



SUMMER CAREER

Adventure Checklist

WEEK 1: RECOMMENDED FOR JUNE 9-15

Your Start Date: _____

Foundations - Start Where You Are: Building your professional foundation

- ☐ Create a Tallo account if you don't have one yet and fill out your basic profile info
- ☐ Update your Tallo profile with current experiences
- ☐ Switch to a non-school email address for your Tallo account to keep access after you graduate
- ☐ Identify your accomplishments and skills using the "Translating Your Successes to Skills" worksheet
- ☐ Browse Tallo's Career Navigator to get familiar with career exploration tools
- ☐ Connect with others by introducing yourself in the Tallo Community

Reflection Prompt:

What's one course you have taken (or hope to take) in high school that you think has prepared you (or will prepare you) for your next step? Explain your answer.

Resources:

Download: [Translating Your Successes to Skills worksheet](#)

Your Reflection Response:

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WEEK 2: RECOMMENDED FOR JUNE 16-22

Your Start Date: _____

Skills & Profile Building - Discover Your Strengths: Identifying and showcasing your transferable skills

- ☐ Identify three transferable skills from your summer job/activities
- ☐ Add the skills you identified in your Week 1 brainstorm and from your summer job/activities to the "Skills" section of your [Tallo profile sections](#)
- ☐ Choose two successes you're most proud of from your Week 1 brainstorm and add them to your Tallo profile in the "Accomplishments" section
- ☐ Identify what sections of your Tallo profile you feel you're lacking in and create steps to improve them
- ☐ Share one accomplishment you added to your profile and why you're proud of it in the [Tallo Community](#)

Reflection Prompt:

Pick three soft skills that most fit you and explain why: adaptability, accountability, initiative, innovation, productivity, collaboration, communication, teamwork, flexibility, leadership, problem solving, responsibility, self-direction, social skills, etc.

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WEEK 3: RECOMMENDED FOR JUNE 23-29

Your Start Date: _____

Upskilling & Growth - Level Up: Develop new skills that match your career goals

- ☐ Try one free upskilling resource ([FreeCodeCamp](#), [Coursera](#), [Notion](#), etc.)
- ☐ Complete the elevator pitch worksheet and practice your 30-second pitch
- ☐ Practice your elevator pitch with a new person and get feedback
- ☐ Share insights from your upskilling/learning experience in the [Tallos Community](#)

Reflection Prompt:

What's one new skill you're excited to develop this summer? How will it help you reach your career goals?

Resources:

Download: [Creating an Elevator Pitch worksheet](#)

Read: [How to Create the Perfect Elevator Pitch with Examples](#)

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WEEK 4: RECOMMENDED FOR JUNE 30 - JULY 6

Your Start Date: _____

Social Media & Personal Branding - Show Your Professional Self : Professional online presence (Social Media Day - June 30)

- ☐ Update your online presence/social media for professional networking
- ☐ Remove or hide posts/content that doesn't represent your professional self across your main social media profiles
- ☐ Update your bio/about sections on social media to reflect your career interests and goals
- ☐ Use [Tallo's Resume Builder](#) to create your first professional resume
- ☐ Enter Tallo's [resume review giveaway](#).
- ☐ Share a tip for maintaining professional social media experience in the [Tallo Community](#).

Reflection Prompt:

How do you want to be seen professionally? What would most impress someone looking at your Tallo profile?

Resources:

Download: [What is an Applicant Tracking System \(ATS\) infographic](#)

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WEEK 5: RECOMMENDED FOR JULY 7 - 13

Your Start Date: _____

Career Exploration - Discover What's Possible: Deep dive into career possibilities and pathways

- ☐ Complete [Tallo's Career Navigator Assessment](#) (60 questions, ~15 minutes)
- ☐ Complete the "My Career Vibe" worksheet to explore your results in-depth
- ☐ Use [Career Navigator](#) to explore at least 2 different career hubs in depth
- ☐ [Explore Tallo Real Careers, Real Journeys Series 2025](#) clips on Tallo
- ☐ [Create a career vision board](#) for the next 2 years
- ☐ Share your top Career Navigator result in the [Tallo Community](#) — were you surprised by any career matches?

Reflection Prompt:

After exploring different career paths, which one surprised you the most? What did you discover about yourself through career exploration?

Resources:

Download: [My Career Vibe worksheet](#)

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WEEK 6: RECOMMENDED FOR JULY 14 - 20

Your Start Date: _____

Networking & Community - Give and Grow: Building relationships and giving back (Give Something Away Day - July 15)

- ☐ Connect with 3 new professional contacts or mentors. Don't forget to save their contact info so you can follow-up with them in the future!
- ☐ Practice your elevator pitch during networking conversations
- ☐ Find a volunteering opportunity that aligns with your career interests
- ☐ Reach out to a professional for an informational interview or job shadowing
- ☐ Give career advice or encouragement to another student (Give Something Away Day)
- ☐ Brainstorm three people who could write you a strong letter of recommendation and explain why you picked each person. If you're not sure, consider 3 people you'd like to ask for a letter of recommendation in the future, and brainstorm ways to build a stronger relationship with them.
- ☐ Post about your networking/volunteering experience in the [Tallos Community](#).

Reflection Prompt:

How did helping others help you learn about yourself? Why do colleges and companies look for candidates who have completed community service?

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WEEK 7: RECOMMENDED FOR JULY 21 - 27

Your Start Date: _____

Confidence & Interview Prep - Build Interview Confidence: Building confidence and interview skills

- ☐ Update your elevator pitch based on new career insights
- ☐ Practice your elevator pitch with someone new
- ☐ Participate in mock interview challenge or practice session
- ☐ List at least two scenarios where you might need a printed resume on hand
- ☐ Update your [Tallo profile](#) and resume with summer accomplishments
- ☐ Share interview tips or experiences in the [Tallo Community](#)

Reflection Prompt:

What's one thing you're excited to talk about in a job interview? How has your confidence grown this summer?

Resources:

Read: [5 Tips to Ensure a Successful Job Interview](#)

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WEEK 8: RECOMMENDED FOR JULY 28 - AUGUST 3

Your Start Date: _____

Internship Focus - Find Your Next Step: National Internship Day focus (July 31)

- ☐ Research and save 5 fall internship opportunities you'll apply for
- ☐ Draft your first internship application or inquiry email using your refined elevator pitch elements
- ☐ Download and review your updated resume from Tallo
- ☐ Explore Tallo's scholarship search engine
- ☐ Share one internship or opportunity you're excited to apply for and why in the Tallo Community

Reflection Prompt:

What type of work environment energizes you most?

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WEEK 9: RECOMMENDED FOR AUGUST 4 - 10

Your Start Date: _____

Future Planning - Map Your Next Steps: Planning for fall opportunities and goal setting

- ☐ Update your career vision board based on summer discoveries
- ☐ Create your fall opportunity action plan with deadlines
- ☐ Record a final elevator pitch showcasing your summer growth & upload it to Tallo
- ☐ Complete final updates to your Tallo profile and download your final resume
- ☐ Set 3 specific, actionable career goals for the next school year
- ☐ Post in the [Tallo Community](#) about your biggest summer career win

Reflection Prompt:

What's your biggest personal goal for the next year? How are you different now than when summer started?

Resources:

Download: [Smart Goals worksheet](#)

Read: [Charting a Path to Your Future: How to Set SMART Goals](#)

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