



You didn't really think being a junior meant being totally carefree, did you? Of course not! Hey, you don't have to worry about the big decisions until next year, but by keeping up on the following checklist, you can avoid missing some important deadlines and take a little pressure off of your senior year:

### September

- Develop lists of your interests and review your high school course plans.
- Learn about colleges.
- Identify sources of college and career information.
- Ask counselor about the PSAT test in October.

### October - November

- Take the PSAT test – don't forget your calculator!
- Develop a list of possibilities you want to study in college.
- Identify college features that suit your interests, needs and abilities: size, locations, degrees and organizations.
- Visit [mystudentloanonline.nd.gov](http://mystudentloanonline.nd.gov) for college resources.

### December

- Prepare to take the SAT Subject Test, talk to your high school counselor or colleges of your choice about test requirements.
- PSAT score reports will be received.
- ACT Assessment Test. Ask your counselor for the date.

### January

- Contact admissions offices of the colleges you are interested in and request a catalog.
- Learn about the costs of attending each college.
- Go to [FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://FAFSA4caster.ed.gov) for a financial aid estimate.

### February

- Learn about student aid: scholarships, grants, loans etc.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test. Ask your counselor for details.
- Take the ACT Assessment Test. Ask your counselor for the date.

### June – August

- Make an appointment with the college(s) you plan to attend for a tour, visit, or information session.
- Apply for a summer job and save money for college.



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*senior graduation*

### September – October

- Attend college fairs.
- Visit college campuses and meet with college representatives.
- Request college catalogs and applications.
- Take or re-take assessment tests (ACT, SAT).
- Check into scholarships/grants through *College Planning Made Easy* at [mystudentloanonline.nd.gov](http://mystudentloanonline.nd.gov) or talk to your counselor.

### October – November

- Submit your application for admission with appropriate fees and other required documents.
- Request information about housing and meals.

### December

- Register for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) in order to electronically sign your financial aid application. Ask one of your parents to get a PIN too.

### January – March

- Attend financial aid presentations in your area.
- Your family needs to prepare their income taxes as early as possible.
- Complete the financial aid application online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Check with your school counselor about scholarship applications.

### March 15

- Priority Application Deadline for financial aid in North Dakota. (Check with college.)

### April - May

- Choose your college and notify all other colleges you will not be attending.
- Submit all forms, housing applications and required fees to the college.
- Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college.

### June – August

- Complete student loan applications and send to the college.
- Attend summer orientation session at the college you plan to attend.

*You have a lot to do and a lot to decide during your senior year. But it's not too late to take your time and do things right. You might start by flipping this over to see if you've missed anything important from our junior year recommendations. Then use the following checklist to help you close in on your final college and financing choices:*



*all of us - senior year*



*graduation day!*

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