

STEPS TO SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average
- Take at least 1 Honors Class
- Join at least 1 Club or Organization
- Participate in a sport or school related activity
- Perform a minimum of 10 hours per semester of community service
- Have no more than 5 absences
- Job shadow someone in the occupation you want to pursue
- Take 1 PLAN practice test (www.actstudent.org)
- Begin searching for scholarships
- Create a school resume with activities

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Maintain a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average
- Take at least 2 Honors or AP Classes
- Maintain membership in your Club or Organization – Lead a project or hold an office
- Participate in a sport or school related activity
- Perform a minimum of 10 hours per semester of community service activities – Take a leadership role
- Have no more than 5 absences per year
- Visit a college or university
- Job Shadow someone in an occupation of interest
- Take 1 PLAN Practice Test during the months of August or September
- Take 1 ACT Practice Test during second semester
- Analyze your PLAN results and follow the “Suggestions for Improving your Skills”
- Register for a Service Learning Class or Leadership Class
- Apply for Governor’s School
- Take the PSAT
- Take the ACT
- Update your school resume with activities and awards

JUNIOR YEAR

- Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average
- Take at least 2 AP or dual enrollment classes
- Maintain membership in your Club or Organization – Lead a project or become an Officer
- Participate in a sport or school related activity

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- Perform a minimum of 10 hours per semester of community service activities – Take a leadership role
- Have no more than 5 absences per year
- Visit a college or university
- Job Shadow someone in an occupation of interest
- Register for ACT Test Prep class at JCHS
- Take the PSAT – National Merit Scholarship is based on the PSAT scores
- Take the ACT – A 21 on the ACT is required for the HOPE Scholarship
- Attend CNC College Fair and talk with college representatives
- Contact teachers and people in the community for letters of recommendation--be sure to give a copy of your school resume to aid in personalizing letters.
- Explore Scholarship sites
- Athletes – Check out requirements at NCAA Clearinghouse. Contact coaches at your target schools and create a highlight tape and portfolio of relevant articles
- ROTC or Military Academy—Begin nomination process by applying and contacting a congressman for an academy appointment
- Update your school resume with activities and awards

SENIOR YEAR

- Maintain a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average
- Take at least 2 Honors or AP Classes
- Update your school resume with activities and awards
- Maintain membership in your Club or Organization – Lead a project
- Participate in a sport or school related activity
- Perform a minimum of 10 hours per semester of community service activities – Take a leadership role
- Take the ACT in September or October to increase score before early application deadlines
- Have no more than 5 absences per year
- Visit a college or university
- Apply early to colleges to be eligible for merit money. Have someone review your application essays before submission.
- Audition for performance scholarships-music, choir, theater, etc
- Art or architecture students compile portfolio for submission
- Complete FAFSA in early January
- Complete local scholarships
- Submit deposits to confirm enrollment and accept scholarships

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