

SHOREWOOD TWO-YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

JUNIOR/ SENIOR YEAR TASKS

11 TH GRADE	
June, July, August	Visit college campuses. Call ahead for tour and open house schedules. If you don't have a Social Security Number, apply for one. You will need it for work or for college. See counselor in June or August if you do not have a SSN or don't know what to do. Continue community service work for both graduation and college application enhancement. 40 hours needed by spring of senior year.
September	Double check course schedule to be sure you are on track for graduation & college entrance requirements. Join a club or add a sport to your activity list. If you are already involved, consider a leadership position. Start a folder/organization system for college materials.
All Year	Begin or add to your "colleges I'm thinking about" list in Naviance. Attend visits with college reps in the Career Center. You will be sent an invitation through Naviance for college rep visits for any colleges you have added to your "colleges I'm thinking about" list. Attend college & paying for college events at Shorewood. Begin a monthly review of scholarship opportunities listed in Naviance. Identify scholarships for which you can apply either now or in your senior year. Other scholarship websites www.fastweb.com and www.thewashboard.org may also be helpful. Attend college financial aid events at Shorewood.
October-November	Consider attending Seattle National College Fair at downtown Seattle's Washington State Convention Center. For future planning, calculate your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) for the FAFSA, using the fafsa4caster at www.fafsa.ed.gov . If you are a College Bound student, be sure to talk with your counselor or Mrs. Stephens. You and your parents should check the College Bound website periodically: http://www.wsac.wa.gov/PreparingForCollege/CollegeBound Keep that GPA above 2.0! If you would like to play NCAA sports in college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center www.eligibilitycenter.org and pay attention to the course and GPA requirements.
January-February	Plan your senior year schedule/ request a meeting with your counselor if desired. Enroll in appropriate courses, including occupational and technical courses that might earn you college credit. If you are going into college athletics, pay close attention to NCAA requirements. If you have a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher, apply for National Honor Society.
January-April	Prepare for Accuplacer or comparable college placement test. See SW College & Career Center to find out which tests are used at the school(s) of your choice. Come to Career Center visits from community & technical colleges and watch your email for notice of field trips to SCC or other schools. Complete FAFSA4caster on fafsa.gov for estimated EFC.
February - April	Consider college characteristics - private or public? close or far away? options for majors, special programs, travel considerations, etc.? Choices for housing and transportation? Try using the Naviance college search tools to add to your list.
March	Start looking for great summer opportunities: employment, classes, volunteer work, internships. The College and Career Center website has listings.
April	Attend Spring College Night. Athletes who wish to play NCAA sports should complete eligibility. See www.eligibilitycenter.org .
May	Compile list of possible colleges in Naviance "colleges I'm thinking about" list. Upload your resume in Naviance. Create a plan to finish your Community Service hours over the summer.

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Summer	Visit colleges and continue thinking about what will be best for you. Finish the community service hour requirement. Be sure your service is with a nonprofit. For two-year schools, you will not need: personal statement; SAT/ ACT scores; letters of recommendation.
September	Turn in summer Community Service hours to the College & Career Center. Move schools from your Naviance “thinking about” list to your “applying to” list and add other schools. Register for FAFSA PIN at fafsa.gov . Parents and student each need a PIN.
September-December	Attend college reps visits in the Career Center. Keep your grades up to qualify for potential scholarships or maintain College Bound eligibility. Keep Naviance application list current. Separately or within Naviance, create calendar of college application and financial aid deadlines. Begin checking scholarship listings on Naviance. Colleges > Scholarships & Money > Scholarship List and other options. Create profiles through engines such as www.thewashboard.org and www.fastweb.com .
October FAFSA	Attend college & financial aid events at Shorewood. Start the FAFSA on fafsa.gov . (Or the WASFA at readyssetgrad.org/wasfa depending on your status.) Check each college’s financial aid website for information, including priority deadlines & possible required forms in addition to FAFSA. “College Bound” students should indicate this on the FAFSA. Attend a College Goal Washington event for free FAFSA help: http://www.readyssetgrad.org/educators/grad/college-goal-washington
November-December	Consider attending the Seattle National College Fair. If you have not met 40-hour community service requirement, make a plan to finish it and turn forms in to the College & Career Center. Look for Senior Culminating Project information so you are aware of what you need to do for completion.
November-March	Start applications, including student portion (you fill out on the college’s website or by mail) and school portion (use Naviance). Note <u>priority deadlines</u> for financial aid and scholarships. Keep checking Naviance for scholarships.
Spring	Finish college applications according to your deadlines. If choosing Shoreline Community college, finish application and attend free SOAR field trip to register for fall classes. Record outcome of all college applications in Naviance. In your list, click the little pencil and make appropriate selections. Compare financial aid offers from schools. Attend Senior Project Workshop & work on elements of project. Turn in as you complete. Write thank you notes to any teachers/staff who provided letters of recommendation or help with applications.
April	Complete and turn in final Community Service hours by the Friday before Spring Break. Turn in final Senior Culminating Project Tracking Sheet with all evidence. Make decision about where you will attend and record in Naviance.
May	Complete all enrollment/ financial aid steps required by your college.
June	Complete Senior Survey in order to request final transcript. Pick up your Community Service folder from the Career Center. Request that official transcript for future school be sent by the Counseling Office.

****Letters of Recommendation and Personal Statements/Essays are not NOT needed for applications to:** Shoreline; Cascadia; Edmonds; North Seattle; Bellevue; Seattle Central; Lake Washington Institute of Technology. A Letter of Recommendation MIGHT BE NEEDED for a scholarship: check your scholarship applications closely.