

## SUMMER, WHAT WILL YOU DO?

There are many ideas on how to spend your time away from school. Colleges are looking for well developed students who use their summer hours to grow into healthy individuals. Here are categories on how to spend your summer hours. Some of them are jobs, volunteer work, academic programs/camps, along with family and friends activities.

### JOB

You should look for jobs that will help your abilities to grow. Think about being a camp counselor, babysitting, mowing grass for an agency that does yard care, and working at a business that incorporates your interests for future job plans.

### VOLUNTEER WORK

Ideas: coach an athletic team of younger students, work with handicapped children at a camp, volunteer to read at a homeless shelter or retirement home, and assist at a humane society/shelter. Offer to participate as a Vacation Bible School teacher, assistant, or playground leader. Develop a fundraising activity, like stuffing backpacks with required school supplies, to help those in

need. Select a situation that will enhance your talent and help you gain confidence in your abilities.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS/CAMPS

These programs/camps are options for students to pursue new areas of study. Attending a science-space camp may stimulate you into a science or mathematics career. Think about becoming an astronaut! Or you could attend a camp that will lead into a career as a lawyer or politician. The possibilities are endless to try a new field of study.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Organize your summer around spending time with your family before your new school year begins in the fall. Remember to make a date to be with family members. They will be your support currently and in future endeavors.

Stimulate your mind and expand your abilities with your summer activities. Your choices are the key to a bright future. \*

\* Case, Susan, *Sensible Summer Plans for High School Students*, pg. 38 Talbot's Student Planning Book, Vol. 38, 2008.

## ACT TEST DATES

REGISTER AT [WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG](http://WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>	<u>High School Code</u>
October 24, 09	Sept. 18, 09	Sept 19–Oct. 2, 09	501-567
December 12, 09	Nov. 06, 09	Nov. 7-20, 09	
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	Jan. 6 - 15, 2010	
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6–19, 2010	
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8– 21, 2010	

## MANAGING YOUR APPLICATIONS

Managing your applications, whether it be scholarships or colleges, should begin in your junior year, yes junior year. Time has a way of slipping away and it is your responsibility to be prepared for the next step in your life.

Students either do not apply for all the scholarships offered or do not follow the guidelines set by the scholarship application. Here are a few tips:

- Start early, a regional and possible national winner was disqualified because the due date was missed by one day.
- Avoid silly and fatal application errors, proof read, someone else proof read, and read it out loud.
- Apply to all that qualify in your future plans, search for scholarships that have been given in your community.
- Remember your accomplishments, keep a file with clippings to highlight what you participated in during the year.
- Check, check, check, requirements, follow directions and never, never, never, ever use white out.

### AUGUST 2009 SCHEDULE

- 17 New Student Orientation
- 20 Registration Day
- 24 First Day of School
- 30 Opening Service

There is a way to remember all that you have accomplished. Create a “BRAG SHEET” on the computer. It will be your responsibility to write down what activities and volunteer hours you have completed. This sheet will help when re-searching for scholarships.

It will be to your advantage for scholarships to let free search sites do the work for you. Register at FinAid.org and FastWeb.com to begin your search process.

Remember if you do not take the initial steps scholarships will be awarded to others.\*

\*Canavan, Kathy, *Scholarship Money Often Goes Unclaimed, do some digging, and it could be in the bag*, USA TODAY, Friday May 15, 2009.

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**DIG IT**

**PLANT IT**

**AND GROW IN  
SERVICE TO GOD**

