

College Planning 101



Timeline

Summer

Visit Colleges/ Narrow College List to 4-10 schools

Work on your Resume

Have the Money Conversation (How will you pay for college)

Work on College Essays

Decide who will write recommendation letters

Timeline

Fall

Apply to Colleges

Check Scholarships monthly

Give your resume to recommendation letter writers

October complete FAFSA

Request transcripts form Guidance Office

Important

Work with your counselor- keep us informed

Check school email for updates

Stay focussed

Finish Strong

Things to Consider

Location

- Where do you prefer to live geographically?
- How far from home do you want to be?
- Do you want a campus in a big city or smaller town?

Type

- Do you need to go to a particular type of school to get the degree you want?
- Do you prefer a two-year or four-year college?
- Have you considered community college or a vocational/technical school?

Things to Consider

Academic Programs

- Is the major you want offered?
- Is the school strong in your chosen academic area?
- If you aren't sure what to study, are there a variety of majors available?

Campus Life

- What types of social events are popular? (Check out online social media entries for that school to get a true glimpse.)
- Are you interested in any clubs or organizations offered?

Things to Consider

Cost and Financial Aid Availability

- How much will your entire education at the school cost?
- How much financial aid is offered?
- Will you be able to pay off your school debt with the job you're planning?

Facilities

- Are the library, career counseling and other academic resources adequate?
- What about the fitness center and health center?
- Are other services (health, shopping, transportation) located nearby?

Things to Consider

Living Accommodations

- Do most students live on or off campus?
- What are the residence halls like?
- Is the dorm food edible?
- Are there different housing options?

Campus Safety

- How safe is the campus and the community?
- How reliable is campus security? (Request a campus security report.)
- What other safety programs are available (student escorts, emergency assistance lights or phones)?

ACT and SAT

Planning to attend a 4 year College or University

ACT June 9th Registration Deadline May 4th

SAT May 5th Registration Deadline April 6th

June 2nd Registration Deadline May 3rd