

It's Your Future

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College and Career Prep Checklist Seniors

August/September

- Check the credits required to graduate. Be at grade level!
- Have a professional online presence, voicemail and e-mail address.
- Finalize a professional resume with your activities, jobs, awards, honors and GPA.
- Finalize a cover letter and essay or personal statement.
- Ask mentors or teachers to write a POSITIVE letter of recommendation.
- Organize the list of scholarships you will apply to so you do not miss any deadlines.
- Do a practice interview: your college/employer likely will require one.

October/November

- Apply to your ideal list of colleges, universities & trade schools (at least 1 stretch school, 1 realistic school, 1 safety school).
- Apply to the College Opportunity Fund (COF) if you are a Colorado resident.
- Apply to scholarships & maintain a high GPA!

December/January

- Use your parent's/your taxes to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before March 1.

February/March

- Check the Student Aid Report from FAFSA to make sure it was processed properly.
- Monitor your college/university/trade school applications & admissions so you do not miss the Financial Aid deadlines or important requests for additional information (like verification of income for FAFSA).

April/May

- Re-take the ACT exam if your previous score is not high enough.
- Review your financial aid offers and the outcome of your applications to colleges/universities/trade schools.
- Don't forget to pay your deposit to confirm you will enroll in your school of choice.
- Determine if you qualify for the ASSENT Program for 1 year of free community college.
- High School Graduation!!!!

June/July/August

- Find out if your future college/university/trade school has any summer classes or bridge programs you can take.
- Go to your school's orientation.
- Go through the student handbook and all the procedures required for new students.
- Learn as much as you can via social media, blogs, and websites about your future school.
- Regularly check your new college's/university's/trade school's e-mail account because they will send important information through there.
- Find out when you need to register for classes and meet with an advisor.

To learn more about how to get ready for your future, visit the Future Center and work with one of our staff.
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