


Seniors' Pre-College Calendar & Checklist



August	September	October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow your college list to approximately five schools. <input type="checkbox"/> Request catalogs and admission information. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue your summer employment to help finance your education. <input type="checkbox"/> Start researching scholarship opportunities through high school counselor/career guidance offices, libraries, and on the Internet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of test names, dates, and fees, as well as college admission, financial aid and scholarship applications and deadlines. NOTE: you should take tests like the SAT and ACT at least six (6) weeks before scores are due to colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your high school counselor for registration materials and test dates for the ACT and SAT. <input type="checkbox"/> If interested in early admission, check with colleges' Admissions Offices for application deadline dates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT I, SAT II and/or ACT exams if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on application essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Plan to attend College Fair and financial aid seminars at your school. Check with your guidance counselor for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Check with Admissions Office or Student Services Office for information on campus visits/tours. <input type="checkbox"/> Find out which admissions &/or financial aid applications your college requires and when the forms must be received or postmarked to meet deadlines.
November	December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain financial aid applications from your guidance office or college of choice. Read carefully to determine what information is required and when the applications are due. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin preparing your college applications. Check with the colleges to find out when materials must be received and/or postmarked. <input type="checkbox"/> Men who are 18 or older must be registered for Selective Service to receive federal aid. Register on-line at www.sss.gov. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look for the Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) at your high school counseling office, local library, or on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Begin working on it. Do not submit before January 1st. <input type="checkbox"/> If you will be filing the FAFSA over the internet you and your parents should request a PIN number by going to www.pin.ed.gov. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue your scholarship search and application process. <input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS: Save your year-end payroll stub if it lists year to date earnings. You may need it to estimate income for the FAFSA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your completed FAFSA after January 1st by paper or on the Internet. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep copies of all submitted forms. <input type="checkbox"/> PARENTS: Get your income tax returns prepared early if possible. NOTE: schools may request copies of tax returns to verify financial aid eligibility. <p style="text-align: center;">Be sure to meet your school's deadline dates!</p>
February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your FAFSA has been mailed/transmitted and received by contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 or log-on to www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you do not receive a Student Aid Report/Acknowledgement after four weeks, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center. <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your top choices of schools are listed on your Student Aid Report (SAR). Read and review your SAR for clarification requests from the processor. Make corrections or update information on the SAR <i>especially</i> if estimated income figures were used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact each financial aid office to make certain that your application is complete. Find out what else is needed to establish and maintain your financial aid eligibility. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep a log of names of people you have spoken with and the dates. <input type="checkbox"/> If you are not admitted to any of the colleges you selected, see your high school counselor for guidance. <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to all correspondence from your school of choice by the given due date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the financial aid award notices you receive. <input type="checkbox"/> Make your final decision on a school and send in any necessary deposits by their deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> Carefully read instructions and accompanying award letter information from your college of choice. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
May	June	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May 1st is the National Candidate Reply date. <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Placement (AP) examinations are given in high schools nationwide. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize your summer school or summer job plans. 	 <h2 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">Congratulations Graduates!</h2>	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Additional Web Sites</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"> www.finaid.org www.students.gov www.collegeboard.com www.act.org www.fastweb.com www.allaboutcollege.com www.mapping-your-future.org (available in Spanish) </p>		