College Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **High School Juniors**

☐ **Explore possible college majors and careers.**

☐ **Talk with counselors, family and friends about possible choices.**

☐ **Spend time in your library exploring career information.**

☐ **Consult college and university representatives when they visit your school.**

☐ **See your school counselor or the admission adviser of any college you are considering attending.**

☐ **Make sure you will qualify for admission on the basis of class rank and high school course work.**

☐ **Plan to complete any deficiencies in high school course work.**

☐ **Tours and preview day programs offer a great opportunity to visit campuses.**

☐ **Contact the campuses that interest you and make an appointment to visit.**

☐ **Attend college and career fairs in your area.**

☐ **High School Seniors - Fall**

☐ **If you have not already taken the ACT or SAT test, see your school counselor to register for the earliest possible test date.**

☐ **Visit any college or university by making an appointment for a campus tour or preview day.**

☐ **Begin researching scholarship opportunities and financial aid.**

☐ **Check announcements at your school on scholarships, financial aid, college representative school visit, and education fairs.**

☐ **High School Seniors - Winter**

☐ **Familiarize yourself with the financial aid process.**

☐ **If financial aid information sessions are offered at your school, attend with your parents.**

☐ **If you haven't already applied for admission, don't delay!**

☐ **Many UW System campuses have admission or housing deadlines or priority dates after which they may not be able to accept applications.**

☐ **Financial aid applications are available beginning January 1.**

☐ **Pick up a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from your school counselor or apply electronically.**

☐ **Check with your school counselor or campus financial aid office on the availability of local or campus scholarships.**

☐ **Several free scholarship searches can be found on the Web.**

☐ **High School Seniors - Spring**

☐ **If you haven't already done so, you can still apply for financial aid.**

☐ **Be aware of campus financial aid priority dates!**

☐ **Make a reservation to participate in placement testing, orientation, and registration programs.**

☐ **Each university will send information to admitted students with information on new student programs.**

☐ **You can get a head start on your degree by enrolling in a summer session.**

☐ **Check on course offerings and apply for college credit course work.**

☐ **If you applied and were admitted to more than one college or university, notify any campus(es) that you have chosen not to attend.**

☐ **High School Seniors - Summer**

☐ **Orientation, advising and registration programs are held on most campuses.**

☐ **Be sure to register for the session you hope to attend or contact the campus for information or to make arrangements.**

☐ **Keep any letters you receive for reference.**

☐ **From late May through July, financial aid award letters will go to students who applied on time.**

☐ **Be sure to read any letters carefully and respond by any deadline specified.**