

## Action Set 1

Welcome to the program! Action sets are integral facets of the program because it is not enough to learn the material; you must engage and act on your newfound knowledge! Ideally, we would allow you to explore the realm of academic enrichment to your dream university, but this is our attempt to compile the knowledge of university students on the must-do elements to build yourself into a strong applicant, while minimizing the time pressure. This is what we would have done looking back on the process, especially by making actions chronological and systematic. Do not to be mistaken; these are **intensive** task lists for you to complete before the following week's session. Nonetheless, they are designed to minimize the time-wasting, maximize the benefits, and assist you in applying what you learned in the previous week's session. So stick with them!

If you are taking the course at home, anyone can be your mentor, even your parents. Having someone you must turn in your completed action set to will greatly help you commit. Don't freak out, we'll start you off easy with this first one ;)

- Create a [Google account](#). My Username is \_\_\_\_\_
  - This will give you create you a Gmail, YouTube, and Google+ account all under one profile with that username, so make it proper! (Provide your mobile number... it's helpful later)
  - Use a **professional username**, as you should for everything from here on out. You're a big kid now. It should have your first and/or last name in it, the shorter the better, the less numbers and special characters the better, and try to get the same username for every account (if it's available for Google, then it probably will be available for most other accounts from here on out). **Make a proper email signature.**
  - Becoming a powerful Google user will be an enormous tool in your skillset and as you progress through the program. Our communication and resources are all based on this platform and we will teach you the easiest way to develop fluency with the websites later, but feel free to explore.
  
- Create a [College Board SAT account](#). My Username is \_\_\_\_\_
  - You will need your high school date of graduation, parents email address and info.
  - **Sign up for the Official SAT Question of the Day!** Consistency is the key! It will grow on you, don't worry. **Save the ones you miss** into a document or folder so you can do them again later.
  - Both you and your parents are highly encouraged to sign-up for the newsletters. The best role your parents can play is reminding you to be on top of your stuff and this will help them do that.
  
- Create a [Common Application account](#). My Username is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Use your Gmail address when you register. You are applying as a First-Year student.
  - Explore the interface and add universities you have thought about applying to (no more than 9). Make sure you understand all the word and character limits, the difference between the main Common App and then the supplemental forms for each university, and how the recommendation system works. Read the details on these points in the [FAQ](#) on the site.
  
- Purchase [this SAT book from Amazon](#) (which should prompt you to think about making your own Amazon account, but that's not necessary if your parents have one). You should definitely get one when you get your own credit card.
  - **SAT homework will be assigned from this book regularly.** For now, just familiarize yourself with the format of the SAT book as described in the beginning.