

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

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## Seniors...a reminder of what to do this fall

There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.

### Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA. [Click here](#) for instructions.
- Review our [FAFSA Checklist](#) for a list of items to gather before you start the form.
- Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). You may also complete it via the myStudentAid app for iOS and Android.
- For *free* help with the FAFSA, see [FAFSA Tools](#) at EducationQuest.org or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, or Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

### Apply to your top college choices

If you attend one of nearly 200 Nebraska high schools holding *Apply2College* events this fall, you'll get help with your applications. If not, [here are steps](#) you should take to apply.

**Retake the [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#).** Colleges use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.

**Get serious about applying for scholarships.** See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org for Nebraska-based scholarships and a list of national search sites.

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## Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college 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 colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) to learn about tuition discounts.

**Meet with college representatives** who visit your school, and then visit the websites 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.

For more tips, see the [Finding the Right Fit section](#) at EducationQuest.org.

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## **This app will help you stay on track to college**

Download the EducationQuest app for easy access to tools like *Activities Resume*, *College Profiles*, *College Timeline*, *Reality Check*, and *ScholarshipQuest*. There's also a calendar that will guide you through college-planning steps - and you can personalize it with your own tasks.

Download the app and encourage your friends to do the same!

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## **November “To Do” List**

**Seniors**...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college:

- \_\_\_ Complete the [FAFSA](#).
- \_\_\_ Apply to your top college choices.
- \_\_\_ Download the [EducationQuest app](#).
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by November 8 for the December 7 SAT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by November 8 for the December 14 ACT.

**Juniors**...complete these tasks:

- \_\_\_ Research colleges that interest you.
  - \_\_\_ Take a prep course for the ACT college entrance exam.
  - \_\_\_ Download the [EducationQuest app](#).
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