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ACT Spotlight



Tip of the Month: 10 Key Steps to Prepare for the ACT: Steps 3 and 4

3) Get Oriented With the ACT's Content and Question Styles

- **The different sections of the ACT each test different knowledge and skill areas.** Hence, how to prepare for ACT English will be different from how to prepare for ACT Math, and so on.
- Additionally, the **ACT has its own particular question styles and formats** that you'll want to become familiar with before test day. Otherwise, you could be thrown by some questions even if you know the content!
- **Here are some guides** that were found online on Prep Scholar to provide you with more information on what's tested on each of the ACT's sections, and how that content is tested: **ACT English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing.**

4) Identify Your Weaknesses

- **You'll want to establish a baseline of your own skills.** The most important component of this is identifying your weaknesses, so you can target them in your prep.
- **The most reliable way to establish a baseline is to take a complete, timed ACT practice test.** Fortunately, ACT, Inc. has released **six free and official practice tests**—one online and five in PDF form. Take advantage of this!
- **When you take your initial practice test, be sure to find a quiet testing environment.** Additionally, bring number 2 pencils and an **approved calculator!** You want to create conditions as close to the real test as possible.
- **Once you've taken the practice test, use the scoring guidelines provided in the back of the test booklet by ACT, Inc. to figure out your score.** This will tell you what sections you're weakest in, what you're strongest in, and where your overall starting place is. Your highest-scoring sections are clearly • **Examine your incorrect answers to identify patterns.** The ACT also gives you subscores in particular areas on 3 of the 4 tests, which you can calculate with their guidelines in the back of the test booklet.
- **These subscores will help you figure out what content domains you are strongest and weakest in within a section.** So if you got a high score on English Usage/Mechanics subscore but a low score on Rhetorical Skills, you'll know to focus more on Rhetorical Skills to improve your score.

SCHOLARSHIP Update

Students should never pay for a scholarship! **Most services that request payment are scams.** Stay away from these! There are plenty of free scholarships to apply for. Check out these popular search engines to locate scholarships specific to your student: **Myscholarshipcentral.org | Scholarships.com**
Keep looking out for those scholarships! www.stdominichs.org/academics/college/a-program

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

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| November 3 | Prudential Emerging Visionaries |
| November 13 | The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards |
| November 15 | Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship |
| November 16 | Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Cooke College Scholarship Program |
| November 30 | NHS Scholarship Elevate Mental health Awareness Scholarship The Andrew Flusche Scholarship Dr. Juan Andrade Jr. Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders Driver Education Initiative Award Loan Lawyers 2021 Scholarship Competition Felix Gonzalez Law Firm -2023 Safe Cycling Scholarship |

2023-24
Scholarship Information

Report Earned Scholarships **HERE.**

THIS MONTH'S COLLEGE REPS

College Reps are available at 11:10 during Empower Hour, located in the Atrium.

NOVEMBER 2



University of Missouri
Columbia, MO
<https://financialaid.missouri.edu/>

• App. Deadline: Rolling | Priority Dec. 15

NOVEMBER 8



University of Missouri
St. Louis, MO
<https://www.umsu.edu/admissions/costs/index.html>

NOVEMBER 9



Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO
<https://www.moval.edu/admissions-financial-aid/>

tuition-financial-aid/scholarships/

• App. Deadline: Rolling Admissions

NOVEMBER 9



University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, AL
<https://scholarships.ua.edu/>

• App. Deadline: Competitive Scholarships: Nov.1
• Automatic Merit Scholarships: Dec. 15

NOVEMBER 15



St. Louis University
St. Louis, MO
<https://www.slu.edu/>

• App. Deadline: Early Action Dec. 1
• App. Deadline Regular Decision for Nursing, Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy Dec. 1
• Freshman Scholarship Deadline: Dec. 1

NOVEMBER 16



Chamberlain College of Nursing
St. Louis, MO
<https://www.chamberlain.edu/>

• App. Deadline: Rolling Admissions



LOOKING Ahead

Fall 2023

Nov. 3

ACT Regular Registration
deadline for December 9 test

Nov. 17

ACT Late Registration Deadline
for December 9 Test Date
(Late Fee Applies)

FAFSA Resources

3 FAFSA Myths Debunked

- How to recognize the real FAFSA website

Tips on how to avoid these common FAFSA mistakes

- How your tax information is used

Get the most financial aid possible with these FAFSA Tips

- Where to access the official FAFSA application

HELPFUL Links

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

www.stdominichs.org/college

SCOIR

www.scoir.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

www.fastweb.com | myscholly.com

FAFSA

www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa

COMMON APP

www.commonapp.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

ACT

www.act.org

SAT

www.sat.org

Alumni Spotlight

Nathan Heiligenstein '19

University of Missouri-Columbia
Finance and Banking



Nathan Heiligenstein is a 2019 graduate of St. Dominic High School who was a 3-sport student-athlete in Basketball, Soccer and Tennis. While taking courses in business at SDHS, Nate became increasingly interested in the field.

"I think the field of finance is an industry where you are constantly learning new things."

Nate would go on to pursue a degree in Finance and Banking at the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou), graduating in May of 2023. He currently is working as a Brokerage Service Representative at Charles Schwab. Nate credits St. Dominic with helping him not only prepare for the courses in his major at Mizzou, but also for life after college. ***"St. Dominic made it necessary to work hard while striving to improve everyday in my studies. The foundation of hard work that St. Dominic instilled in me truly set me up for success for life after graduation."*** Nate encouraged St. Dominic students to explore career experiences regardless of the field because of the benefit it can have in all areas. ***"I had an internship in an unrelated field during college which helped me narrow down my career choices. There are many common characteristics across all fields. One thing I learned in my internship was learning how to work with different types of people and creating chemistry with co-workers to meet goals."***

Monthly Wellness

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How to make a sincere apology:

1. Look at the person. Make eye contact.
2. Use a serious, sincere tone of voice.
3. Begin by saying, "I want to apologize for"...or "I'm sorry for.."
4. Do not make excuses or rationalize your behavior.
5. Sincerely state that you will try not to repeat the same behavior in the future.
6. Offer to compensate or pay restitution.
7. Thank the person for listening.

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