

SCARLETT FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

Start leading when you are young

Joe provides practical tips on gaining leadership experience at a young age

Many of the best managers I know entered the world of leadership at a relatively young age. Becoming a leader in middle age may make it more difficult to build skills while managing the day-to-day. However, building your leadership reputation early on, when responsibilities outside of work don't add extra pressure, can get you way ahead of the game.

When I was in my mid-20s, I managed about 100 people operating the checkouts in a large discount store. It was a tremendous learning opportunity at a young age, and while I made a lot of mistakes, I also matured in a hurry.

Here are some ways to take advantage of leadership opportunities:

- Volunteer for leadership roles while in school.
- Tell your boss you're interested in a leadership role or are seeking leadership experiences.
- Push yourself into leadership roles by stepping up for tough assignments.
- Seek special tasks that will help you learn about different aspects of your organization and industry.
- Seek opportunities to build relationships and demonstrate your talents in front of senior executives, such as helping with the tough effort of opening a new retail store.

It's also beneficial to create a leadership learning agenda. Choose a variety of leadership books and magazines, then schedule your reading time. Identify and attend industry events that make sense for your career development. Network with anyone and everyone you think could help you become a better leader.

The skills to be successful in business are built over many years and come from myriad learning opportunities. Leadership can be learned by anyone with desire and drive. Jump in now – there's no advantage to waiting.

The Rising Cost of NOT Going to College

Roughly \$17,500 per year for young adults age 25-32

For those who question the value of college in this era of soaring student debt and high unemployment, the attitudes and experiences of today's young adults—members of the so-called Millennial generation—provide a compelling answer. On virtually every measure of economic well-being and career attainment—from personal earnings to job satisfaction to the share employed full time—young college graduates are outperforming their peers with less education. And when today's young adults are compared with previous generations, the disparity in economic outcomes between college graduates and those with a high school diploma or less formal schooling has never been greater in the modern era.

To read the complete study, visit: [PewResearch](#)

Academic Common Market

What is the Academic Common Market?

Study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college, while paying in-state tuition rates

Looking for options with lower tuition?

For more than 35 years, the [Academic Common Market](#) has enabled students to pursue out-of-state college degrees at discounted tuition rates, through agreements among the states and colleges and universities.

Search from more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate degree programs available in the 16 participating states. It's quick and easy.

Featured Resource

College planning, career planning, & financial aid

The [Tennessee College & Career Planning System](#) steps students through learning about themselves; exploring career options; making a plan for education; preparing for the world of work; and more. Educators can use the system to monitor progress, plan curriculum, and support career guidance. Sponsored by Edsouth, every Tennessee school can access the system free of charge. The system features *Kuder® Navigator* for middle and high schools and *Kuder® Journey* for colleges.

Attention High School Seniors! Check Out This Article

7 Reasons to Avoid Senioritis

(from the [New York Times](#))

You've been accepted to college. You've submitted your enrollment deposit. Your fate is sealed, it's senior year, and the hectic college admission process is coming to an end.

You may be tempted to think that it is finally time to slack off a bit.

Be careful. Senioritis, that intensifying disinterest in maintaining high academic standards, is real — and it is dangerous...

Your Admission Offer May Be Rescinded - Each year, colleges rescind offers to students whose grades plummeted after they were admitted.

Your College Is Watching You - Colleges require final grades for accepted students. Many students believe that only the first half of senior year "counts." Not true.

If You Were on Honor Roll When You Got In, You May Be Expected to Stay There - Colleges expect you to continue your current course schedule and maintain the level of academic and personal success demonstrated in your application...

You May Have to Explain Why You Slacked Off - Far more common than revocation of admission is a warning letter, expressing disappointment and asking for an explanation...

You May Have to Start Your Search All Over Again - Bad grades are not the only possible pitfall. Some students lose their admission offers because of plagiarism, cheating, drunken misbehavior or arrest...

Senior Year Should Help You Transition to College - With applications in, seniors should take time to savor their final months of high school and enjoy family and friends. But they should also be using this important time in their lives to practice balancing academics with other commitments, and not fall victim to the 'senior slack.'

Admissions Officers Would Rather Not Target You - ...every letter of acceptance has the sentence about the offer of admission is contingent on successful completion of high school work...

Spring Deadlines

ACT: Register by March 7th for the April 12th test.

SAT: Register by April 4th for the May 3rd test.

Scholarship App Tips

For a complete list of scholarship tips and suggested things to do (and NOT to do), check out the foundation's [Resources](#) page and review the [October, November, and December newsletters](#).

