



Preparing for Graduation: Seniors

Fall

- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- If you haven't done so already, register for and take the standardized tests required for college admission. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see what tests they require.
- Apply to the colleges you have chosen. Prepare your applications carefully.
- Visit colleges, trade, or technical schools that you are interested in attending
- Seek scholarship opportunities
- Take ACT/SAT

Winter

- Seek letters of recommendation for teachers and counselors, please give at least 2 weeks' notice
- Complete a resume
- If appropriate, after Jan. 1, complete and submit your *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA), along with any other financial aid applications your school(s) of choice may require.
- Complete any last scholarship applications.
- Attend college and career fairs
- If needed, take ACT/SAT

Spring

- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges' financial aid offers.
- Perfect job interviewing skills
- Contact a school's *financial aid office* if you have questions about the aid that school has offered you. In fact, getting to know your financial aid staff early is a good idea no matter what—they can tell you about deadlines, other aid for which you might wish to apply, and important paperwork you might need to submit.
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification and deposit by May 1.
- Take AP Exams