

JOURNEY TO COLLEGE

(Check List)

FRESHMAN YEAR:

- Excel in English, Math, and Science. Earn good grades!
- Focus on education. Seek positive role models.
- Be organized and manage your time well.
- Know your school rules, policies, and calendar.
- Meet your school counselor.
- Understand how your GPA is calculated on your academic transcript.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- Attend class daily and participate in class discussions.
- Learn to adapt to different teachers and teaching styles.
- Take good notes, complete all assignments and establish good study habits.
- Learn how to handle stress. Make good choices.
- Use free services available in your school and community.
- Earn good grades and do extra credit whenever possible.
- Set goals that are specific, measurable, attainable and write them down.
- Identify your interests, abilities, and aptitudes.
- Attend tribal meetings and functions.
- Get involved in school and community activities.
- Challenge yourself! Take advanced placement courses if offered.
- Explore career possibilities at job fairs, job shadow day, volunteer, etc...
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your plans for college.
- Explore and evaluate a variety of educational opportunities.
- Attend and participate in college and career fairs.

JUNIOR YEAR:

- Make a list of the top ten colleges you would like to attend.
- Select colleges with strong American Indian support services and programs.
- Apply for summer programs offered by colleges and universities.
- Research scholarships available to Native American Students.
- Prepare for and take the ACT/SAT. Re-Test if necessary.

SENIOR YEAR:

- Create and use a timetable for admission and scholarship deadlines.
- Seek out individuals early to recommend you for scholarships.
- Narrow college choices to 3 top schools.
- Complete all applications prior to deadlines.
- Request application fee waivers from colleges, if necessary.
- Develop a personal resume and letter of interest.
- Complete the free FAFSA Form as prior to March 1st.
- Keep copies of any school/organization applications or paperwork.
- Take responsibility for your education. Ask questions and do your own research.
- Participate in your future colleges "New Student Orientation."
- Get academic advisement before registering for classes.
- Research the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (need 3.30 GPA or higher).
- Meet with the campus American Indian Support Services Center.
- Thank those who have helped and supported your decision to attend college.
- Attend college, earn a bachelors degree.
- Give back to the Indian community.
- Contact the American Indian Graduate Center & continue learning.