

Checklist for High School Juniors & Seniors:

So you're thinking about going to college once you finish high school? Okay, time to do some homework. Are you ready? Let's get started. Planning on your college career, will take two years. So unless you have some rich grandparent or relative that is going to write that check for \$30,000 for you, it will involve acquiring and submitting many financial aid forms; scholarship applications; and also grant applications.

When you are a high school junior:

- Take SAT/ACT
- Keep those grades up.
- Time to consider college options
- Think about the size of college, diversity, the curriculum, location, and don't forget the cost.
- Start eyeing your local newspapers; community bulletin boards; local school scholarship bulletin
- Get involved in community projects, your church, volunteer, volunteer and volunteer
- Join clubs
- Get information on scholarships and applications. Deadlines ...

In the FALL of your SENIOR year:

- Narrow the selection of colleges that you are interested in.
- Research web sites for information that you are able to obtain online. Do this every month.
- Retake the SAT/ACT if needed. They could improve your scores.
- Make some college visits.
- Revisit scholarshipexperts.com . Take time to work on your entire profile.
- Visit as many financial aid presentations until you fully understand the process. Ask many questions.
- Pay close attention to what a college requires from you, not all of them require the same materials.

In the SPRING of your SENIOR year:

- Complete your FAFSA application <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Always keep copies
- Check for deadlines.
- Update your profile
- Compare financial aid packages when you have received your admissions notifications, look for the best not the most.
- Decide on your final choice of college, sign and return all forms, mail off final transcripts.
- Your almost done, notify the enrollment offers you have decided to decline

Okay, it's time. Let's celebrate!!! You are about to take that next step in your life that will change your life, it is one of the most amazing times you will experience. Remember you will need to do much studying, college is hard work, don't leave things for later. Good Luck!!