

## Seniors College Information Steps

1. Use SCOIR and review your saved careers.
2. Looking at the educational/training requirements for the career find colleges and universities that provide what you need and begin following them in SCOIR.
3. Use the resources found in the Counselor Resources part of the website to determine what a good college fit is for you. Links to websites and search engines are provided as well as documents that may be helpful.
4. The counselor will meet with you after a presentation on college and financial aid in senior seminar. Be ready to discuss possible majors and colleges of interest.
5. Go to the National College Fair held every fall in Boise if you still haven't found a college or need help narrowing the search.
6. Go to college websites and look for the following:
  - a. Application Information/Requirements
  - b. Are there SAT subject tests required or recommended? (Physics, Chemistry, Spanish, etc)
  - c. How much is the application fee?
  - d. When is the application due date?
  - e. Is there an early decision application due date? Early decision gives students that are accepted priority for financial aid and registration. You also have a better chance of getting in a priority school if you do the early application.
7. Once you have decided on a school or several schools you are applying to then show this in SCOIR. The counselor will then get an email once you mark it as "applied" and will upload any required documents and send them to the colleges.
8. If there are letters of recommendation required or suggested please give the adult you are asking to write the letter at least three days' notice of when you need it. Same with a counselor form you may need to have filled out - give her three days' notice of when you need it.
9. Look on the college website for financial aid and scholarship information. Some schools will not allow you to apply for these until you have been accepted.
10. Submit your FAFSA application. This will be available on October 15<sup>th</sup> of your senior year. The sooner you apply the more chance you will have of getting some money.
11. Look for the financial aid application due date for each college you are applying to. There may be a separate form for some of the colleges in addition to the FAFSA.