



plan


prepare

participate

APPLY

FRESHMAN

- Enroll in a rigorous course track and take classes that challenge you; discuss options that best fit your needs with your school counselor
- Focus on academic performance; the first six semesters of high school make a difference
- Research career options and post-secondary education opportunities; start a list of institutions you want to visit
- Participate in school and/or community-based activities; take on leadership roles when possible
- Consider participating in academic enrichment programs, workshops, and camps that allow you to explore possible career paths and gain experience
- Start a list of extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer activities/hours, and awards/honors to build your high school resume

 Although these items are listed under freshman activities, they should continue through all four years.

SOPHOMORE

- Attend career and college informational events when possible; take advantage of College Go Week
- Prepare for standardized testing (PSAT, SAT/ACT) that may pertain to you in 11th grade
- Explore the costs associated with a post-secondary education
- Learn the difference between grants, loans, and scholarships
- Plan to engage in a summer activity that will help build areas of your high school resume that may be lacking (e.g. job, volunteer experience, internship, a club, a sport, academic program, music camp, etc.)

JUNIOR

- Attend Shelby County College Fair in September
**Open to all Shelby County students; held at Shelbyville High School*
- Obtain & review BRCF scholarship resource guide
**See your school counselor for a copy or visit blueriverfoundation.com for a digital version*
- Register for the SAT, ACT, or both; scores are required from at least one of these standardized tests to apply for BRCF administered scholarships
- Attend BRCF scholarship information sessions at your school in the spring
- Understand BRCF's scholarship opportunities and determine which application cycle (as listed below) is best for you; know the timeline and what to expect
- Think about people you should ask to serve as recommenders for the application process; one school affiliation and one personal recommendation must be provided
- Attend BRCF Scholarship Workshop** in June or July; covers essay writing, interviewing tips, and other application suggestions as well as information from BRCF Scholar Alumni


SENIOR

- APPLY - Summer Cyle:** (7/1 - 9/1)
or Winter Cycle: (11/1 - 1/15)
- Opportunities:**
 - **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**
**LECS applicants do NOT have to reapply to be considered for BRCF administered scholarships*
 - **BRCF Scholarships**
Over 150 scholarships: 1 Application
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, **FAFSA**[®], after October 1st and before the January 15th General Scholarship deadline
**The FAFSA must be completed as part of BRCF's scholarship application process*

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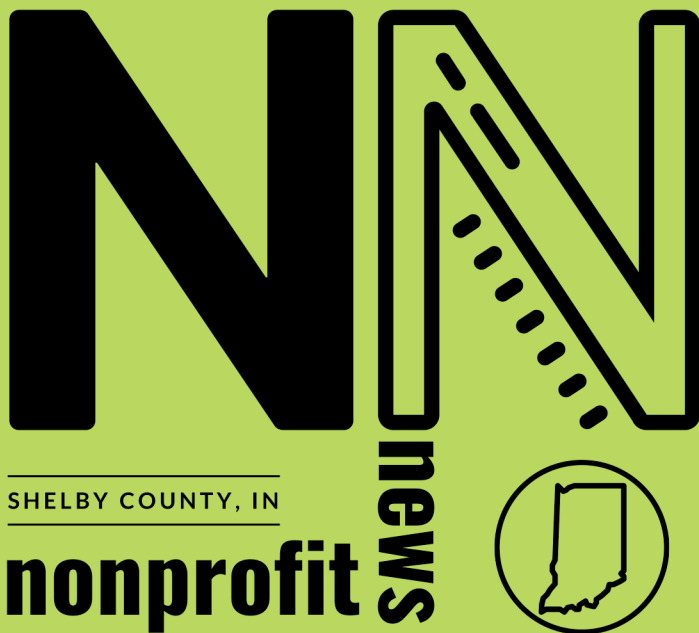
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