



College Preparation Checklist

11th Grade

Fall Semester

- Start looking at [financial aid resources](#) such as [scholarships](#), grants, loans, work-study options, and more.
- Take the PSAT if you have not already since this test should be taken no later than the fall semester of junior year.
- Explore your career preference in more detail, including aspects like earning potential, using the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Spring Semester

- Register for your college admissions exams, including the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and the ACT. College admissions professionals recommend having at least one standardized test score before the end of 11th grade.
- Take practice tests to help you prepare for your standardized tests.
- Continue researching [financial aid resources](#) and note deadlines for application.
- Start considering who you would like to ask to write your letters of recommendation.
- Contact colleges and universities you're interested in to request more information, ask for applications and admissions requirements, inquire about early action programs, and double-check deadlines.
- Stay in touch with your [Success Coach](#).