

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER:

- Attend senior meetings to make sure you are meeting college admission requirements
- Search college websites for information
- Register and take the ACT and/or SAT
- Attend college fairs
- Attend college/university preview days
- Begin apply to colleges/universities with early admissions
- Apply for any scholarships available
- Create or Revise your Resume

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER:

- Narrow your list of colleges down to three to five schools
- Observe deadlines for admission and scholarship applications
- Submit college and scholarship applications
- Ask teachers, counselor, and others for recommendations (only if required)
- Request an official transcript to be sent to each prospective college/university
- Apply for any scholarships available
- Update your resume

DECEMBER-JANUARY:

- Complete your housing application(s) and send in your housing deposit
- Write application essays and ask parents, teachers, and/or counselors to read first drafts
- Athletes should complete required documentation for collegiate athletics:
 - National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA): www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA): www.playNAIA.org
 - National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA): www.njcaa.org
- Continue your scholarship search
- Keep your resume up to date

JANUARY-MARCH:

- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon after October 1 as possible
- Attend financial aid seminars
- Send mid-term report and first semester grades to prospective schools
- Decide on the college you plan to attend
 - notify the school of decision by May 1 or specific college deadline
- Observe deadlines for sending in your final paperwork, fees, and deposits
- Continue to look for scholarships
- Take the TSI either at your local school or the college/university of your choice
- Check your e-mail for your SAR (Student Aid Report)

TESTING INFORMATION:

- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- SAT: www.sat.collegeboard.org
- TSI: Your high school or College/University of Your Choice

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION:

- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- College Board: www.sat.collegeboard.org
- College View: www.collegeview.com
- Petersons: www.petersons.com
- TX College/Universities: The Compendium of Texas Colleges and Financial Aid Calendar: <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/about/scholars/>
- College for All Texans: <http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>
- TX Common Application – Apply Texas: www.applytexas.org
- The Common Application: www.commonapp.org

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

**You should not pay to apply for scholarships or to complete the FAFSA!*

- Fast Web Scholarship Search: www.fastweb.com
- ACT: www.actstudent.org
- College Board Scholarship Search: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- Every Chance Every Texan: <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/>
- Financial Aid Application (FAFSA): <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- Complete your senior year
 - Opens October 1 of each year
 - Submit early – money is first come first serve!