

IF YOUR STUDENTS ARE...

YOU COULD OR SHOULD...

RESOURCES TO CONSULT

9th Grade ...**unsure or unaware about college.**
...**concerned about affording it.**

- ◆ Encourage: "It is possible."
- ◆ Remind: "Money shouldn't stop you."
- ◆ Investigate college access organizations.

- ◆ Guidance Office
- ◆ www.mappingyourfuture.org
- ◆ College Bound-St. Louis:
www.collegeboundstl.org
- ◆ Upward Bound, UMSL-Bridge
- ◆ Missouri College Advising Corps:
<http://enrollment.missouri.edu/mcac/index.php>

10th Grade ...**looking to ensure they are on track to graduate.**
...**concerned about unique family and citizenship statuses.**

- ◆ Help identify appropriate classes for graduation.
- ◆ Suggest students register for and take appropriate tests: PLAN, PSAT.
- ◆ Recommend he or she take a practice Accuplacer at St. Louis Community College.
- ◆ Guide, assist, and connect with appropriate resources to clarify legal issues on citizenship, dependency status, etc.
- ◆ Find an internship and gain beneficial job experience and related skills.

- ◆ www.dese.mo.gov
- ◆ Guidance Office
- ◆ http://www.stlcc.edu/Admissions_and_Registration/Getting_Started/Assessment_Placement_Tests.html
- ◆ www.courts.mo.gov
- ◆ www.dss.mo.gov
- ◆ <http://www.lsem.org> (Legal Services)
- ◆ <http://knowhow2go.com>
- ◆ St. Louis Internship Program:
www.st.louisinternship.org

11th Grade ...**getting a jump start on scholarship searches.**
...**planning to attend college.**
...**curious about how much federal aid they are eligible to receive.**
...**investigating where to apply.**

- ◆ Facilitate the gathering of scholarship resources; help complete applications.
- ◆ Assist students as they register for ACT/SAT
- ◆ Guide the planning of college visits.
- ◆ Help student and family complete the FAFSA4caster; determine if student may be eligible for Pell Grant.
- ◆ Assist in comparing school options.
- ◆ Facilitate student's enrollment in AP/IB classes. (Spring semester for Senior Year)

- ◆ www.collegeboard.org
- ◆ www.act.org
- ◆ <http://knowhow2go.com>
- ◆ www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
- ◆ www.finaid.org
- ◆ www.collegeview.com
- ◆ <http://collegeportraits.org>
- ◆ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf>
- ◆ www.ibo.org (International Baccalaureate)

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12th Grade ...applying for college.
 ...looking for scholarships.
 ...wanting to be organized in the process.
 ...planning to file for federal and state financial aid.
 ...looking for an affordable school and wanting to avoid significant debt.

- ◆ Educate and help student consider dual enrollment. (Summer)
- ◆ Help student develop a resume. (August)
- ◆ Confirm eligible students are enrolled in a College Summit class. (August)
- ◆ Connect student with his or her Scholarship Foundation Student Advocate. (September)
- ◆ Assist as student makes a list of colleges, determines deadlines and gathers application materials. Help apply for admission. (September)
- ◆ Encourage student to continue scholarship research and apply early. (October)
- ◆ Remind student to gather financial records, recommendations, transcripts, etc. Keep in one place. (October-May)
- ◆ Help request a student and parent PIN. (December)
- ◆ Assist student and family as they complete the FAFSA early; help them follow up to ensure schools receive information. (January)
- ◆ Guide student as he or she compares financial aid award letters; make note of requirements for renewal. (April-May)
- ◆ Encourage student to take AP/IB exams. (May)

- ◆ www.stlcc.edu/admissions_and_registration/Getting_Started/Dual_Enrollment.html
- ◆ www.collegesummit.org/regions/st-louis
- ◆ www.sfstl.org
- ◆ www.collegeboard.org
- ◆ <http://knowhow2go.com>
- ◆ Scholarship Searches: www.fastweb.com
- ◆ www.pin.ed.gov
- ◆ www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ◆ Live web chat and 1.800.4.FED.AID
- ◆ www.masfap.org: FAFSA Frenzy dates
- ◆ Scholarship Foundation's free workshop series: Financial Aid Basics, FAFSA, and Understanding Financial Aid Award Letters
- ◆ <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jspf>
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1ST YEAR OF COLLEGE ...conscientious about their financial aid.
 ...wanting to renew their gift aid.
 ...seeking academic, financial, and social success on campus.
 ...planning to renew Federal and State aid.
 ...wanting to reduce borrowing.

- ◆ Connect student with Financial Aid Office.
- ◆ Educate on scholarship requirements for renewal; know deadlines and obligations.
- ◆ Identify supports on campus; make a plan of action.
- ◆ Renew the FAFSA early.
- ◆ Apply for new scholarships if necessary.

- ◆ Financial Aid Office
- ◆ TRIO, Student Support Services, & Academic Retention Services
- ◆ Tutoring office, writing center, math lab, etc.
- ◆ www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ◆ Academic departments on campus.