

EducationQuest Foundation

College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

Complete the financial aid process. By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, apply at fafsa.gov.

Compare financial aid awards. The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will send you notifications detailing the financial aid they're offering. Compare the notifications to determine which school provides the best package.

Watch your grades. If you slack off and get poor grades, your college admission could be revoked.

Apply for scholarships. See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at **EducationQuest.org** to find Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved.

Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

Be aware of deadlines to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

ACT college entrance exam. When you take the exam this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

Completion of the [FAFSA](#) early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

Apply2College Campaign. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. You'll get help with your applications if your high school holds a college application event as part of the statewide [Apply2College campaign](#).

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Your spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Schedule your visits at least two weeks in advance and be prepared with [questions to ask](#). Find more tips in the "[Selecting a College](#)" [section](#) at **EducationQuest.org**.

You'll also want to check out these college-search resources at EducationQuest.org:

- "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" provides cost and contact information for Nebraska colleges.
- [College Profiles](#) has information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

Go on a scavenger hunt and you might win \$500 for college

Apply **by March 31** for EducationQuest's \$500 *Scavenger Hunt Scholarship*. Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#). *ScholarshipQuest* is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you're a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you'll see the *EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship* as one of the scholarships you're eligible to apply for.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.

EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a [NEST 529 College Savings Plan](#) account.

March "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ If you haven't already, [complete your FAFSA!](#)
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications.
- ___ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by March 8 for the April 13 ACT.
 - ___ [Register](#) by April 5 for the May 4 SAT.
 - ___ Schedule campus visits.
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