Financial Aid

I have applied for financial aid.

- Discuss with your mentor all of the ways you can receive financial aid for college.
- Research the overall cost of attending each of your post-high school options.
- Search for scholarships that apply to your situation and interests.

I have completed the FAFSA or WASFA.

- Determine your eligibility to apply for the FAFSA or WASFA.
- Determine the earliest FAFSA/WASFA deadline for your potential colleges (February 1st is the deadline for the College Bound Scholarship).
- Apply for a FAFSA PIN or create a WASFA account.
  - Bring the confirmation page to your mentor.
- Gather all information needed to complete the FAFSA or WASFA.
  - Parents'/guardians' incomes, social security numbers (only for FAFSA!)—including your own, and any special tax category information for your family
- Submit the FAFSA or WASFA as early as possible.
- Print off the confirmation page stating that you submitted the FAFSA or WASFA.
- If your family files its taxes after you submit the FASFA or WASFA, log back into your FAFSA or WASFA application and update your information.
Scholarships

- I have started scholarship applications.
  - Work with mentors to research potential scholarships for which you are eligible.
  - Identify scholarships to which you want to apply.
  - Make a list of the different components needed to complete each scholarship application.
  - Draft or reuse essays with your mentor for the writing component of the scholarship, if any.

- I have applied for scholarships.
  - Finalize essays with your mentor for the writing component of the scholarship.
  - Submit scholarship applications and let your mentor know what ones you have submitted.