

Action Set 2

This set will assist you in applying what you learned from “How to Make the Most of Your Summer” into reality. Applying for a program or internship is literally a mini-college app process, which makes it perfect practice. All you need to do is come out of the gates blazing, because once you've completed one app well, the rest are all the same; even the college apps are similar. Whatever stage you are in, you need to plan, execute, and follow-up.

- Choose the top 3 summer programs/jobs/ internships/projects that you will apply to.
 - Start your research from the mentorship page Useful Links Center. Don't be afraid to venture out into your own searching online and your school's career center. Just read the program's purpose and jump straight to the eligibility. Don't waste your time reading a lot if you're not even eligible. If you will be eligible in the future, save the website somewhere. It can get arduous, but stick with it until you find 3. (You'll see later on, this is virtually the same thing for scholarships).

- Outline the 3 programs entirely in a Word doc or OneNote (or whatever note-taking program you like).
 - Note the MAIN purpose of the program/internship, website, requirements, essay topics, **THE DEADLINE**. Save any applications to desktop and try to cycle through the application to see what they ask without submitting it. Put deadlines on your Google Calendar. Note any other important info.
 - Program 1 Name _____, Deadline: _____
 - Program 2 Name _____, Deadline: _____
 - Program 3 Name _____, Deadline: _____

- APPLY**
 - This is the continual task that may take more time than a week, but if you split up the work over time you can get these done quickly. At least submit one by the end of next week.

- Follow-up
 - Once you've applied, it ain't over! Big companies and competitive programs only take students that **really** want it, so send an email or call making sure they've received your application, express your interest, inquire about the details, and even if you don't get it, ask what you can do to improve for applying next year (shows your continued interest and where your weaknesses are). Don't treat rejection as a loss whatsoever, because the fact that you made it through the processes is the tough part.

- Take up a community-service project/position to take up, even if you did get a position.
 - **Service to society should be a built-in default into your summer lifestyle**, but if it has significant time conflicts with your program/internship that develops your career goals, forgo it for another time. Summer is nonetheless the ideal time to get out there and get involved with a project because you can do it right, be it online, at the masjid, a hospital, a youth club, or even your own project/organization which is extremely good-looking to universities.

SAT Homework

- Complete Practice Test #1. This should take no more than 4.5 hours and aim for one sitting if you can.
 - One practice test will be a regular entry in every Aset. You must complete all sections under the allotted time, **check your answers via the back of the book, and grade your SAT** (explained in the front).
 - Don't sweat material review so much – just practice. Simply sitting down and completing practice test after practice test is the most assured way to see significant improvement.