

Senior Year Checklist

Keep track of all the important college-going activities during your senior year of high school!

Fall

- If available at your school, take any dual-credit courses to earn college credit and/or enroll in Advanced Placement courses to prepare for the AP test at the end of the school year.
- Attend College Fairs and consider visiting some of the schools that interest you. *Can't do an in person visit?* Consider requesting a virtual tour from the school's Admissions Office.
- Take or retake the ACT or SAT.
- Participate in Apply Missouri events if offered at your school.
- Apply to your top college(s)!
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as soon as possible after October 1, at fafsa.ed.gov. *Need help?* Attend a local FAFSA Frenzy event for assistance.
- Follow the schools you applied to on social media to keep up-to-date with any upcoming tasks, scholarship opportunities, or important alerts.
- Begin applying for private scholarships. Check out local, state, and national applications. Apply for at least one scholarship a day.

Winter

- Watch for early acceptance letters from the colleges you applied to.
- Sign in to your student portal or e-mail (usually included in your acceptance letter) to see if you have any to-do list items, such as financial aid verification paperwork.
- Make sure your FAFSA is complete and has been submitted by February 1 at the latest!

Spring

- Financial Aid Award Offers may begin to arrive. Compare the offers closely to see what kind of aid you're receiving and how much it might cost after your aid is applied.
- Continue to apply for private scholarships. Many have spring deadlines!
- Compare degree programs, student life, costs, and financial aid offers before deciding your final college choice. Make sure your selection is the best fit for YOU!
- Once you have selected your school, let their Admissions Office know. A typical decision deadline is May 1.
- Participate in any Decision Day events at your school.
- Make sure to request your final high school transcript be sent to your college.

Summer

- If possible, attend a summer orientation session at your college.
- Make sure your financial aid is ready for the fall and there is nothing further you need to do.
- If you haven't already, apply for a summer job to help save for your college costs.
- Purchase any school supplies or items needed for your dorm room.
- Enjoy your summer and get ready to attend college in the fall!

