

SENIOR YEAR

Staying on track for college

It's senior year! While this is a great year to create lasting memories with friends, why not also help each other out as you're planning for college? Although each person's journey is different, here's a list you can follow planning toward college together:

FIRST SEMESTER START HERE:

□ College admission

Meet with admissions representatives, secure any letters of recommendation, work on college application essays, and complete applications this fall.

□ Scholarships

Seek out and apply for as many scholarships as you can. Tuition Funding Sources provides access to over 7 million scholarships totaling over \$41 billion to help you pay for college. Find it at [tuitionfundingsources.com](https://www.tuitionfundingsources.com).

□ Transcripts

Have your high school send your transcript in the fall or at the end of the first term to the colleges and universities you've applied to, depending on the requirements of the school.



SECOND SEMESTER START HERE:

☐ **Financial aid**

Regardless of income, all families should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after January 1 for each academic year because most aid requires it. For more tips and details on the financial aid process visit wellsfargo.com/fivesteps.

☐ **Advanced Placement (AP) tests**

If you've taken AP courses, be sure to register to take the exams at the end of the semester. If you score well, you may be able to earn college credit.

☐ **Orientation**

Register and mark your calendar for summer orientation at the college or university you selected. If you'll be registering for classes at orientation it's a good idea to attend an earlier session for a better selection.

☐ **College selection**

If required, mail in your tuition deposit by the deadline in order to secure your admission. Contact the school's financial aid office to make sure your application is complete.

☐ **Wrap up**

Write thank you notes to anyone who wrote you a letter of recommendation for college or a scholarship.

Celebrate graduation

Be sure to take time to celebrate your high school graduation with family and friends.

Congratulations on this milestone!



☐ **Prepare for your college experience**

Create checklists of the things you may need to get started in this new phase of your life. From books and supplies to dorm room decorations, make sure you create a detailed list to help stay organized.