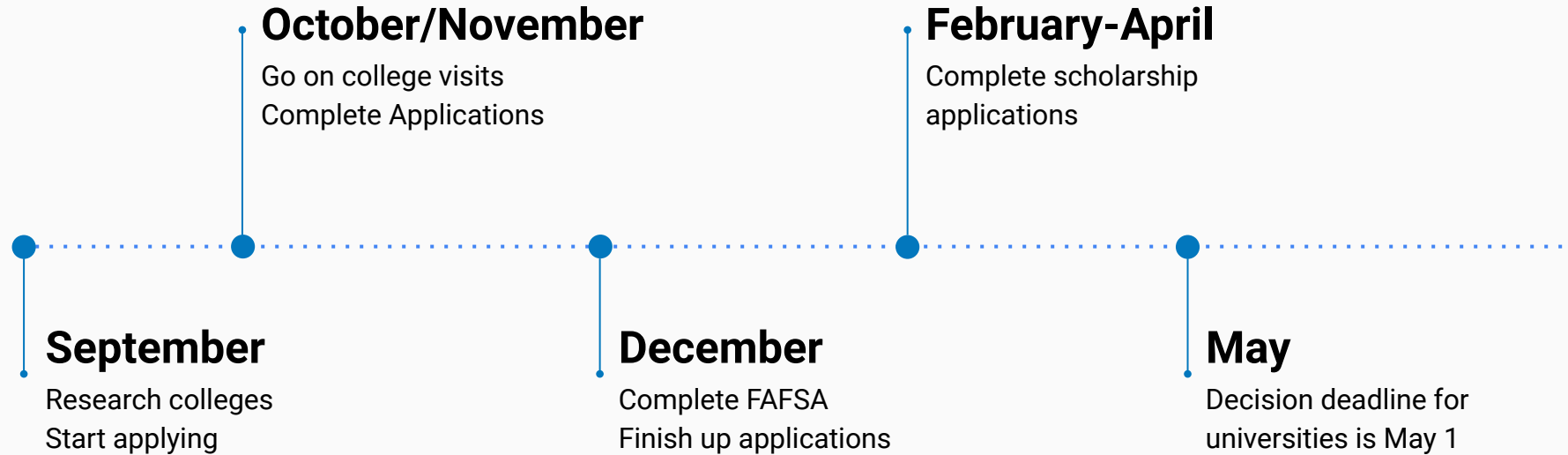


College Process

Senior Parent Night



Timeline



Choosing a College

Research Colleges

2 yr vs 4 yr

Major

Cost

Location

Size

www.careercruising.com

(arthurhigh/careers)

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

Attend college reps

Reps come to ALAH

Attend meetings during Flex

Learn about the college and
their admissions process

Upcoming visits - Lake Land,
Parkland, U of I, Millikin

Visit, Visit, Visit

**Go to college website for dates
and to register**

3 college days

Oct. 9 - No School

Open Houses at

- EIU, SIUE, SIU, ISU, U of I
- Millikin, Parkland, Lake Land

Application Process

2 year college

Apply online at anytime.

No admission requirements.

Certain programs (nursing, health professions, diesel, etc) have deadlines and admission req. Check school website for specifics.

4 year university

Apply online. Check website for deadlines.

Research admission requirements.

Apply early to qualify for merit scholarships.

Many deadlines are Nov. 1/Dec. 1 for scholarships.

Parkland vs Lake Land

Students can attend either.

Parkland is approx. \$5000

Lake Land is approx. \$4000

Parkland admission letter will say student is out-of-district if they live in Arthur or Lovington. Bill will be at in-district tuition rate.

Parkland Pathway program - admitted to Parkland and U of I

Application Requirements

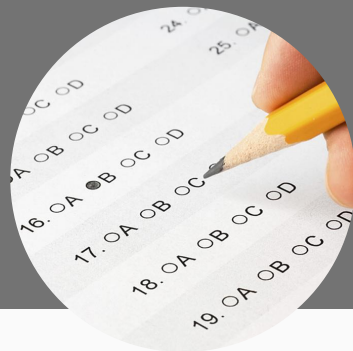


Application

Sign up for account on college website.

CommonApp.org

Fee waiver for students on free/reduced lunch. See school counselor.



Transcript/SAT

Sign up for Parchment to have HS transcript sent by Mrs. Hart.

Dual credit transcripts sent from colleges.



Letters of Recommendation

Ask teacher/counselor at least one week in advance. Give them a resume or info sheet with your accomplishments.



Essay

Have essay proofread.

If optional, consider writing if your GPA and ACT are low for the admission requirements.

Merit Scholarships

No extra application in most cases.

Automatically qualify with certain GPA.

EIU - 3.0 GPA = up to \$2,000/yr

ISU - Nov 1, 3.0 GPA = up to \$5,000/yr

Check college for details.

Scholarships

[ALAH High School website](#)

- Check often for updates. Some in fall.
- Most due in March and April.
- Ask teachers for recommendations letters at least one week early.

College website

- Check college websites for scholarships they offer.
- Lake Land Foundation Scholarships - new dates November 1 - February 1.

Use 3rd party sites. Don't pay! www.fastweb.com www.goingmerry.com

Financial Aid

www.fafsa.gov

[Net price calculator](#) on college
web sites.

Application is available sometime
in December.

Currently undergoing changes to
simplify the process.

Financial Aid Night - TBD

FAFSA Completion Night - TBD

Things to do - Students

Avoid procrastinating to keep
the process manageable.

Research

Visit

Apply to college

NCAA Eligibility for athletes

Apply for financial aid

Apply for scholarships

Make your decision



Tips for Parents

- Allow your students to take ownership of the process
- Help student stay organized and meet deadlines
- Proofread essays and applications
- Take advantage of days off of school for college visits
- Talk to your child about financing for college education
- Attend Senior Financial Aid nights
- Help your child complete the FAFSA
- Help your child prioritize options and make decisions