

TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COLLEGE PREP TIMELINE



KC Scholars' goal is that at least 75 percent of students in the program will complete a college degree. To reach this goal, KCS is collaborating with Missouri College Advising Corps, K-State College Advising Corps, and National College Advising Corps to provide high-quality college advising services. This timeline of activities will help keep you on track to enroll and succeed in college.

Studies show that students who complete these activities are more likely to enroll, persist, and graduate from college. You can also use this timeline as a checklist by keeping track of your progress in the 'Date Completed' column. We encourage you to complete activities during the months indicated below. Your school-embedded or hybrid college adviser can help you if you need assistance.

	DATE COMPLETED	2018							2019					
		JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Attend KCS Orientation														
Check-in with adviser at least once a month														
Attend a college fair or meet with at least one college rep														
Attend ACT prep sessions (if available)														
Take the ACT* (test dates listed on timeline)					SEP 8	OCT 27		DEC 8		FEB 9				
Complete at least three scholarship applications														
Complete the FAFSA by February 1														
Complete at least three college applications														
Attend at least one campus visit														
Attend at least one financial literacy event														
Attend a Decision Day event														
Review financial aid award package with adviser														
Complete college transition activities														
Submit senior year documents to KCS														
Enroll in freshman orientation sessions at your institution														

* We suggest that you take the ACT at least two times during high school.

GLOSSARY

One-on-One Award Letter Meeting	One-on-one award letter meetings are individual meetings between an adviser and a student to discuss financial aid award letters that students receive from institutions.
ACT	The ACT is a standardized college admissions test with four required subject sections (English, math, reading, and science), and an optional essay section.
ACT/SAT Prep	ACT/SAT prep may include taking self-directed practice exams, enrolling in an ACT prep course at school, attending prep workshops in the community, or using online test prep resources.
Campus Orientation	Campus orientation is an event hosted by an institution that provides incoming students with an opportunity to learn more about the college or university they will be attending.
Campus Visit	A campus visit is a tour of a college/university campus. Students and their families can schedule a campus tour to learn more about an institution's academic, cultural, and social environment.
College Decision Day	In partnership with National Decision Day (May 1), Decision Day celebrations and activities spotlight students' acceptance to postsecondary institutions.
College Fair	A college fair is a gathering of college admissions representatives at which students have the opportunity to learn more about various institutions.
College Rep Meeting	College admissions representatives can meet with prospective students to share information about their colleges and universities. Meetings are often held at high schools or at college fairs.
College Transition Activities	Pre-enrollment activities include submitting housing contracts and deposits, registering for campus orientation sessions, setting up student email accounts, or submitting any documents required by an institution.
FAFSA	The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that students and their families complete to apply for federal grants, loans, and work-study funding, and to determine their eligibility for additional state funding.
Financial Literacy	Financial literacy topics include but are not limited to: college savings, debt management, banking, credit, budgeting, tax preparation, defaulted loan resolution, etc.
KC Scholars Orientation	Orientation sessions are held in June to inform scholarship recipients about KC Scholars program components and student expectations. All KCS scholarship recipients are required to attend an orientation session.
KC Scholars Senior Year Documentation	Prior to the end of their senior year of high school, students in the traditional and college savings match programs must submit documentation of EFC per FAFSA student aid report, documentation of college acceptance and enrollment, and documentation of minimum 2.5 GPA and high school graduation. All documents will be electronically submitted to the KC Scholars online scholarship portal.
Monthly Adviser Check-in Meeting	A monthly advisor check-in meeting is an interaction with a student in an individual or group cohort setting in which the adviser checks in with the student to track their progress toward completion of college access benchmarks. These meetings can be conducted in person or via phone, text, or email.
Workshops	Workshops are designated events specifically focusing on one college access topic. These events may be open to students or to the larger community.