

SENIOR CHECKLIST (2009-2010)

August/September

- ___ Complete college visitations.
- ___ Meet with admissions counselors at colleges and/or Loveland High School.
- ___ Finalize list for college applications (3-5 schools).
- ___ Write your essay and have it evaluated (your English teacher is a GREAT resource).
- ___ Develop a college calendar for important deadlines.
- ___ Update your resume (accomplishments, involvement, work experience, etc.).
- ___ Attend the in-state college fair at Thompson Valley HS on September 24, from 6:00-7:30.
- ___ Register to retake the ACT/SAT if necessary.
 - ACT: October 24th, December 12th
 - SAT: October 10th, November 7th, December 5th

October/November

- ___ Ask 3-5 people to complete a letter of recommendation (teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, etc.). As a courtesy, please allow them 2-3 weeks to complete your letter.
- ___ Complete college applications, preferably by Thanksgiving (including letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.). Talk to Loretta in the Counseling Office regarding transcripts.
If you are completing an online application, you still need to send transcripts!
- ___ Attend the out-of-state college fair at Poudre HS on October 6, from 6:00-8:00.
- ___ Apply for a Financial Aid PIN (Personal Identification Number) on the Department of Education website: <http://www.pin.ed.gov>. Both the student and parent need to apply for a PIN. The PIN is used to access the online FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- ___ Apply for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend if you may attend an in-state college or university. Visit: <http://www.collegeincolorado.org/COF/default.aspx> to fill out the online application.

December-February

- ___ Apply for any and all scholarships for which you might qualify.
- ___ Attend Financial Aid Night presentation on January 13, at 7:00, at Loveland High School.
- ___ Complete your FAFSA form by the middle of February and (if required by your college) the CSS Profile.
- ___ Complete your Honors Scholar Diploma hours and class check (no later than December 15th).

March

- ___ Send in housing information if you feel comfortable with your college decision.

April/May

- ___ Evaluate your financial aid information and make **FINAL CHOICE!**
- ___ Write thank-you notes to those who helped you throughout your high school career.