



Be A Leader Senior Boot Camp Curriculum



The following Boot Camp Sessions are held during each BLIH session and run from 11am to 1pm. Each session will include a presentation based on the monthly topic and include activities for the mentor/mentee to complete. In addition, each month students and their mentors are given homework to complete in preparation for the following month's session.

	Senior Boot Camp Session Presentation	Mentor / Mentee Activities
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In State University Proces Overview Common Application Overview Community College Overview Fee Waivers – What are they / how do you get them? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Senior Boot Camp Action Plan w/ student Help student identify a minimum of 4 colleges/universities to apply to and review the admissions requirements for each school. Ensure Student is registered to take the ACT/SAT Review the provided BALF Scholarship Guide with student and identify potental scholarships they will apply for.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Recommendation Letters & How to Ask for them Overview of Resumes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help student identy at minimum 4 individuals they can go to for recommendation letters. Help student create a draft resume or edit current draft for students who already have one. Review the “Commonly asked College Application Esssay Questions” handout with students.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing Personal Statements – How to Make Your Story Stand Out! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise / edit students’ Personal Statement and / or “Commonly asked College Essay Questions” to create final version. Review College application drafts with student and prepare for submitting. Continue to work on scholarship applications with deadline approaching
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview Techniques for College Visits and Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Interview Practice
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the different forms of Financial Forms FAFSA Overview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review / Edit any Scholarship applications with upcoming deadlines. Review the “Preparing to File FAFSA” handout with students and ensure student and their families are prepared to file FAFSA in January.
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happens after you submitt the FAFSA? Additional Financial Aid forms that may be required by schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure student has completed and submitted the FAFSA Review / Edit Scholarships with upcoming deadlines
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of financial aid packages and the process for accepting / declining aid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with student to continue to research scholarships and edit essays.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Life – On Campus vs. Off Campus living, Getting Involved on Campus. Creating your class schedule – using programs of study to guide your course selection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review enrollment process at selected schools (if student has been accepted) and ensure student notes important deadlines. Discuss planned living arrangements with student – review housing options at colleges / universities that students have applied to. Review / Edit any scholarships with upcoming deadlines.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “College Survivor” Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “College Survivor” – Navigate a mock college campus with student to learn about the various departments / resources on a college campus.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budgeting for College Students - Living on a college budget & managing your credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a sample college budget with student based on their awarded financial aid package. Update the Be A Leader College-Going Couselor of students’ selected schools and scholarships awarded. Attend the Be A Leader Graduation Ceremony!