

## **Twelfth grade**

You are in the home stretch!

\_College will request your senior grades before making a final decision on your application, so keep up your studies!

\_Register for the October or November STA/ACT if needed.

\_Talk with your counselor to find out your school's procedures for processing transcripts, college applications and scholarship applications.

\_Attend college nights and financial aid workshops.

\_Ask your teachers and counselor to write any required recommendations as early as possible. You want to give them plenty of time to think and write. Remember to say thanks!

\_Start on your applications as soon as you receive them. Practice filling out photocopies of the forms before you fill you the originals. Have someone read over them for mistakes. You can actually apply online to most schools. Make sure everything is correct before you send it e-mail.!

\_Keep things organized. Your counselor can help you with this!

### **Applying for Financial Aids**

\_Attend financial aid workshops.

\_Have you investigated all possible sources of aid? Secure the forms you need and note the deadlines. Apply for scholarships and grants.

\_Investigate student loans.

\_Complete the FAFSA after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Getting Accepted and Going to College**

\_Compare letters of acceptance and financial aid packages from the colleges you applied to before making a final decision. If the financial aid package is insufficient to meet your needs, or you don't understand something, contact the financial aid office at the college for help.

\_You may want to send housing deposits to your top two or three choices. This will reserve you a dorm room. Once your final choice is made, most colleges will refund this deposit if you notify them soon enough.

\_You will need to make your final decision no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.

\_Write or call all of the colleges to which you were admitted but will not be attending to inform them of your decision.

\_Congratulations! You did it! Get set for your new adventure in college. Be sure to participate in your college's orientation program for incoming freshmen. May God continue to bless you in your future endeavors! **"...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."** Philippians 1:6