, English and foreign language is required.)

* **Register** for the National Scholarships through Naviance. There are hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships available for 9th graders!

* **Make** a list of academic and personal goals. Revise them once a year and update them on your next step plan.

* **Read** newspapers, bulletin boards, even junk mail. Keep your eyes open for cool activities or opportunities such as: summer programs, camps, academic or sport contests, jobs, or volunteering.

* **Create** a file. Get a milk crate and some folders-it doesn't have to be expensive. Keep all your important papers, grades, magazine articles, scholarship opportunities...whatever.

* **Start** your scholarship search. Yep, it's not too soon.

* **Find** fun and interesting ways to volunteer.

* **Start** a log/journal/portfolio, whatever you want to call it, so that you can keep track of your activities, volunteer work, jobs, and who the contact person is. Write down your impressions, especially what you do and don't like about each activity. Gradually, you may begin to see where your interests-and college major lie.

* **Talk** with your parents about how much money may be available for your college education. Not a lot? No problem IF you plan ahead.

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Check volunteer agencies to see which ones give volunteer scholarships. Consider doing your community service hours there.

Join clubs that give scholarships to members. Do this early. Most clubs require at least one year membership for eligibility.

Write your profile to see what scholarship opportunities exist. List where you and your parents shop, bank, buy gas, and you have your utilities. Put them on your list of organizations to contact.

Research Naviance's National Scholarship Site!

5 Top Things Colleges/ Scholarships Are Looking For:

1. CUM GPA
2. ACT/SAT Scores
3. Leadership
4. Extra-Curricular Activities
5. Community Involvement