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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!

College may still seem far off, but admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

Contact your top college choices NOW and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.

Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline. Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay, and an interview.

Update your *Activities Resume*. Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date by using the [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org. In many cases, you can simply copy and paste your resume information into the application.

Contact your admissions representative periodically to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.

Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn college funding options

Juniors and seniors - to learn about financial aid and other college funding options, attend an upcoming **Financial Aid Program** with your parents or an adult who can help you with college planning. To find the date and location of the program at your school or in your area, ask your guidance counselor or see the [Upcoming Events](#) section at EducationQuest.org.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you can narrow your 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 Midwest colleges. If you're interested in going to an out-of-state school, check out the Midwest Student Exchange Program at <http://msep.mhec.org>.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school, and then visit the Web sites 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.

November “To Do” List

Juniors and seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the right college planning track.

- ___ Seniors, register by October 31 for the December 5 SAT.
- ___ Seniors, register by November 6 for the December 12 ACT.
- ___ Juniors and seniors, apply for scholarships. Visit free sites such as *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org.
- ___ Juniors and seniors, meet with college representatives who visit your school.

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