

My **SENIOR YEAR FINANCIAL AID** Checklist

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ADMISSIONS & COLLEGE PLANNING

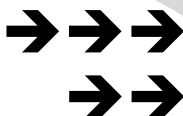
- Take challenging courses in core academic subjects and stay on track to complete state-required curriculum for college admission requirements
- Take the ACT and maximize my score ASAP
- Attend school visits by college admissions reps
- Narrow down the list of colleges being considered and apply to top 3-5 college choices
- Visit college campuses and talk to Financial Aid while there

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Stay involved in school and community-based activities
- Ask teachers, counselors, and employers for recommendation letters to include with scholarship applications
- Apply for institutional scholarships and meet the deadlines for applications
- If eligible, begin my Gates Millennium and Dell Scholarship applications
- Review and apply for national scholarships at www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com

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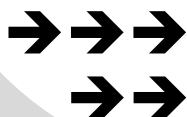
- ☐ Estimate my federal financial aid eligibility with the FAFSA4caster at www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate
- ☐ Estimate college costs using each college's Net Price Calculator
- ☐ Begin collecting wage and income information for the FAFSA



STUDENT LOANS

Helpful Hints to Borrow Wisely

- * Educational loans can be useful to pay for college, but be sure to borrow ONLY enough to cover necessary educational expenses
- * Don't borrow more than what is reasonably affordable to repay each month based on expected income—view earning potential at www.bls.gov/oco and www.onetonline.org



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- Attend school visits by college admissions reps
- Begin a comparison chart of the schools I get admitted to
- Attend school visits by financial aid administrators
- Review housing options and save for the deposit

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Research and apply for local scholarships
- Continue applying for national scholarships

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- ☐ File taxes ASAP
- ☐ Check for a local College Goal Sunday event in my area for help completing my FAFSA at www.collegegoal.org
- ☐ Apply for the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov
- ☐ Communicate any special circumstances to each college's financial aid office

MAR—MAY

ADMISSIONS & COLLEGE PLANNING

- Compare the pros/cons for each college
- CHOOSE MY COLLEGE
- Sign up for orientation at my chosen college
- Study and take the Advanced Placement (AP) exams
- Send my final transcript

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Complete the Kansas Board of Regents Scholarships Applications
★ www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants
- Continue applying for local scholarships
- Continue applying for national scholarships
- Send thank you notes to donors and organizations that award scholarships to me

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- ☐ Submit any requested documents to each college
- ☐ Review and compare my financial aid award offers from each college
- ☐ Contact your college's financial aid office with any questions
- ☐ Research loans offered and other financial aid options, if necessary
- ☐ Accept/decline my financial aid award offers

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