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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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Seniors...a reminder of what to do this fall

There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA. [Here's a video](#) with instructions.
- Review our [FAFSA Checklist](#) so you'll know what documents to gather before you start the form.
- Find free [FAFSA Tools](#) at EducationQuest.org to help you through the process.
- For free personal help, call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, or Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Apply to your top college choices

If you attend one of nearly 200 Nebraska high schools holding *Apply2College* events this fall, you'll get help (or already have) with your applications. If not, [here are steps](#) you should take to apply. You'll also find a [college application checklist](#) listing everything you need.

Retake the ACT and/or SAT. Colleges use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.

Get serious about applying for scholarships. See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national search sites.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review [College Profiles](#) at EducationQuest.org for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) to learn about tuition discounts.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.

Once you've narrowed your choices, [schedule campus visits](#). Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.

For more tips, see the [Selecting a College section](#) at EducationQuest.org.

November “To Do” List

Seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college:

- ___ Complete the [FAFSA](#).
- ___ Apply to your top college choices.
- ___ [Register](#) by November 2 for the December 2 SAT.
- ___ [Register](#) by November 3 for the December 9 ACT.

Juniors...complete these tasks:

- ___ Research colleges that interest you.
 - ___ Take a prep course for the ACT college entrance exam.
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