

Checklist for Horatio High School Seniors

August-September

- _____ Establish and maintain a valid email address. We STRONGLY suggest a gmail account.
- _____ Send a text message to **81010** to get on the Remind 101 messenger. Enter code **@horatio17**.
- _____ Send an email to **hhscoun@horatioschools.org** to get informational emails. Include name and grad year.
- _____ Register for ACT (Last test date for scholarship deadline is December) Believe it or not, you can improve your score by taking the test again. ***Arkansas Challenge ONLY criteria is a minimum of a 19!*** That's \$14,000 to assist with college if you have at least a 19 on the ACT.
- _____ Keep your grades up! This year is just as important as all the coursework from 9th-11th grade.
- _____ Consider your college options. Decide what is important to you: Location? Curriculum? Size? Diversity? Athletics?
- _____ Start keeping an eye on local newspapers and college websites for college nights and open house at colleges of interest. They will be held throughout the year.
- _____ Be aware of your Grade Point Average. This is a major factor in scholarships.

October-November

- _____ Complete college admission applications and be admitted! (Some do/don't require a separate scholarship application) See what your college wants!
- _____ Get some pointers on writing admission essays and scholarship essays. Some colleges may require these.
- _____ You may also need letters of recommendation. It's a great idea to use former employers. Also if you are involved in church or volunteer groups, that is a plus. Admission officers and scholarship providers will want to see evidence of your leadership and commitment to service.
- _____ Search for scholarship opportunities (Ex: www.tasseltime.com Login: hhsliions Password golionsgo
www.fundmyfuture.com)
- _____ Some colleges have an Early Decision Deadline of November 1 or 15. Know what your college requires.
- _____ FAFSA applications may start being submitted by October 1. You will use your 2015 Tax information.
- _____ Parent/Student attend our Fall Financial Aid meeting. It will be during Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- _____ Work with Mrs. Ginger/Ms. Veronica in acquiring a PIN (electronic signature for FAFSA) for you and your parent.

December- January

- _____ Check scholarship deadlines
- _____ Get a jump on things by estimating your “Expected Family Contribution- EFC.”
- _____ Understand the steps in completing the FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
The online address is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- _____ Apply for Arkansas Department of Education aid at www.adhe.edu

February-March

- _____ Be sure to send in scholarship applications on time. Several colleges have spring deadlines.
- _____ Start looking for your Student Aid Report (SAR). You will be contacted my mail or email.
- _____ Schedule a “College Day” to visit the college of your choice.

April-May

- _____ The deadline for local scholarships within our school is **Feb 19th** .
- _____ Provide Mrs. Ginger with any letters you receive awarding you scholarships.
- _____ Your transcript will be sent electronically to the Department of Higher Education at the end of the Spring semester.
- _____ Fill out transcript requests and leave with Mrs. Ginger/Ms. Veronica for every school you need a transcript sent to.

New Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

Take advantage of the new online universal application. It’s your one-stop shop for state and lottery funded financial aid. For more information on how to apply visit www.adhe.edu. With the application you can:

- Search and apply for scholarships and grants
- Create your account and check your status
- Receive alerts and notices through email and manage your account 24/7
- **Need to accept Challenge before June 1st. Be sure and have the college you plan to attend listed.**

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Be an Arkansas resident and US citizen/lawful permanent resident
- **Achieve a 19 on the ACT or the equivalent score**

For Office Use Only

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Official Transcript Release Form

Horatio High School
1101 Metcalf PO Box 435 Horatio, AR 71842
Office: 870-832-1900 Fax: 870-832-1951

Name of Student: _____

Maiden name or name under which you attended: _____

Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Grade: _____ Birth Date: _____

Graduate: Yes No Last Year of Attendance: _____

Authority is hereby granted to Horatio High School to release my transcript and all standardized test scores, including college entrance exams and AP scores, to the college, organization, or individual indicated. Permission is given to pick up _____ or send _____ my transcript to the party listed below.

Please send my transcript to:

College, Agency, Organization, or Individual

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Transcript Fee-**\$2.00** (*Free to High School Seniors*)

Number of Copies _____

First Transcript is **FREE**

Amount Paid _____

24 HOUR NOTICE ON ALL TRANSCRIPTS

Students 18 years of age or older must grant permission to have their transcript mailed, or picked up. Students younger than 18 years of age must have a parent signature (FERPA).