

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Task to be Completed	Timeframe for Completion	Notes
COLLEGE PREP (during Junior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Find your best fit major	Jr Fall Semester	Go to MyMajors.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your counselor	Jr Fall Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prep for admission tests	Jr Winter Semester	
COLLEGE SEARCH (during Junior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Research colleges	Jr Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Make campus visits	Jr Spring/Summer Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> Collect college information	Junior/Senior Year	
COLLEGE ADMISSION (during Senior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare college applications	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write your essays	September-October	Go to WowWritingWorkshop.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Get letters of recommendations	September-October	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit college applications	November-January	
COLLEGE ADMISSION (during Senior year)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compare college costs	November	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review financial aid options	November-January	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA and PROFILE	January	
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial aid	May-September	

SCHOOL COST COMPARISON

Enter the estimated costs for each school. Schools must tell all applicants how much it will cost to attend their school for each academic year. Schools determine costs based upon average budgets that students spend for the following categories:



College 1

College 2

College 3

School Tuition and Fees:

\$	\$	\$
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The per cost per student to attend class and the use of facilities, labs, libraries and all other related services.

Notes:



Books and Supplies:

\$	\$	\$
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The estimated cost for books and supplies. These items may include your own personal computer and other electronic devices.

Notes:



Room and Board:

\$	\$	\$
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The estimated cost for housing and food if you live in a residence hall; if you live off campus, monthly food expenses will need to be estimated. Include costs for lunches and snacks.

Notes:



Transportation:

\$	\$	\$
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The estimated cost for 2-3 round trips from your home to school; if you live with your parents, the estimated commuting costs will need to be calculated. If you have an automobile, you need to estimate monthly gas, insurance, and other maintenance. Also note any public transportation costs, if any.

Notes:



Personal Living Expenses:

\$	\$	\$
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The estimated cost for clothing, grooming supplies, laundry and limited entertainment. Note that these costs may be similar among schools. But some localities may be more expensive.

Notes:



Miscellaneous:

\$	\$	\$
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Any other expenses that you can identify with your school's Financial Aid Office

Notes:



Total:

\$	\$	\$
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