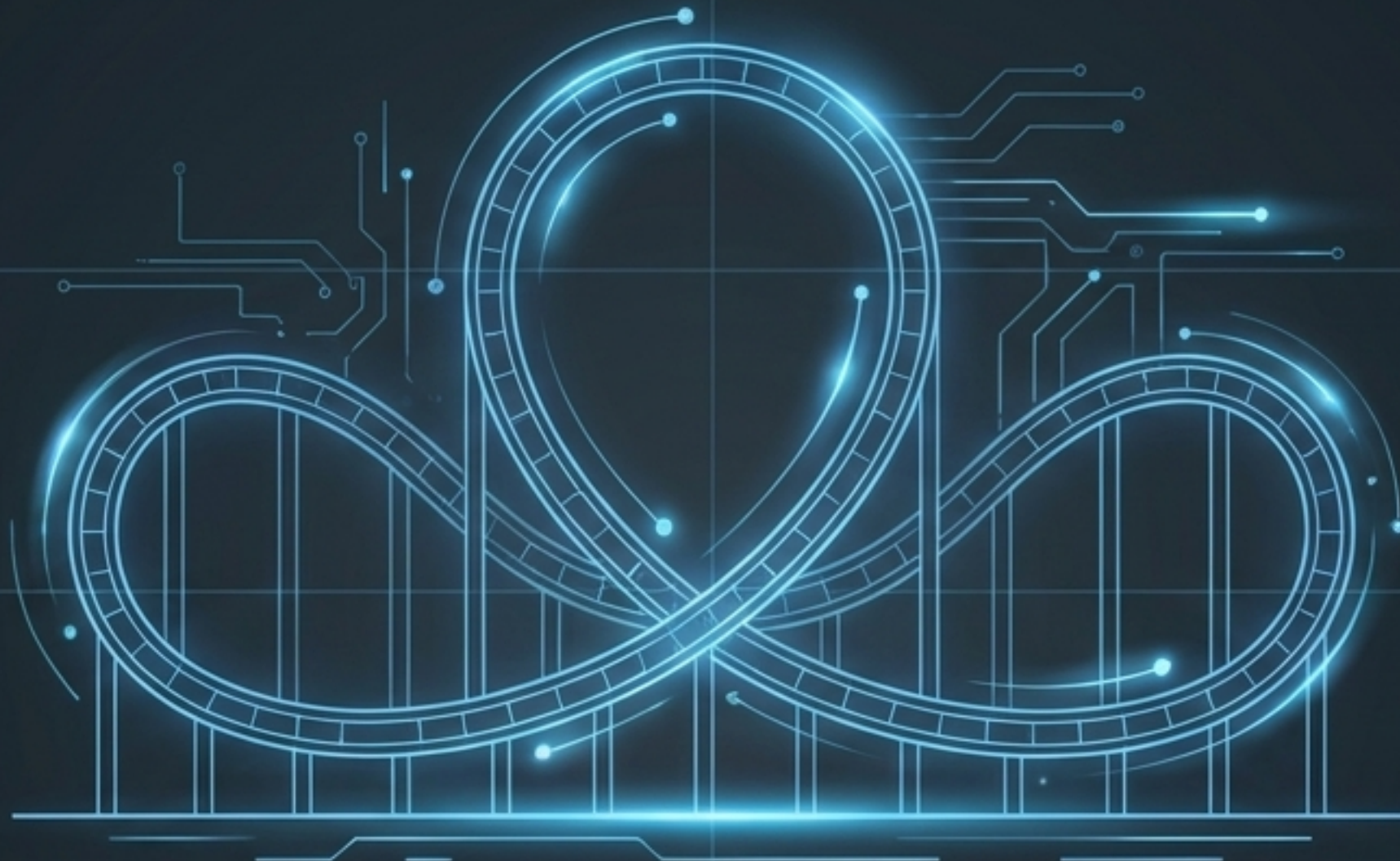




The Blueprint for Success: **Class of 2027**

Get Ready. Get Onboard. Here We Go.

The Navigator's Guide for Senior Year

1. The Destination: Defining Life After Cascade

2. Rules of the Road: Graduation, Attendance, and Expectations

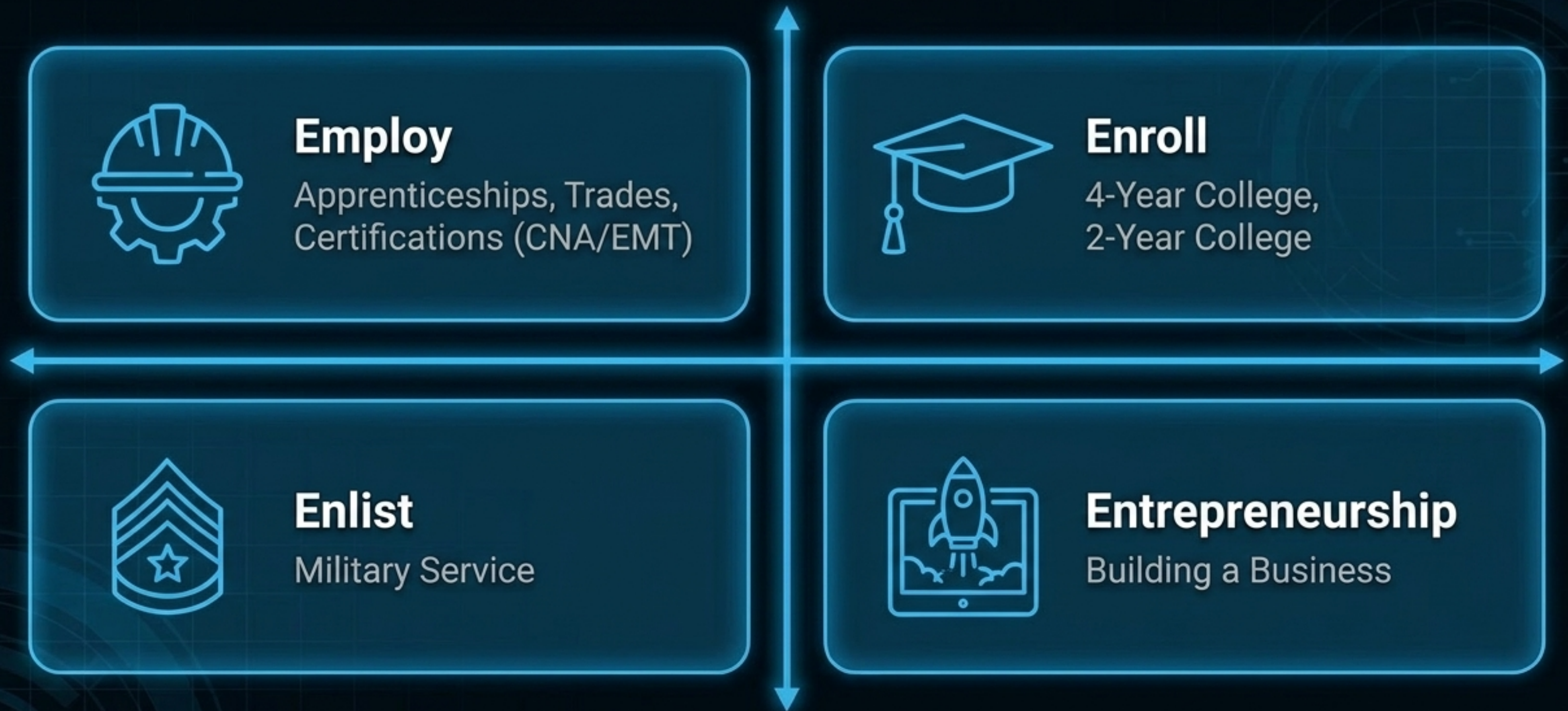
3. Choosing the Route: Exploring Specific Pathways

4. Fueling the Journey: FAFSA, Scholarships, and Logistics

5. The Itinerary: Fall Timeline and Parent Playbook



Defining the Destination: The 4E Matrix



The Graduation Formula

Step 1: Diploma Track

Core 40,
Academic Honors,
Technical Honors,
General



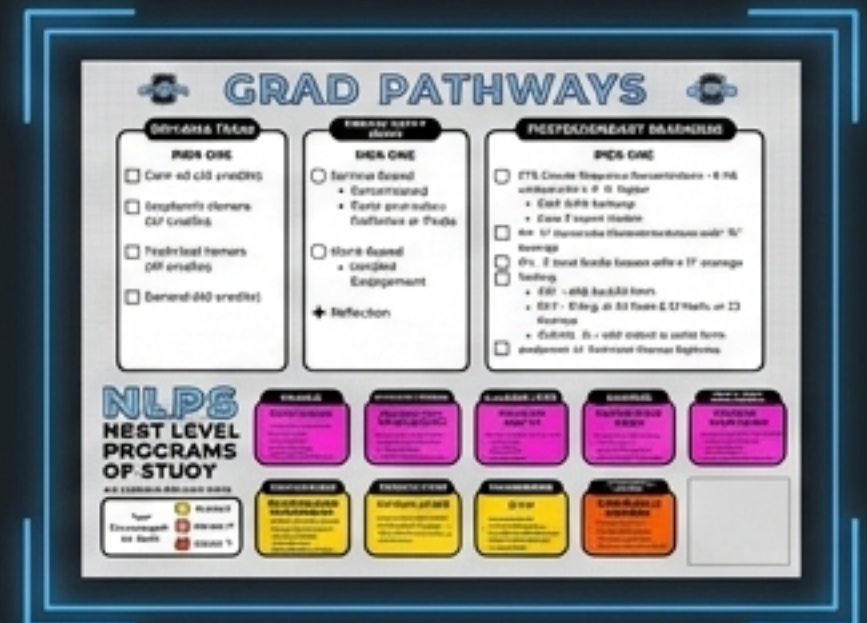
Step 2: Employability Skills

Service-Based,
Work-Based, plus
Reflection



Step 3: Postsecondary Readiness

CTE Concentrators,
AP/Dual Credit,
SAT/ACT/ASVAB
minimums





Attendance Accountability

The Mandate:

State and Local changes require strict attendance tracking.

The Protocol:

Parents must call the Main Office for absences. Always get medical documentation.

The Reward:

Final Exam Opt-Out is available for students with 2 or fewer absences and a C or higher average. (Read the fine print!)

Navigating SLC and Ivy Tech

Senior Learning Community (SLC)

Explore, Engage, Experience.

Utilize Xello for online exploration and build your Senior Brag Sheet.

Professor-Led Ivy Tech

Classes only meet 15 times total.

High Stakes: One missed day = 3 high school days.

Protocol: If absent, the student must email the professor; the parent must message the high school office.

Failing required classes = No Graduation.

Period	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
1	Engl 111	?	Polk 101	Comm 101	?
2					
3					
4	PreCalculus				
5	AP Biology				
6	Cadet Teaching				
7	Travel Time				
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3					
4	Travel Time				
5	Travel or Area 31				
6	Internship or Area 31				
7	Internship or Area 31				

Post-Secondary Pathways Comparison

	4-Year College	2-Year/Trades	Enlistment
Key First Step	Common App / College Website	BuiltToSucceed / NextLevelJobs	Recruiter Contact
Application Timeline	Start now; finish before Fall Break.	Varies, often spring or rolling.	Year-round.
Financial Implication	Requires FAFSA, Merit Scholarships, Loans.	Earn while you learn (Debt Free).	Full salary and GI Bill benefits.

Route: Apprenticeships & Employment

The Advantage: Earn While You Learn.
Completely Debt Free.
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Trade Apprenticeships: Explore opportunities via Indiana AFL-CIO and local unions (e.g., IUOE Local 103).

Other Options: Next Level Jobs, Proprietary Schools (Lincoln Tech, Cosmetology).

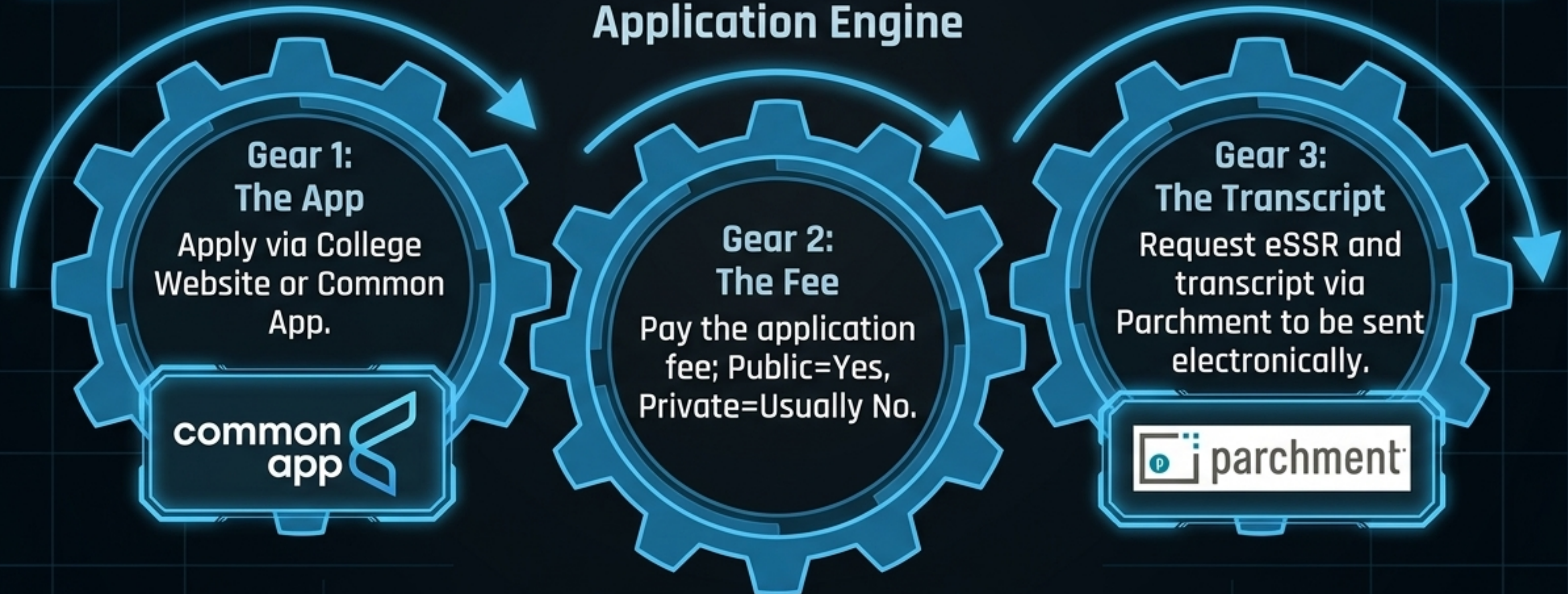
Action Item: Create your profile at BuiltToSucceed.org.



Route: 4-Year College Applications

The Target: Complete all applications before Fall Break for maximum financial aid and acceptance odds. (**Purdue/IU Bloomington** decision date: Jan 15).

Application Engine



Route: College Athletics Eligibility



The Rule:

You will be ineligible to play DI, DII, or NAIA sports without clearinghouse certification.

The Process:

- Visit ncaa.org or naia.org.
- Complete the Eligibility Form (costs money to complete).
- Consistently follow up with your recruiting college coach throughout the process.



Fueling the Journey: The FAFSA Funnel

The Mandate: Senate Bill 167 requires all students to complete the FAFSA by **April 15** of their senior year.

Legal Source: Senate Bill 167

SENATE BILL 167: FAFSA REQUIREMENT

- Requires all students, with some exceptions, to complete and submit the FAFSA no later than April 15 of their senior year.
- A school's principal or counselor can waive this requirement.
 - If unable to reach the parent/guardian after 2 reasonable attempts.

Option A

Option B

Option A

Complete FAFSA by April 15

(Uses 2025 tax year data)

Option B

Sign Waiver

School principal/counselor waives requirement if unable to reach parent after 2 attempts.

The Why: Everyone should fill it out. It is the key to college aid packages and unlocks a guaranteed college loan of \$5,500.

Financial Logistics & Support

Scholarships

- **Merit:** Awarded directly from colleges based on GPA/Test Scores.
- **Local:** Hendricks County Community Foundation (Lilly Endowment applications open 7/29, close 8/26). Check school email and Student Services.



FAFSA Support Events

Aug 11 (7pm): Financial Aid Night in PAC.

Nov 30 (4-7pm): FAFSA Completion Night (Bring 2025 tax materials, get expert help).



The SAT Strategy

Taking the SAT/ACT again can unlock higher merit money and better acceptance rates. Register via CollegeBoard.

Mission Control: Communication Channels



The Fall Flight Path

August

8/24: Ivy Tech Starts

8/28: Senior Sunrise

October & Beyond

10/2: CCE Day

October: Herff Jones order

12/17: Ivy Tech Ends

1/11/27: Ivy Tech Restarts

September



9/3: Mock Interviews
(Dress for success, build skills!)



9/17: 4E Day
(11:45am-1pm; explore 60+ opportunities, complete Bingo card)

The Parent Playbook: Managing the Stress

What Parents Do (Help & Guide)

- Schedule dates to work together using a shared planning calendar.
- Listen, empower, and have the hard conversations now.
- Help organize logins and passwords in a secure notebook.

What Students Do (Own The Work)

- Submit the actual applications.
- Email professors and recruiters.
- Write personal/goal statements.
- Track application/scholarship deadlines.



The Ultimate Goal: A Diploma + A Plan



Our mission is to ensure every student wakes up the **Monday after graduation** with a **diploma in hand** and a **concrete plan** for what comes next.

This is a stressful but highly rewarding year. You are not alone. Please reach out, ask questions, and utilize the resources we've mapped out tonight.