

Odyssey Future Ready Checklist - Senior

At School

Log into SchoolLinks and complete your 11th grade ICAP requirements.

- Meet with a military recruiter, if applicable.
- Look for **internships** within your career of interest.
 - D11 Future Centers
 - Pikes Peak Business & Education Alliance
<https://ppbea.org/#/>
 - D11 Work-based learning opportunities
<https://www.d11.org/futureready>

August

- Build your **college list**. Include safety, target, and reach schools. Choose at least 5 colleges.
- Continue to explore and participate in meaningful **extracurricular activities**. Apply or run for **leadership** roles. Colleges like to see that your involvement and responsibility have been steady or even increasing over the years.
- Start your **application essays** by brainstorming and writing first drafts.
- Register and study for the SAT if you're retaking it.
- Apply for **scholarships**.

September

- Create a spreadsheet or **track deadlines** and requirements in your phone.
- Finalize your college list.
- Ask for **letters of recommendation** from teachers, counselors, and mentors.
- Create your **FSA ID** to prepare for completing the FAFSA.
- Tour colleges** where you're considering applying in person or online.
- Decide if you are applying early decision or early action to any schools.
- Begin Daniels Scholarship, if applicable.
- Begin Boettcher Scholarship, if applicable.
- Submit QuestBridge National College Match Application, if applicable.

October

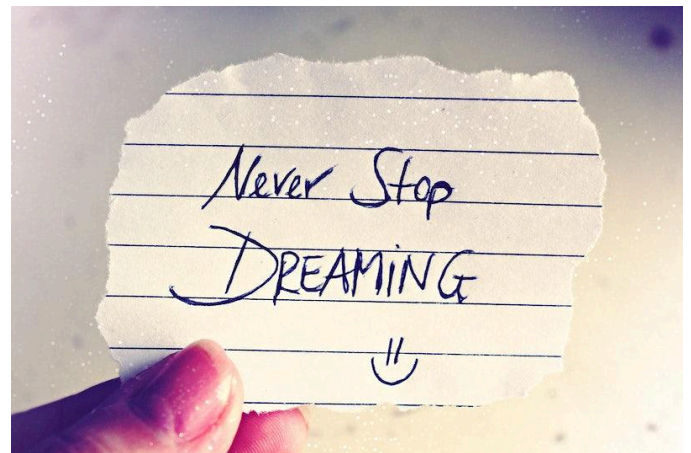
- Attend a family FAFSA night, if offered.
- Complete the FAFSA** as early as possible as some financial aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Complete the CSS Profile, if applicable.
- Request transcripts** to be sent to the colleges on your list.
- Finish your application essays and get them proofread.
- Fill out applications** and submit the appropriate ones on Free Colorado Application Days. Odyssey's CEEB code is 060333.
- Attend 1st senior meeting.**

November

- Submit any other applications.
- It's National Scholarship Month! Continue to research and apply.

December

- Submit any other applications.
- Begin preparing for **College or Scholarship interviews**, if necessary. Ask your instructors or counselor for help preparing and doing a "mock interview".



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January

- Submit any remaining applications. This is usually the last deadline for most schools.
- Continue to look for scholarships, especially **school specific Scholarships**. Many have a deadline on or near March 1.

February

- Continue applying for scholarships.
- Write thank-you notes to people who helped you with applications.
- Attend 2nd senior meeting.**

March

- Receive your notifications of admission, waitlist, or rejection.
- Compare financial aid **award letters**.
- Appeal your financial aid offers if your financial situation has changed.
- Tour schools you're considering attending by visiting in person or online.



April

- Make a final decision and send your **deposit**.
- Notify other schools that you won't be attending.
- Accept your financial aid and scholarships.
- Report your scholarship offerings to Odyssey by submitting the Scholarships and Awards Form on the graduation web page.**

May

- Submit enrollment deposits.
- Submit housing, meal, and roommate selections, if needed.
- Contact your **Financial Aid office** to see if assistance is available to help pay your deposits, if needed.
- Attend 3rd senior meeting.**

June

- Apply for private student loans if you need to cover gaps in college costs.
- Register for **freshman orientation**.
- Send final transcripts from all sources (high school and any colleges from which you have received previous credits)

July

- Make your first **tuition payment**.

