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**Gap Year**



# **CCDS Student Gap Years**

- **The Foundation for Tomorrow – Tanzania orphanage**
- **Thinking Beyond Borders**
- **Animal Sanctuary – Costa Rica**
- **Rustic Pathways**
- **Humane Society**
- **Where There Be Dragons**
- **Kings Academy, Jordan – studying Arabic**
- **Hiking the Appalachian Trail**
- **Big Nerd Ranch, CA – developing software/applications**
- **Earning a pilot's license**



## Gap Year Timeline

- **Begin thinking about/researching gap year ideas junior year.**
- **Apply to colleges according to the “normal” deadlines senior year.**
- **Apply to/plan gap year in spring of senior year.**
- **Ask college for deferment of enrollment and scholarships/financial aid.**
- **Pay enrollment deposit by May 1 of senior year.**



## Gap Years – General Thoughts

- Gap year students have higher college GPAs.
- Gap year students are generally better students when they get to college – more focused.
- Gap years are great – but not for everyone.
- Don't take a gap year to try and get into a “better” college.
- Can take a gap year in the middle of college.
- Not all colleges allow a gap year – they will not “hold” your spot – you may have to reapply.
- Most colleges will not hold scholarships and financial aid and you most likely will have to reapply.



## Helpful Websites & Publications

- American Gap Association – [americangap.org](http://americangap.org)
- Gap Year Fairs – [usagapyearfairs.org](http://usagapyearfairs.org)
- Gap Year consulting – [interimprograms.com](http://interimprograms.com)
- Gap Year consulting – [enroutegapyear.com](http://enroutegapyear.com)
  
- The Gap Year Advantage
- Gap Year American Style



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