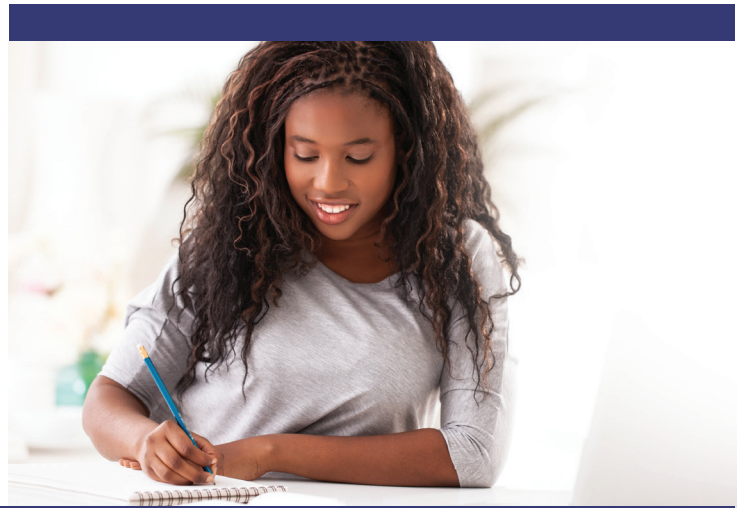


# JUNIORS...

## A GUIDE FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE



### FALL

- Ask your counselor what courses you still need to take to meet college admission requirements.
- Take dual-credit courses to earn college credit – if available at your school.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities to increase your chances for scholarships and college admission.
- Attend a virtual Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- Attend a virtual College Fair to meet with college representatives.
- Learn about careers that match your skills and interests.
- Research colleges that offer programs in your areas of interest.

### VISIT [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) to:

- Sign up for *Countdown2College* monthly email tips.
- Create or update your *Activities Resume*.
- Find dates of virtual Financial Aid Programs and College Fairs.
- Set up a *ScholarshipQuest* profile to find Nebraska-based scholarships.
- Use *Reality Check* to match your future career with your desired lifestyle.
- Research colleges using *College Profiles*.

### WINTER

- Prepare for the ACT. Ask your counselor about test-prep options including [actstudent.org](https://www.actstudent.org).
- Focus on your career interests by taking a career assessment at your school.

### SPRING

- Attend a virtual College Fair.
- Go on college visits (on campus or virtually).
- Narrow your top college choices.
- Take the ACT test.
- Apply for a summer job, and create a budget to help you save for college.

### SUMMER

- Retake the ACT and try to improve your score.
- Update your *Activities Resume*. Include awards, honors, volunteer work, and other activities.
- Job shadow to explore potential careers.
- Use *ScholarshipQuest* to research scholarships you can apply for your senior year.



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# SENIORS...

## A GUIDE FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO COLLEGE



### FALL

- Take dual-credit courses to earn college credit – if available at your school.
- Visit your top college choices.
- Use *ScholarshipQuest* to look for scholarships.
- Attend a virtual College Fair to meet with college representatives.
- Attend a virtual Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- Apply to your top colleges. If your school has an *Apply2College* event, you'll get help during the school day.
- Prepare for the FAFSA by creating an account at **studentaid.gov** (one for you and one for a parent).
- Complete the FAFSA at **studentaid.gov** – or via the **myStudentAid app** – on or after October 1 to apply for financial aid.
- Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) indicating your FAFSA was processed.
- Retake the ACT and/or SAT.

### VISIT **EducationQuest.org** to:

- Sign up for *Countdown2College* email tips.
- Update your *Activities Resume*.
- Research colleges using *College Profiles*.
- Find free FAFSA tools.
- Find dates of virtual Financial Aid Programs and College Fairs.
- Find Nebraska-based scholarships via *ScholarshipQuest*.
- Use *Reality Check* to match your future career with your desired lifestyle.

### WINTER

- Watch for acceptance letters from the colleges you applied to.
- Be prepared for verification. The college(s) may request documents to verify your FAFSA information.
- Expect financial aid award notifications from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA.

### SPRING

- Compare financial aid award notifications to see which college offers the best award package.
- Continue to apply for scholarships. Many have spring deadlines.
- Make your final college decision and notify the other schools.
- Submit your housing deposit before the deadline.

### SUMMER

- Attend new-student orientation at your college.
- Apply for student loans, if needed. Your college will tell you how to apply.
- Coordinate dorm purchases with your roommate.



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