

# COLLEGE BOUND MICHIGAN

## 12th Grade Checklist

### September

- Make a post high school plan**
  - Review your graduation plan**
  - Prepare for college Applications**
  - Explore how to pay for college**
  - Sign up for the SAT or ACT**
  - Take the SAT**
- requirements (majors, classes and colleges) that have them.
  - Strengthen your college list in [BigFuture™](#) so that it has a minimum of one (1) “safety,” two (2) “match,” and three (3) “reach” colleges
  - Review your transcript and your senior year class schedule with your counselor or college advisor to make sure you have the classes you need to graduate and apply to college.
  - Ask questions you have about the college application process.
  - Create a professional email account.
  - Set privacy settings on social media accounts.
  - Sign up for scholarships on [GoingMerry!](#)
  - Create your Federal Student Aid [\(FSA\) ID](#)
  - Research financial aid/scholarship options at your list of colleges
  - Sign up for the ACT or SAT if you haven’t taken it or need to.
  - Take or retake the SAT.

### October

- Take the SAT**
  - Prepare for college applications**
  - Participate in Michigan College Month activities**
  - Continue completing college applications**
  - Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - Explore how to pay for college**
- Make a list of awards you have received and extra-curriculars you participated in.
  - Write a rough draft of application and/or scholarship essays. Check out [College Essay Guy](#) for support telling your story
  - Request letters of recommendation if required for applications or scholarships.
  - Check application due dates and develop a plan for submission.
  - Complete at least 2 applications before October 31st.
  - Send your transcripts to the schools you applied to using [Parchment](#).
  - Send your SAT scores (if applicable) through [College Board](#).
  - Request and follow up on letters of recommendation (if applicable).
  - Continue working on and submitting college applications and following up on transcripts, letters of recommendation and sending test scores.
  - Create your [FSA ID](#) and file the [FAFSA](#)
  - Gather the documents needed to file the FAFSA including tax returns and W2 Forms
  - Continue searching for and applying for [scholarships](#)

### December

- Finish applying for colleges**
  - Explore how to pay for college**
- Continue working on and submitting college applications.
  - Send your transcripts to your schools using [Parchment](#).
  - Send your SAT scores ( if applicable) through [College Board](#)
  - Request and follow up on letters of recommendation (if applicable).
  - [Apply for Financial Aid](#).
  - Continue searching for and applying for [scholarships](#).

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## January

- Explore how to pay for college
- [Apply for Financial Aid](#)
- Continue searching for and applying for [scholarships](#).

## February

- Explore how to pay for college
- [Apply for Financial Aid](#)
- Continue searching for and applying for [scholarships](#).
  - Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges
  - Compare acceptance offers and scholarship amounts.
  - Make sure your semester 2 schedule gets you the classes you need.
  - Ask any questions you have about college decision making and paying for college.
- If you haven't already, visit the campus of some schools you applied for.
- Talk to current students about their experience.
- Check for news on college acceptances
- Meet with your counselor to review your graduation plan
- Visit a Campus

## March

- Last chance to submit the FAFSA
- Complete the FAFSA.
- Check for news on college acceptances
- Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges.
- Compare acceptance offers and scholarship amounts.

## April

- Tax Filing Deadline: April 15th
- Make sure taxes are filed!
- Check for news on college acceptances
- Check your email regularly to stay on top of communication from colleges.
- Decision time!
- Compare acceptance offers and scholarship amounts.
- Think carefully and critically about where to attend for college. Compare cost, opportunities, size, academics, and more. Seek out wisdom from family, friends, and school staff.

## May

- Decision Day Events
- Participate in your institution's Decision Day Events on or around May 1st
- Finish strong and plan forward!
- Complete high school graduation requirements.
- Complete required college forms (housing, financial aid, etc).
- Pay deposit and schedule orientation.