

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

- Seek leadership roles in clubs and activities.
- Begin thinking about what fields of study and which colleges you might like to consider.
- Continue building relationships with teachers, coaches and counselors who'll be able to provide college recommendations.
- Attend college fairs to become familiar with what different schools have to offer.
- Become familiar with the required standardized tests.
- Look into summer programs for college prep.

Spring

- Continue family discussions about college costs and what is needed for the coming years.
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to make sure coursework for your junior year is on track.
- Apply for summer internships, jobs or volunteer activities.
- Begin research on college scholarships that are available. The Internet offers a wealth of information.



Source: FastWeb.com

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

- Sign up for PSAT test and begin studying.
- Make sure you're on the most challenging academic track you can manage – it could go a long way toward earning more scholarship money.
- Expand involvement in clubs and community service and seek out leadership roles.
- Begin doing more research about prospective colleges and potential scholarship opportunities.
- Attend area college fairs.
- Take the PSAT.
- Begin studying for the SAT or ACT test.
- Discuss college finances with parents and begin gathering information on financial aid.
- Begin talking with teachers, advisors and other adults about writing college recommendations.

January/February/March

- Take SAT test (January)
- Take ACT test (February)
- Begin submitting applications for scholarships.
- Identify colleges with programs and majors in which you are interested.
- Schedule college visits for spring break.
- Begin assembling your resume, including grades, extracurricular activities, honors and volunteer work.

April/May

- Take advantage of another chance to improve your SAT or ACT score.
- Contact the Office of Admissions at the schools in which you're interested and request applications as well as information on financial aid.
- Check academic requirements for college programs in which you're interested in case you need to pick up classes during summer school.

- Meet with guidance counselor to plan senior schedule.
- Athletes should register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- Apply for summer jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities.
- Study for your finals!

June/July/August

- Yet another chance to improve your SAT/ACT test scores (June)!
- Request brochures and applications from colleges you are considering.
- Narrow your list of prospective colleges and contact the schools' admissions offices to schedule campus tours and interviews with an academic advisor or faculty member.
- If you've already made a school choice, submit an early decision application.
- Begin writing drafts for college application essays.