



JUNIORS... follow this timeline to plan for college.

FALL

- Sign up for *Countdown2College* at **EducationQuest.org** to receive monthly college planning advice.
- Complete our online *Activities Resume* to record your honors and activities for future admission and scholarship applications.
- Research colleges that interest you.
 - Review our online *College Profiles*.
 - Attend the college fair in your area.
 - Talk to admissions representatives who visit your school.
 - Seek advice from your guidance counselor.
- Attend the financial aid program in your area.
- Take the PSAT. This exam is used for National Merit consideration.

SPRING

- Start your college visits – call two weeks in advance to set up each visit.
- Start looking for scholarships to meet early deadlines. Use *ScholarshipQuest* at **EducationQuest.org** and ask your counselor about national awards. Scholarship catalogs are available at EducationQuest locations.
- Start a scholarship file to organize your scholarship applications.
- Use our online *College Funding Estimator* to estimate your FAFSA results.
- Update your online *Activities Resume*.
- Prepare for the ACT and/or SAT with:
 - test-prep classes and books
 - sample questions at **actstudent.org** and **collegeboard.com**
- Take the ACT and/or SAT.



SENIORS... follow this timeline to plan for college.



FALL

- Retake the ACT and/or SAT – colleges use your best score for admission and scholarships.
- Narrow your college selection:
 - continue your campus visits
 - talk to admissions representatives who visit your school
 - attend the college fair near you
 - seek advice from your parents and guidance counselor
 - use our in-house or online college selection resources
- Request letters of recommendation – if needed.
- Complete 3 - 4 college applications.
- Apply for scholarships. Good resources are:
 - our online *ScholarshipQuest* at **EducationQuest.org**
 - the college you plan to attend
 - free Internet-based scholarship search sites
 - your guidance counselor
 - our in-house scholarship catalogs
- Update your *Activities Resume* at **EducationQuest.org** to record your honors and activities for admission and scholarship applications.

WINTER

- Prepare for the FAFSA.
 - Apply for a PIN at **pin.ed.gov** (student and parent).
 - Attend the financial aid program in your area.
 - Use the *College Funding Estimator* at **EducationQuest.org** to estimate your FAFSA results.
 - Complete your taxes early for reporting on the FAFSA.

- Complete the FAFSA before your college's priority date. File online at **fafsa.gov** or make an appointment with EducationQuest for free assistance.
- Expect acceptance notifications from the colleges you applied to.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.

SPRING

- As a follow-up to the FAFSA, you should:
 - expect your Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - verify financial aid information with your college – if they require it
 - expect award notifications from the colleges listed on your FAFSA
 - compare award notifications from the schools
- Select a college after careful consideration of all your options.
- Make your housing deposit at the college you selected.

SUMMER

- Apply for student and parent loans if you need them.
- Attend the orientation program at your college.



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