

College Prep Checklist

12th Grade

It's your senior year! Use this checklist to stay organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done by graduation.

Student's 12th Grade Fall Checklist

- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you're on track to fulfill all graduation, admissions and academic rigor requirements.
- If you haven't done so, take the necessary admissions tests – SAT, SAT Subject Test, ACT or Accuplacer. Be sure to have your test scores sent to GSFC for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.
- Pay attention to deadlines and apply to the colleges you have chosen.
- Ask your teachers and counselors to submit required documents (letters of recommendation) to your preferred colleges.
- Submit a request through your **My GAfutures** account for your high school to send your official transcript to any college you've applied to.
- Beginning October 1, plan to complete the FAFSA. Attend a FAFSA Completion event with your parents to get help filling it out (don't forget to create your FSA ID before you go).
- Find out if your college requires the CSS/PROFILE, a supplemental financial aid form, in addition to the FAFSA.
- Stay involved in after-school activities and work hard all year. Your grades can still impact scholarship and other financial aid eligibility.
- Consider completing college-level coursework through dual enrollment.

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Student's 12th Grade Spring Checklist

- Complete any additional scholarship applications. In addition to submitting the FAFSA, be sure to submit the GSFAPP to qualify for state aid like the HOPE Scholarship.
- Decision time! Review your college acceptances, compare financial aid offers and plan visits to where you have been accepted.
- If you have questions about the aid being offered, contact that college's financial aid office.
- When you decide which college to attend, notify the school and submit any required financial deposits. Also, notify the other colleges you were accepted to and withdraw your application.
- After you begin college, you will have access to your **My College HOPE Profile** allowing you to check your eligibility while in college.

Parent's 12th Grade Checklist

- Know the importance of completing the FAFSA, create your own FSA ID and attend a FAFSA Completion event with your child beginning October 1.
- Plan to visit the colleges at the top of your child's list to help make a final decision.
- Confirm housing plans, freshman orientation dates and course registration. Send any necessary deposits.
- Review your financial situation and make sure you're planning for the cost of college appropriately. See the College Money Matter section on **GAfutures.org** for suggestions.

Visit the College Planning section of **GAfutures** for additional information on preparing for college.