



Preparing for College: Senior Checklist

- ❑ **CREATE AN APPROPRIATE EMAIL ADDRESS** Use this email address for all your college and scholarship communications.
- ❑ **PREPARE A PERSONAL FILING SYSTEM** for college information. You can use a crate with folders, an accordion file, or file folders, however it makes sense to you, but you must have some kind of system so applications, scholarships, financial aid, grades/transcripts, resume information, etc., are organized. Update files at the end of each semester.
- ❑ **CREATE** a personal calendar of important events and deadlines.
- ❑ **BEGIN/UPDATE A RESUME** Create a record of activities and/or community services projects, including recent accomplishments and awards.
- ❑ **ATTEND** College Fair at UNT in the fall.
- ❑ **VISIT** college campuses. Most schools have a webpage that outlines their tour times, on-campus events, and other visitation options. You have two college visits available as excused absences your senior year. You must get a form from the attendance office before you leave.
- ❑ **APPLICATIONS** Apply early. Many deadlines are January 15, but you have a better chance of getting into the college if you apply by the early admission deadline, usually around November 15.
- ❑ **ASK** people to write reference letters. Give them at least 2 weeks to write the recommendation. Provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope for each school. Don't forget to write thank you notes.
- ❑ **SCHOLARSHIPS** See your counselor, visit the CATE center for a list, and continue to visit websites for information. Make note of deadlines.
- ❑ **FINANCIAL AID** Attend a financial aid workshop with your parents. Many priority financial aid deadlines fall in February. Watch deadlines.
- ❑ **FAFSA.** Submit your FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. Men 18 years or older must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid. Watch for Student Aid Report (SAR) in mail/email.
- ❑ **TEST** Retake the SAT or ACT.
- ❑ **MAKE YOUR DECISION** Notify the schools where you were accepted and let them know whether or not you plan to attend. Follow up with the school you plan to attend and make sure they have all of your information.
- ❑ **REMEMBER!** Make a copy of EVERYTHING you submit.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE WEBSITES

College Information/Searches:

www.act.org
www.cappex.com
www.college.gov
www.collegeanswersguy.com
www.collegeboard.com
www.collegedata.com
www.collegefortexans.com
www.collegeview.com
www.gocollege.com
www.knowhow2go.org
www.mymajors.com
www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

College Applications:

www.applytexas.org
www.commonapp.org

Scholarship Searches:

www.collegeboard.com
www.dentonisd.org
www.fastweb.com
www.fanaid.org
www.petersons.com/finaid
www.princetonreview.com
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com

Financial Aid:

FAFSA –
www.fafsa.gov
FAFSA4caster –
www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov
Federal Student Aid -
<http://studentaid.ed.gov>
The Smart Student Guide to
Financial Aid – www.finaid.org

Naviance login:

Username - student id
Password - birth date month, day,
year; no spaces use all numbers:
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