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Tips

Action Plan for Juniors

- October: take the PSAT
- Start College Search:
- List your abilities, references, personal qualities.
- List things you may wish to study in college.
- Consider how college majors and careers relate to your interests and abilities.
- Search for colleges with those majors.
- Think about financial aid. Use FAFSA calculators to find your aid eligibility and college costs.
- Explore different types of colleges; large/small/private/state. Make a list of 15-20 colleges of interest.
- Use your interests in work, volunteer experience, internship, or programs over the summer to make sure you're on the right career path.

Action Plan for Seniors

- Narrow your list of colleges to 5. Try to visit them and get financial aid info from each.
- Make a master calendar. Put in: test dates, fees, deadlines
- College application due dates
- Financial aid applications/due dates.

- Recommendations, transcripts, other necessary items.
- Your high school's deadlines for application requests (like transcripts).
- Ask for recommendations—give each person your resume, a stamped addressed envelope, and any required forms.
- Write application essays and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts.
- Early applications are often due in November
- Check if your college of interest offers early financial aid eligibility estimates.
- Attend financial aid info events in your area.
- Learn about completing the FAFSA and do it in January to get the best award..
- Check with your counselor about local and state funding sources.
- Regular applications are due between January 1 and February 15. Keep copies of everything you send to colleges—create a file.
- Have your high school send your transcripts to your colleges.
- Men over 18 must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid. Compare your offers.
- Visit the college before accepting
- For most attractive financial awards, apply before the priority date. Keep copies !

- Many priority financial aid deadlines are in February. Acceptance letters and financial offers come mid-April.
- Tell every college your acceptance or rejection of offers for admission or financial aid by May 1. Send a deposit to the college you choose.
- If you are wait-listed, ask the admissions director how to strengthen your application.

Web sites

<http://homeworktips.about.com/b/2006/04/28/college-major-assessment.htm> This quiz that pairs your interests with college majors.

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/majors_careers/ Take a quiz to match your interests with college majors.

www.fafsa.ed.gov Fill out your FAFSA as early in January as possible. You can do it online.

www.findaid.org

http://www.college-scholarships.com/ten_rules_for_selecting_a_college_or_universities.htm

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