

Class of 2025

senior timeline

August

- Schedule a one-on-one advising appointment with your UB advisor to start the college conversation!**
- Explore and research colleges you are interested in attending next fall and create a list of 3-5 that you would like to apply to.
- Submit your application to Colorado Mesa University!**
- Create a scholarship list with your UB advisor that includes deadlines, materials needed, and amounts.
- Attend the "Application August" Saturday session on **August 24** to start applying!
- Develop a rough draft of your scholarship essay.

September

- Start the **Boettcher Scholarship** application when it opens on **September 1**.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, employers, or your UB advisor. Provide them with your resume and information about the scholarships you're applying for.
- Attend the **Upward Bound Family Night before the Colorado Council College Fair** on Monday, **September 16** at Grand Junction High School.
- Start applying for the scholarships on your list! Talk with your Upward Bound advisor about the **Daniel's Fund Scholarship**, which opens on **September 15th**
- Attend the **September Scholarship Session** with your parents to learn more about the FAFSA, scholarships, and more!
- Log into StudentAid.gov and create your FSAID. Have your parent/guardian create an FSAID as well.

October

- File your FAFSA on **October 1st** or ASAP! Many grants & state-based aid is awarded on a first-come first-served basis.
- Attend the Western Colorado College Fair in Aspen on **October 6** with Upward Bound!
- If applying, submit the **Daniels Fund Application** by the **October 15 deadline**.
- Apply to Colorado colleges & universities for free during **Free App Days, October 15-17**.
- Complete your **Boettcher Scholarship** materials and send to your UB advisor for proofreading! Complete the **Colorado Mesa University Scholarship Application** which opens **October 1**
- Register for second semester concurrent enrollment classes with your College & Career Advisor.

November

- Submit the **Boettcher Scholarship** application by the **November 1 deadline**.
- Finish **submitting all college applications** on your college list.
- Create a file for your college acceptance letters, scholarship awards, and financial aid awards-- **make sure to share them with your UB advisor!**
- Check in with the schools you listed on your FAFSA to see if you need to submit additional documentation.
- Research additional scholarships for Colorado students and complete their applications.
- Apply for housing** and a meal plan if you are planning to live on-campus. *Keep in mind that housing deposits range from \$200-\$500.*

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December

- Request updated, end of second quarter, transcripts be sent to colleges you applied to!
- Continue applying for scholarships and updating your scholarship list with your UB advisor.

January

- If you've taken concurrent enrollment classes, request official college transcripts be sent to all colleges you applied to!
- Update your scholarship list** with important spring scholarship deadlines!

February

- Complete Western Colorado Community Foundation scholarship application on **February 1**.
- If you've taken Advanced Placement courses, register for upcoming exams.
- You should start receiving your financial aid packages from colleges. **Meet with your UB advisor** to compare your awards!

March

- If you have not received official admission decisions from all colleges you applied to, you need to call their admissions office to ensure your application is in review.
- Create financial aid budget with your UB advisor** to help compare financial aid offers from colleges.
- Complete **Reisher Ready Scholarship** application!
- Begin planning for high school graduation!

April

- Confirm your enrollment** with the college you are planning to attend!
- Work with your UB Advisor to appeal any financial aid if you are eligible for.
- Work with your UB advisor, CCA, and HS counselor to find and **apply for local scholarships**.

May

- Take any Advanced Placement exams.
- Complete any concurrent enrollment courses.
- If you are staying in Colorado, **authorize the College Opportunity Fund (COF)**.
- Attend the **Upward Bound End-of-Year Banquet and Celebration on May 1!**
- Write thank-you notes for any scholarships you have received or to any teachers that wrote recommendations.
- Celebrate your graduation!**
- Register for orientation**--the earlier the better as this is where you will register for classes!
- Request your final high school transcript**, showing your graduation date, to your college.
- If you took concurrent enrollment classes, **submit your updated college transcripts**, showing your spring grades.

June - August

- Work with your UB Advisor during the **summer bridge program!**
- Submit your immunization records to your college. You may need additional immunizations like meningitis for some colleges
- Attend orientation and register for classes.
- Connect with your assigned roommate** to decide on who is bringing what to your room
- Finalize your financial aid** offers and create your college budget.
- Fulfill any outstanding scholarship or financial aid requirements.
- Create your **campus arrival plan**, keeping track of your move-in time, welcome schedule, and any parent events.
- Connect with your college's **TRiO Student Support Services (SSS)** office to inquire about their application.
- Buy your **parking pass!**
- Pick up your **student ID** card!
- Research & apply to **on-campus jobs!**