

# Counselor's Currents January 2024

## January To Do:

### Seniors ~

- ★ Watch for college acceptance letters
- ★ Complete your FAFSA
- ★ Be prepared for financial aid verification. The colleges may request documents to verify your FAFSA information
- ★ Expect financial aid offers from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA

### Juniors ~

- Prepare for the ACT. Look at test-prep options, including [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)
- Focus on your career interests by taking a career assessment

## Winter break is a good time for college prep!

Here are a few things you can do:

### Seniors, complete your FAFSA

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be opening by December 31, 2023. Need help? Use EducationQuest's free FAFSA Tools or call them to make a free virtual appointment: Lincoln - 800.303.3745.

### Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Ask Mrs. Houston about test- prep options or go to [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for testing resources.

### Search for scholarships

Use EducationQuest's free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

### Update your Activities Resume

EducationQuest's free Activities Resume is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.



All Juniors will be taking the ACT test on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

## Winter To Do:

### Sophomores ~

- Sign up for Countdown2College email service
- Sign up for an EducationQuest account
- Expand your involvement in extracurricular activities
- Improve your study skills to help you earn better grades
- Create an Activities Resume to track your awards, activities, and volunteer work

### Freshmen ~

- ➔ Get involved in extracurricular activities
- ➔ Create an Activities Resume through [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org)
- ➔ Explore careers that match your skills and interests

## 2023-2024 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (\$36 fee required)
Feb. 10, 2024	Jan. 5, 2024	Jan. 19, 2024
Apr. 13, 2024	Mar. 8, 2024	Mar. 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024	June 21, 2024

If you miss the regular deadline, you may register during the late period but must pay the additional nonrefundable late fee.

**NOTE: All materials sent by mail must be RECEIVED**

**by the last date of the late period, regardless of when they are postmarked.**

If students are wishing to register at school, he/she must have their social security number and a credit card to pay for registration.

#### TEST FEES

Registration for the ACT without writing is \$68.00.

ACT with writing costs \$93.00.

Juniors and Seniors qualifying for F/R Lunch may see Mrs. Houston for a fee waiver.

