

Junior - Senior Year CHECKLIST for HIGHER EDUCATION

Date	Action	Resources (*In Addition to Counseling and Career Center Resources*)	Completed ✓
April/May	1) Sign Up for ACT and/or SAT and sign up for prep class	http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html	1) <input type="checkbox"/>
	2) Take AP exam/s	https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
	3) NCAA ClearingHouse - Sign up	https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/	3) <input type="checkbox"/>
June/July	1) Take ACT and/or SAT		1) <input type="checkbox"/>
	2) Begin scholarship search	http://www.collegerank.net/best-scholarship-websites/	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
	3) Work on Personal Essays (specific and general)	https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/642/01/ http://www.cws.illinois.edu/workshop/writers/tips/personalstatement/	3) <input type="checkbox"/>
Aug/Sept	1) Meet with your high school counselor to discuss post- secondary plans		1) <input type="checkbox"/>
	2) Register for Sept/Oct ACT or SAT if didn't take it already		2) <input type="checkbox"/>
	3) Review list of colleges. Early admission applications are usually due between October and November 1 st	https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/early	3) <input type="checkbox"/>
	4) Visit Career Center for scholarship/college/military and representative info		4) <input type="checkbox"/>
	5) Make sure you have applied for your FSA ID (FAFSA Pin #); make sure your parent/guardian are involved and have them apply as well	https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm	5) <input type="checkbox"/>
	6) Start thinking of who would be great to write letters of recommendation for you; many scholarships ask for particular references: teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, employers (do not ask relatives or best friends to write letters of recommendation)		6) <input type="checkbox"/>

October	1) Continue scholarship search 2) Continue/finish personal essays and make sure to ask counselors, teachers, and others to read the essays for input and possible revisions 3) Narrow down college list 4) You can complete and submit your college financial aid application (FAFSA) starting the first of October 5) Ask for letters of recommendation	https://fafsa.ed.gov/ https://www.petersons.com/college-search/letter-recommendation-how-ask.aspx	1) <input type="checkbox"/> 2) <input type="checkbox"/> 3) <input type="checkbox"/> 4) <input type="checkbox"/> 5) <input type="checkbox"/>
November	1) Submit college application Nov. 1 st 2) Retake SAT/ACT if necessary 3) Continue scholarship search 4) Obtain letters of recommendation if needed		1) <input type="checkbox"/> 2) <input type="checkbox"/> 3) <input type="checkbox"/> 4) <input type="checkbox"/>
Dec/Jan	1) Continue scholarship search 2) Continue checking off due dates and stay on top of your grades 3) Tour college campuses you've applied for over the winter break		1) <input type="checkbox"/> 2) <input type="checkbox"/> 3) <input type="checkbox"/>
February	1) If completed the FAFSA by January, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/next-steps/student-aid-report	1) <input type="checkbox"/>
March/April	1) Contact your college/school to determine when fees for tuition, room and board...etc. and visit the campus again! 2) Compare acceptance letters, FAFSA, and scholarships to determine how much additional money you might need 3) Meet with a college advisor, if possible	https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/	1) <input type="checkbox"/> 2) <input type="checkbox"/> 3) <input type="checkbox"/>
May	1) Make a decision by May 1 st as to which school you will be attending 2) Attend orientation if you haven't already 3) Graduate High School!		1) <input type="checkbox"/> 2) <input type="checkbox"/> 3) <input type="checkbox"/>
June	1) Complete an 8 th semester transcript request form	Records office at your high school	1) <input type="checkbox"/>