DRS/STEP COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

*Deadline: March 1, 2023*

1. Apply for FAFSA, starting 10/1 (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
   - Provide a copy of SAR (Student Aid Report)
   - Once you graduate, it will be your responsibility to provide a copy of your actual college awards letter to the DRS counselor
   - Provide a list of any scholarship/grants for which you have applied

2. Provide acceptance letter from your college

3. Provide proof of Academic Proficiency
   - Copy of SAT (printed from www.sat.org) or ACT (printed from www.actstudent.org)
   - Community College placement test results

4. Provide High School Transcript
   - An unofficial transcript is acceptable to get the process started (must have a high school GPA of at least 2.0)
   - Once you graduate, it will be your responsibility to provide the official transcript to the DRS Counselor

5. Answer the following questions in complete sentences (1-2 pages or in Essay format)
   - Describe your current level of education and previous college training, if any.
   - Describe your performance in high school and any special honors or scholarships you received.
   - Describe your extracurricular activities which show that you are a mature and responsible student (employment, clubs, sports, volunteer experiences, church activities, etc.).
   - Describe how you are prepared to enter college and manage a college environment.
   - Describe the type of job you expect to obtain upon completion of your college training. *(Note: You cannot state you are undecided. Please choose a major in which DRS can support you).*
   - Attach the program narrative for your major from your college website or handbook.

6. If you are attending a private school or public university and you don’t receive SSI, you must attach your parent’s tax return *(NOT REQUIRED IF ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE).*
7. Adjusted Gross Income must be below DRS standard budget allowance figures in order for DRS to consider college funding.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Family Size</th>
<th>Adjusted Gross Income</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>$48,631</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>$60,074</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>$71,517</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>$82,960</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>$94,402</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>$96,548</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>$98,693</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Submit all required and completed documents to your Transition Counselor, Case Manager or to:
Terri Michaels
TrueNorth Cooperative 804
760 Red Oak Lane
Highland Park, IL 60035
847-831-5100, ext. 2331
tmichaels@truenorth804.org