

TO COLLEGE

Junior Year



AUG

- Review your high school courses and activities, Colleges look for challenging course work, strong grades and extracurricular activities, such as sports, clubs and volunteering.
- Get a Social Security number (or Resident Alien ID) if you don't already have one.

SEP

- Start looking through college catalogs and guidebooks, and surf the Web for information.
- Put together a list of 10 colleges that you would like to attend.
- Talk to your parent and high school guidance counselor about that list.
- Register and study for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. (PSAT).
- Check the times and places for college fair and parents nights in your area.

OCT

- Take the PSAT.
- Research Advancement Placement (AP) or college courses you might take.

NOV

- Learn about eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans. Talk to your parents about how much you and your family can afford to spend for your education.

JAN

- Plan for the next round of tests: the SAT I, the SAT II, and the ACT.
- Check with the colleges you are applying to; find out what tests they require you to take.

FEB

- Go through the catalogs and visit the Web sites of the three to six schools that interest you the most.
- Attend financial aid nights in your area, if you have not already.

MAR

- Start Investigating private scholarship and other aid programs. Scholarships may be awarded by your parents' employers or membership organizations. You may also be eligible based on your cultural background or intended course of study.

APR

- Register for SAT and/or ACT exams. Take exam prep course to help you succeed.

MAY

- Schedule visit to the three to six schools on your final list. If appropriate, apply for an interview and/or an overnight stay. Visit each school's financial aid office to find out what type of aid are available.
- Begin preparing essays for college admissions and scholarship applications.

JUN

- Take SAT and/or the ACT exams.
- Mark your calendar with the test dates and registration deadline for the remaining SAT (I and II) exams.
- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors. You may have to apply the summer after your junior year.