

College Prep Checklist

Senior Year

It's your senior year! Don't let senioritis set in or get stressed. Use this checklist to stay organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done by graduation.

Students

Fall

- ☐ Make sure you're on track to graduate and fulfill all graduation, admissions and academic rigor requirements. Meet with your counselor for any questions or concerns.
- ☐ If you haven't done so, take the necessary admissions tests – SAT, SAT Subject Test or the ACT. Be sure to have your test scores sent to GSFC for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.
- ☐ Pay attention to deadlines and apply to the colleges you have chosen.
- ☐ Ask your teachers and counselors to submit required documents (letters of recommendation) to your preferred colleges.
- ☐ Submit a request through your *My Gafutures* account for your high school to send your official transcript to any college you've applied to.
- ☐ Beginning October 1, plan to complete the FAFSA. Attend a FAFSA Completion event with your parents to get help filling it out (don't forget to create your FSA ID before you go).
- ☐ Some colleges require the CSS/PROFILE, a supplemental financial aid form, in addition to the FAFSA. Find out if your college needs this form.
- ☐ Stay involved in after-school activities and work hard all year. Your grades can still impact scholarship and other financial aid eligibility.

12th Grade Checklist

There's more! Flip it over



12th Grade Checklist



Students *Spring*

- ☐ Complete any additional scholarship applications. If you have chosen not to complete the FAFSA, you must submit the GSFAPPS to qualify for state aid like the HOPE Scholarship.
- ☐ Decision time! Review your college acceptances, compare financial aid offers and plan visits to where you have been accepted.
- ☐ If you have questions about the aid being offered, contact that college's financial aid office.
- ☐ When you decide which college to attend, notify the school and submit any required financial deposits. Also, notify the other colleges you were accepted to and withdraw your application.

Parents

- ☐ Know the importance of completing the FAFSA, create your own FSA ID and attend a FAFSA Completion event with your child beginning October 1.
- ☐ Plan to visit the colleges at the top of your child's list to help make a final decision.
- ☐ Confirm housing plans, freshman orientation dates and course registration. Send any necessary deposits.

Visit the [College Planning section](#) of [GAFutures](#) for additional information on preparing for college.