

2024 Senior Information from the SHS College & Career Center

Seniors should be planning for what they intend to do after they graduate –

Options are:

- a. Get a Job/start a **Career Job**
- b. Take a **Gap Year** (travel or earn money for school)
- c. **Military**
- d. **Apprenticeship** in one of the Skilled Trades
- e. Attend a **Technical** or **Trade School** (Career School)
- f. Attend a **Community College** or **4-year College** or **University**.

1. **Seniors looking for part time jobs or career jobs**, the SHS College & Career Center Canvas page displays a **Part time Job Board** and a **Senior Job Board**. More jobs are added starting in the February/March.
2. **Joining the Military** – Recruiters are available during lunch in the Commons, each branch once monthly.
 - Seniors can enlist in one of the military branches.
 - Seniors can apply for an ROTC program at one of the college campus' (tuition free).
3. **Apply for an Apprenticeship** in a skilled trade (learn a trade and work at the same time)
 - a. [7th Annual Apprenticeship Career & Job Fair](#) (AJAC & Sno-Isle), November 16, 4-7 p.m. at Sno-Isle Tech Skills Center. (Culinary, Healthcare, Carpentry, Maritime, Electricians, Construction, Manufacturing)
 - b. **Trade Up Event for our Seniors/Juniors**, April 18, 2024, this is an interactive field trip where students take a bus, to the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. All day event trying out different trades. Lunch is provided.
 - c. Check out the Washington State Dept of Labor & Industries website, "Become an Apprentice" <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/apprenticeship/become-an-apprentice>
 - d. Contact the local labor union office to ask about apprenticeship programs available.
4. **Community Colleges/Technical/Trade schools** – 34 community and technical colleges in Washington. (Apply in the spring)
 - a. There offer a **wide variety of skills**...Culinary...Automotive...Veterinary Tech...Park Ranger Academy...Fire Academy...Cyber Security...Nursing...just to name a few.
 - b. If you are planning on applying to a **technical/trade school in Washington**, please be aware of the application deadline.
 - Search for a program at a community college/technical school through the [College Program Search](#).
 - [Explore Our Colleges](#) and get a list of all 34 community & technical colleges in WA.
 - c. Applying to **Everett Community College**:
 - Visit their [How To Apply](#) web page. This has a lot of information to answer your questions like, admission qualifications...when do I apply...application processing time etc.
 - In the springtime, EvCC holds an Application Workshop at SHS, during school, to help students apply.
 - b. **AMTEC** – is a part of EvCC and has training for individual certificates or for taking an entire program.

- **Advanced Manufacturing Training & Education Center offers a hands-on education in a variety of options: Precision Machining, Mechatronics (Robotics/Automation), Manufacturing, Engineering Technology (CAD), Composites, Welding and Fabrication.**
- Career Services is available to help find a job upon completion of a program! They offer tours and information sessions!

5. **Don't know what I want to do when I grow up????** If you don't know what you want to do once you graduate, take an "Interest Survey."

- a. An interest survey might spark an area or occupation that shows you having strong skills in an area that you may not have thought about before. Career Interest Surveys: <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip> is one of my favorites. WA Career Bridge Career Quiz https://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/Survey_Cluster.aspx

6. **Attending a College/University next fall? What should I be doing?**

- Seniors should be narrowing down their list of colleges they want to apply to.
- When applying, each college application has an application fee. There are fee waivers available for eligible students. (Free & Reduced Lunch and Alumni, friend/relative waivers)
- Visit the college websites and find out when the **Application and Scholarship deadlines** are. Deadlines start as early as **November 15th (UW)** and end as late as **March 31st (WSU)**. The college's scholarship deadlines usually occur earlier.
- Ask a teacher for a **letter of recommendation**. Not all college applications require it, but some scholarships do. Fill out the Letter of Rec **"Fillable Form"** and give it to the teacher. Get this done soon!
- Applications - Most college applications across the country are either the **Common App** (one application for over 1000 schools), **Coalition** or the **college's own application**. California colleges, have their own **two types** of applications.
- Make sure to start the application early, in time to gather any needed information and complete it by the deadline.
- Write a **personal statement or essay** if one is required. Make sure to get additional help with proofreading.
- Try to **visit the college campus'** that you have applied to...each college campus has a different feel to it.
- Attend **College Visits** in the College & Career Center. (WWU, Gonzaga, Eastern, Oregon State, U of Oregon and Bellevue College.)
- Senior applicants will receive a **Financial Award Letter** from each college they apply to. These letters will show the **cost of tuition/housing/fees** along with any **grants, scholarships, loan offers and Work study opportunities** that are offered to the applicant. Take these into consideration when making your final decision.

December starts Scholarship Season! This season usually runs between December and April.

Where can I find Scholarships?

- [SHS College & Career Center webpage](#) there is a **Scholarship tab** with scholarship search engines...sign up for some of these search engines!
 - Read College & Career Center Canvas announcements – I send out an **Extensive Scholarship Spreadsheet** as often as I need to update it.
 - [Local Scholarship Program](#) – Snohomish Education Foundation runs this program with the district's C & CC's. Last year SHS seniors received over \$125,000. Opens in early February!
 - 1) [Washboard.org](#) is the scholarship clearing house that we run the Local Scholarship Program through. Please go to Washboard.org and fill out a profile or update the one you already have.
 - 2) The directions for this scholarship application can be found on the [SHS College & Career Center webpage](#) and in a Canvas announcement.
 - 3) **Deadline is usually in March.**
 - 4) Not all applicants will receive a scholarship. Scholarships range from \$200 - \$5000, with a few of them being renewable for 4 years.
 - a. [Washington State Baccalaureate Scholarship](#) – STEM & Healthcare scholarship opens in Dec/Jan. Receive up to \$22,500. Medium household income scholarship.
 - b. [Scholarships for Military Children](#) will be available in the spring.
 - c. [American Indian Scholarships](#) will be available in December.
 - d. **Many more to come! Watch the Bulletin and Canvas Announcements.**
7. [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [Washington Application for State Financial Aid \(WASFA\)](#)– If you plan on attending any type of school in the fall, please fill out either the FAFSA or WASFA. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security number, then you would fill out the WASFA. Colleges/Trade/Tech schools use this to determine the financial aid they give to their applicants.

If you have questions, please contact me!

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