



College Preparation Checklist

12th Grade

Summer Break

- Plan visits or virtual tours for your top college choices to help narrow down your options.
- Make your account for the Common App when the portal opens in August.

Fall Semester

- Take or retake the SAT and/or ACT if needed.
- Complete and submit your college applications.
- Request transcripts and letters of recommendation, allowing 30 days or more before the submission deadlines.
- If applying for financial aid, begin your [FAFSA® Federal Student Aid](#) application. Keep in mind that you will need to apply to federal grants and loans with FAFSA® each year.
- Consider turning in scholarship applications early.
- Stay in touch with your [Success Coach](#) to ensure you're on track to meet all your graduation requirements.

Winter Break

- Finish submitting scholarship applications.
- Finish submitting any college applications that have a January or February deadline.

Spring Semester

- Review college acceptances.
- Attend the admitted-students weekends for colleges you've been accepted to help make an informed decision.
- Consider and compare financial aid packages.
- Put down a deposit for your school of choice by May 1.