



Lakeland High School

Junior-Year Planning Guide



Junior Year Checklist: What I can do now to prepare for college applications

- Explore what education options are available for you after high school.
 - 4-year university, community college, trade/vocational school, military, workforce.
- Take challenging classes and earn good grades.
- Attend college rep visits at Lakeland HS.
- Take a scheduled campus tour.
- Attend Future Pathways Event @ Milford HS on Sept. 21 from 6:00—7:30 PM
- Spend time in the Career Center researching colleges and exploring programs of study.
- Participate in a variety of experiences in and outside of school (clubs, sports, band, theatre, volunteer service, after school job).
- Prepare for the SAT (taken at Lakeland in April). Free customized study at KhanAcademy.org.
- Begin exploring scholarship opportunities.
- Narrow down which college/educational options you would like to apply to in senior year.
- Have conversations with your family, friends, and counselor about what you plan on doing after high school.
- Use free college search engines (bigfuture.collegeboard.org, collegeprowler.com).

Visit the Counseling website for specific resources to help in your exploration of after high school options.

www.hvs.org/schools/highschools/lakeland/counseling/collegeinformation

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How to Research a College

Step 1: Find schools that might FIT you:

- Use a free college search tool like Xello, bigfuture.collegeboard.org, or www.collegeprowler.com
- Narrow down schools based on majors, size, location, activities, etc.

Step 2: Visit individual school websites for more detailed information.

Step 3: Attend a college visit at LHS, attend a college fair, or visit a college campus and take a guided tour.

Step 4: Attend Future Pathways (college fair) at Milford HS on 9/21 from 6-7:30 PM.

Step 5: Call the admissions office at the college if you still have questions.

Step 6: Discuss colleges that you are interested in with friends, family, and your counselor.

Your #1 College Search Goal:

FIND A FEW SCHOOLS THAT FIT YOU!!!

These are the colleges you will apply to in the fall of your senior year.

Military Options

Speak with a recruiter from the branch of the military you are interested in exploring.

Visit military branch websites at todaysmilitary.com.

Register for the ASVAB exam @ LHS on Dec 10th.

ASVAB practice tests at officialasvab.com.

Visit Mrs. Beer in the Career Center for assistance.

College Athletes (NCAA/NAIA)

Students who plan to accept an athletic scholarship, must create an account with that organization for academic review.

NCAA: Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org (Division 1 & II).

NAIA: Register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at playnaia.org.

See your counselor to ensure you have taken the required core 16 classes.

Not Going to a 4-Year College?

Two-Year or Community College – Do you want to stay close to home? Save on tuition?

Complete core requirements? Show four-year universities what you can do and transfer later?

Trade, Vocational, or Technical Schools – Do you want more focus on career skills? Hands on training for a specific career? Complete an apprenticeship?

Work or On-the-Job Training – Do you want to take a year off to work and save money or go straight into the workforce? Participate in a volunteer activity to explore your interests? Focus on building skills you will need to be successful in college or career? Job shadow or talk with people in the career field?

Talk with your counselor about alternative options to the traditional, 4-year university path.

ADMISSIONS RATING GUIDE

PUBLIC MICHIGAN COLLEGES

Please note that this is only a general guide—NOT an absolute set of requirements. Each student and each school varies on an individual case basis.

MOST COMPETITIVE

University of Michigan	3.9 GPA avg.	ACT: 32-35	SAT: 1390-1530
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HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

Michigan Tech University	3.81 GPA avg.	ACT: 27.2	SAT: 1229
Michigan State University	3.5-4.0 GPA avg.	ACT: 25-31	SAT: 1100-1300

VERY COMPETITIVE

U of M - Dearborn	3.66 GPA avg.	ACT: 25	SAT: 1180
Grand Valley State	3.48 GPA avg.	ACT: 21-26	SAT: 1050-1230
Oakland University	3.50 GPA avg.	ACT: 24	SAT: 1100

COMPETITIVE

Central Michigan	3.47 GPA avg.	ACT: 22	SAT: 1100
Western Michigan	3.53 GPA avg.	ACT: 21-26	SAT: 1000-1200
Wayne State University	3.50 GPA avg.	ACT: 23	SAT: 1102
U of M - Flint	3.54 GPA avg.	N/A	
Saginaw Valley	3.48 GPA avg.	ACT: 22	SAT: 1060

LESS COMPETITIVE

Ferris State University	3.33 GPA avg.	ACT: 22	SAT: 1046
Northern Michigan	3.33 GPA avg.	N/A	
Eastern Michigan University	3.46 GPA avg.	ACT: 22	SAT: 1080
Lake Superior State	3.21 GPA avg.	ACT: 22	

NON-COMPETITIVE

Business Colleges	Community Colleges	Proprietary Schools
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Many schools work on a sliding scale so if you have a lower test score, you are still considered with a higher GPA. If you are close to an average, this could still be the school for you! Meet with a college rep or go on an official college tour to find out more.

Average Requirements for Michigan Colleges and Universities
Based on information obtained from institutions' websites as of June 2024.

Please verify information with the admissions offices

*Most institutions are stating that SAT/ACT scores are optional; however, including them may increase merit-only scholarship opportunities and alter course placements.

Name of College or University	AVG GPA	SAT AVG or Range	ACT AVG or Range	ACCEPTANCE RATE
Albion College	3.43	N/A	N/A	83
Alma College	3.50	1000-1188	18-25	57
Andrews University	3.64	1080-1320	20-26	9
Aquinas College	3.50	920-1130	20-26	91
Calvin College	3.80	1090-1328	24-30	71
Central Michigan University	3.51	1088	24	91
College for Creative Studies	3.41	N/A	N/A	49
Concordia University	3.19	1010-1180	19-22	72
Cornerstone University	3.56	990-1222	21-28	90
Davenport University	3.30	1160	18-24	97
Eastern Michigan University	3.43	1050	18-26	81
Ferris State University	3.27	1011	21	91
Grand Valley State University	3.46	1069	22-30	86
Hillsdale College	3.95	1340-1470	30-33	21
Hope College	3.83	1090-1330	24-31	76
Kalamazoo College	3.75	1050-1360	28	79
Lake Superior State University	3.20	920-1150	25-29	100
Lawrence Technological Institute	3.47	1010-1220	20-26	81
Madonna University	3.45	910-1140	20-25	93
Michigan State University	3.80	1100-1310	24-30	84
Michigan Tech	3.80	1234	25-31	75
Northern Michigan University	3.40	N/A	N/A	70
Northwood University	3.41	980-1160	20-26	84
Oakland University	3.50	1040	24	85
Olivet College	3.18	910-1120	18-23	85
Rochester College	3.86	880-1090	15-22	40
Saginaw Valley State University	3.56	1050	23	76
Spring Arbor University	3.61	935-1165	20-26	37
University of Detroit Mercy	3.60	1145	22-28	80
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	3.90	1360-1530	31-34	18
University of Michigan - Dearborn	3.67	1050-1300	22-28	59
University of Michigan - Flint	3.48	1076	24	68
Wayne State University	3.43	1163	26	82
Western Michigan University	3.53	990-1220	19-27	85

Community Colleges do not require a minimum GPA, nor do they require SAT/ACT scores.

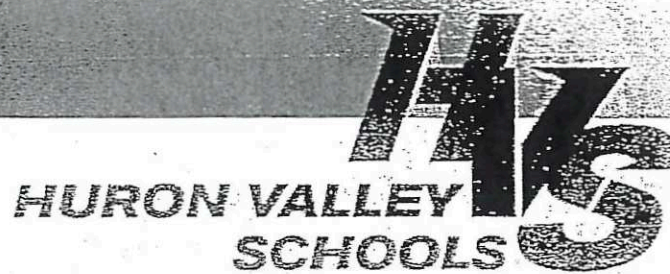
College Rep Visits @ Lakeland HS

Schools are being added daily – continue to check updates on the Career Center website or check in with Mrs. Beer in the Career Center.

Date	College or University	Location	Time	Sign Up Link
9/10/26	Navy Recruiter	Cafeteria	lunches	stop at the table
9/16/26	Michigan Technological Institute	Career Center	9:30	Michigan Tech
9/21/26	Future Pathways	Milford High School	6:00-7:30pm	https://app.strivescan.com/registra
9/23/26	Lake Forest College	Career Center	9:30	Lake Forest College
9/24/26	Saginaw Valley University	Career Center	10:00	Saginaw Valley
9/24/26	Navy Recruiter	Cafeteria	lunches	stop at the table
9/25/26	University of Detroit Mercy	Career Center	12:00	University of Detroit Mercy
9/30/26	Adrian College	Career Center	9:30	Adrian College
10/1/26	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	Career Center	10:00	University of Michigan
10/1/26	Hope College	Career Center	10:00	Hope College
10/7/26	Central Michigan University	Career Center	9:30	CMU
10/8/26	Navy Recruiter	Cafeteria	lunches	stop at the table
10/8/26	Oakland University	Career Center	10:00	Oakland University
10/14/26	Northern Michigan	Career Center	9:30	Northern Michigan University
10/22/26	Western Michigan University	Career Center	10:00	WMU
10/22/26	Navy Recruiter	Cafeteria	lunches	stop at the table
10/28/26	Lawrence Technological University	Career Center	9:30	Lawrence Tech
10/29/26	Schoolcraft College	Career Center	10:00	Schoolcraft College
10/29/26	University of Michigan-Flint	Career Center	10:00	U of M -Flint
11/4/26	Wayne State University	Career Center	9:30	Wayne State University
11/5/26	Grand Valley State University	Career Center	10:00	GVSU
11/11/26	University of Michigan - Dearborn	Career Center	9:30	University of Michigan - Dearborn
11/12/26	Douglas J Aveda Institute	Career Center	10:00	Douglas J Aveda Institute
11/17/26	MiCareer Quest Field Trip	Vibe Credit Union Showp	TBD	see Mrs. Beer in Career Center
11/18/26	Oakland Community College	Career Center	9:30	OCC
11/19/26	Ferris State University	Career Center	10:00	Ferris State
11/19/26	Eastern Michigan University	Career Center	10:00	Eastern Michigan University
12/10/26	ASVAB Test	Career Center	10:00	see Mrs. Beer in Career Center

Register for visits by clicking on the sign-up link and completing the Google Form or stop by the Career Center and ask Mrs. Beer for registration assistance.

A SMART pass will be issued to a student the morning of the event. The student should show the pass to their teacher and request permission to attend the event.



SAVE THE DATE:

Future Pathways Expo

Parents and students 9 - 12th grades

Please join us to learn about post
secondary programs !

September 21st, 2026

Event Time: 6-7:30pm

Milford High School ~ Multi-Purpose Room

Meet reps from:

**Colleges
Universities**

**Skilled Trade
Professionals
& Vocational
Schools**

**Military
Branches**

For more information: Jill Lanham

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SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

LHS Counseling website:

Start your search by going online to HVS.org > Schools > Lakeland > Counseling > **Scholarship and Financial Aid**.

Google Classroom

Join code: **46i7627**

Google Classroom Name: **Class of 2028 Counselor Corner**

Lakeland counselors use this Google Classroom to post updates on a variety of scholarship & financial aid opportunities along with many other exciting events related to the college planning process.

Merit Scholarships:

Several public & private universities offer merit scholarships which are based on a student's **GPA & standardized test score (SAT or ACT)**. These are automatic scholarships that are awarded based on the information included in a student's admission application. Research on the college's website criteria and deadlines specific to that school.

Local Scholarships:

Approximately 21 local scholarships are awarded from organizations within our community which are only available to students enrolled in Huron Valley Schools. The competition pool for local scholarships is much smaller than national scholarships offered. Application information & qualifications for local scholarships can be found on the **Lakeland home page** under "**Counseling > Scholarships & Financial Aid**". Students will apply for these scholarships in February of their senior year. Applications are turned in to our Student Services Secretary, Mrs. Riley (victoria.riley@hvs.org).

Private Scholarships:

There are thousands of private scholarships offered with a wide range of application criteria. Students can use search engines (**fastweb.com**, **<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>**, & **goingmerry.com**) to enter personal information & generate a list of scholarships that match an individual's attributes. Students should also investigate organizations to which his/her family is affiliated (**work, clubs, church, bank, professional organizations, etc.**) to see if scholarships are offered to members/employees.

University Scholarships:

Students can search individual college web sites or speak directly to admission's representatives about scholarships offered directly from the university. This information is generally found online within the **school's financial aid or scholarship page**. Student's generally apply for these scholarships once they have been accepted for admission.

FAFSA:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is an online application completed by parents & students to find out if your student qualifies for federal or state financial aid, including: student loans, parent loans, grants, work study, and other scholarships. The application is available at **<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>** and is available for completion from October 1st through March 1st of the student's senior year of high school. It is in the student's best interest to fill out the FAFSA application as early as possible as awards are given on a first come, first serve basis.

EXAMPLES OF MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

	<u>GPA</u>	<u>SAT/ACT</u>	<u>SCHOLARSHIP</u>
Oakland University (Public)			
	3.9	1450/33	\$12,000/YR
	3.9	1390/31	\$9,000/YR
	3.8	1300/28	\$5,500/YR
	3.7	1200/25	\$3,500/YR
	3.4	1130/23	\$2,000/YR
	3.0	1030/20	\$1,000/YR
Central Michigan University (Public)			
	3.95	1200/25	\$7,500/YR
	3.8	no score	\$5,000/YR
	3.6	no score	\$4,500/YR
	3.3	no score	\$4,000/YR
	3.0	no score	\$3,500/YR
Adrian College (Private)			
	3.95	no score	\$14,000/YR
	3.8	no score	\$12,000/YR
	3.6	no score	\$10,000/YR
	3.4	no score	\$8,000/YR

DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

OVERVIEW OF STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS FOR 2026-27



Money is available to help you pay for college or career training!

1

COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov during your senior year of high school and every year you enroll in college.

2

MISSG STUDENT PORTAL

Shortly after you complete the FAFSA, MI Student Aid receives a copy of it. To check your eligibility for State financial aid programs, create a MiSSG Student Portal at michigan.gov/missg. While logged in, you can also change your college choice and complete additional applications. A Social Security number (SSN) is required to create a MiSSG Student Portal account.

3

MAKE SURE MI STUDENT AID KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE ATTENDING

Awards are sent to the first Michigan college listed on your FAFSA. If you decide to go to another college, you can update it in the MiSSG Student Portal or by contacting the Customer Care Center at 888-447-2687 or email MiStudentAid@Michigan.gov.

4

ATTEND COLLEGE

Attend an eligible Michigan college. Enrollment requirements vary by program. Full-time enrollment is required for Michigan Achievement Scholarship, MI Future Educator Fellowship, and MI Future Educator Stipend. The State financial aid you qualified for should be listed on the financial aid offer from your college. You can also check award amounts in the MiSSG Student Portal.

MOST STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:

- Submit a FAFSA.
- Be a Michigan resident.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Enroll at least half-time (six or more credits) at a participating Michigan college.
- Not be in default status on a Federal student loan.
- Meet the college's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.

**CURRENT AND FUTURE AWARDS ARE
SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE AND
APPROVED FUNDING.**

**In Academic Year 2025 - 2026,
MiLEAP provided more than
\$675 million to over 150,000
Michigan college students.**

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PICK YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE FUNDING, NO MATTER YOUR GPA.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE

Earn your associate degree or skill certificate **TUITION-FREE** at an eligible community college!

All Michigan high school grads are eligible.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Get up to \$27,500 for a public or private university!

7 out of 10 high school seniors may qualify.

CAREER TRAINING

Get up to \$4,000 for a career training program!

Get on the fast track to a high-paying career.

BEGIN BY COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA. IT'S EASIER THAN EVER!

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA TO APPLY. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS:

1. Gather **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** and **INCOME INFO** (like bank balances and tax returns).
2. Create **STUDENTAID.GOV** accounts for you and your parents/contributors.
3. Fill out the **FAFSA**. It takes most families 30 minutes or less to complete.

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