

## TO BECOME A DRS VR CUSTOMER HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - 17-18 School Year

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program serves individuals with disabilities to assist with the transition from high school to employment and adult living. Services may include assistance with college training: tuition, fees, required books and supplies, transportation assistance. Other services may include short-term vocational skill development, independent living skills, job-coaching, driver's evaluations and training. All services are tailored appropriately to the individual needs of each customer to assist with reaching realistic and appropriate employment and independent living goals. DRS works in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies to meet the individual needs of each customer.

Any student interested in employment upon high school exit should make a self-referral to determine eligibility. General demographic information will be obtained to include social security number of applicant which is required. To make a self-referral, please contact your local office:

### ADULT DRS VR SERVICES

Jackson & Perry County Residency:

Murphysboro Office:  
(618) 565-2835

Union County Residency:

Anna Office:  
(618) 833-5115

### COLLEGE CHECKLIST

- Complete application to college - select appropriate program of study
  - Research program application date deadlines well in advance
  - Some programs have selective admission, additional application, and testing process
  - Many school guidance departments schedule dates to complete and provide assistance
  
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – **beginning October 1, 2017**
  - [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) - use most recently filed tax return (2016)
  - Determines eligibility for PELL and MAP grants
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#### For students attending a community college:

- Complete ACUPLACER college placement test (English/Math)
  - Schedule appointment with testing services at community college level
  - Determines course sequence for English/math courses (remedial or college level)
  
- Meet with college academic advisor
  - Be accepted into specific academic program at college
  - Register for classes/coursework
  
- Meet with college Student Success Center to set up accommodations
  - Take senior exit IEP to this meeting

