

Junior to Senior Year Checklist

Spring/Summer Before Senior Year

- Think about your future plans after high school and check course requests for the next year
 - Focus on **Career and College Searching**
 - Talk to parents, guardians, siblings, counselors, etc.
- Go on **college visits**, visit college campuses, talk to admissions offices
- Research **job and internship application requirements** (job/internship applications, college applications, etc...)
- Gather information on military (see below)
- Look into jobs, volunteering, or gaining work experience
- Make sure you are on track to meet **graduation requirements**
- Start creating and building your **résumé**

Fall of Senior Year

- Join a club or sport! Get involved! Ask your counselor if you need a place to get started
- Sign up for Remind 101 if you are not already for important updates for your class
- Continue thinking about options and **plans for after high school**
 - Attend College/University (Technical, 2 year, 4 year)
 - Joining the Military
 - Apprenticeship
 - Job Corps (www.jobcorps.gov)
 - Workforce
 - Training and Certification Programs
 - Billings Adult and Community Education (www.billingsadultcommunityed.org/)
- Attend the **College/Career Fair** at MSUB
- Gather information on the **Military**
 - Talk to **military recruiters**
 - Decide on which branch of military you may be interested in
 - Take or retake the **ASVAB**
- Gather and complete **applications for jobs and internships**
- Gather and complete **applications to the schools** you are considering
 - Apply during **College Application Week** for waived or deferred application fees
 - Talk with college representatives, visit college websites, sign up to visit with college representatives when they are at Senior High
 - Pay attention to deadlines for admission, scholarships, housing, etc
 - Narrow down your list of colleges** and know the application and financial aid information for each school
- Gather information about **Financial Aid**
 - Attend the financial aid night at Senior
 - Complete your **FAFSA (Opens on Oct. 1st)**
 - Start applying for **scholarships** (bshscounseling.weebly.com)
- Review the **NCAA/NAIA Eligibility Standards** if you are planning on playing sports in college and register with the NCAA/NAIA Clearinghouse if you haven't already
- Register to Retake the ACT or SAT** if you want to improve your score
 - act.org or collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat
- Review **Graduation Requirements**. Make sure you are taking all of the classes you need in order to graduate, and the ones that will prepare you for your future.
- Complete/Submit** applications (college or job)
 - Make sure you have a completed and updated résumé
 - Ask for letters of recommendation if needed
- Line up people to **write letters of recommendation** (choose people who actually know you- for example: teacher/counselor, employer/volunteer supervisor, community member.) Give them plenty of time to write the letter(s).


Spring of Senior Year

- ❑ Stay on top of your final spring semester classes
 - ❑ You still need to pass these classes in order to graduate!
- ❑ Continue to **apply for scholarships**
 - ❑ Be sure to watch deadlines!
- ❑ Make sure to complete your **FAFSA** by Feb. 1st.
- ❑ If you are **college bound**, **finalize your plans** to attend:
 - ❑ Send your transcript to colleges you are interested in or have been accepted to
 - ❑ Once you have made your decision, make sure you do the following:
 - ❑ Communication with the admissions office to make sure they have all of the information needed to finalize your enrollment
 - ❑ Attend orientation at your college/university
 - ❑ Apply for housing
 - ❑ Apply for college/university-specific scholarships
- ❑ Finalize your **plans for after high school**
 - ❑ Send in job/apprenticeship/volunteer/internship **applications**
 - ❑ Update your **résumé**
 - ❑ Communicate with your employers
 - ❑ Communicate with your military recruiter

Helpful Websites:

- Senior High Website
 - www.billingsseniorhigh.com
- Senior High Counseling Website
 - www.bshscounseling.weebly.com
- **Scholarships:**
 - Senior High Counseling Website
 - bshscounseling.weebly.com
 - ReachHigherMontana.org
 - Scholly
<https://app.myscholly.com/reachhighermontana>
 - FAFSA <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
 - Check with each College/ University for specific scholarships

● **Career Path Information:**

- Mtcis.intocareers.org
- <http://www.mus.edu/MCP/>
- **Career Cruising** via PowerSchool
 - Log on to Powerschool
 - Click on box in top right hand corner---> 
 - This will direct you to Career Cruising
- **Inspire Billings**
 - Access through Career Cruising
 - Opportunities to connect with employers in Billings and set up internships, job shadowing experiences, and more!

Remind 101 Info:

- **Sign up for BSHS Counseling's Class of 2020 messages:**
- **To receive messages via TEXT:**
 - Enter phone #: **406-206-9288**
 - Enter message: **@bshs20** ***You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @bshs20'.*
- **To receive messages via EMAIL:** Email: bshs20@mail.remind101.com
- Subject: (You can leave the subject blank)
- ***To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line*