

Senior Year Steps for Using The Bearcat Advantage Scholarship	
September - December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register on the Bearcat Advantage Website using the login information sent to your @bcbearcats email http://bearcats.escholarshipsolutions.com <input type="checkbox"/> Make a calendar for your college application related activities <input type="checkbox"/> Create a list of potential colleges / pathways <input type="checkbox"/> List the colleges / universities that you are interested in on the “My Colleges” tab in eScholarship (recommended complete no later than November 1st). <input type="checkbox"/> Review which colleges are Bearcat Advantage eligible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to colleges and/or trade schools--some schools have early acceptance deadlines as soon as November 1st! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> http://commonapp.org <input type="checkbox"/> http://commonblackcollegeapp.com
January - April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the FAFSA and apply to other scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> http://www.FAFSA.gov <input type="checkbox"/> http://battlecreekpublicschools.org/scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> DUE BY MARCH 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA application <input type="checkbox"/> Bearcat Advantage Scholarship Application <input type="checkbox"/> Battle Creek Community Foundation Scholarships applications <input type="checkbox"/> Many other scholarship applications are also due by this date <input type="checkbox"/> Review your post-secondary options <input type="checkbox"/> Determine which career pathway you are interested in and which credential makes the most sense for you <input type="checkbox"/> Formally accept the college / post-secondary pathway of your choice <input type="checkbox"/> DUE BY APRIL 18th: Bearcat Advantage Scholarship Acceptance Form
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for your college/university orientation and finalize your housing plans <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy graduation! <input type="checkbox"/> Send your Bearcat Advantage Award Letter to your school’s Financial Aid office
June - August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend orientation, register for classes <input type="checkbox"/> Think carefully about maintaining balance for your fall schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Check Add/Drop deadlines <input type="checkbox"/> Reach out to the Bearcat Advantage Program Coordinator with any questions about utilizing your Bearcat Advantage scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare to begin your post-secondary experience!

Questions? Check the website: <http://battlecreekpublicschools.org/BearcatAdvantage>
Contact the Bearcat Advantage Program Coordinator: bearcatadvantage@battlecreekpublicschools.org