

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

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

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## College-prep resources to help you through COVID-19

If you need help with the college planning or financial aid processes during these unusual times, check out these resources:

**Free help from EducationQuest** – Even though our offices are temporarily closed, our college-planning specialists are available to help you. [Contact the location nearest you](#) for a free appointment via phone or computer.

**Weekly Countdown2College emails for juniors & seniors** – [Sign up](#) to stay on track to college.

**Virtual campus tours** – Since you can't visit college campuses right now, [check out this list](#) of Nebraska schools that provide virtual tours.

**The college you plan to attend** – Check the college's website for COVID-19 information, and contact the school if you have questions. Most colleges are providing one-on-one assistance via tools like Zoom, Skype, and FaceTime.

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## Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!

Review these tips before you decide how much to borrow in student loans:

- Borrow only what you need, even if it's less than the amount offered in your award letter.
- Try to use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books, and fees. Get a part-time job during college to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to look for scholarships while you're in college.
- Keep track of your student loan debt throughout college at [nslds.ed.gov](https://nslds.ed.gov).

To learn more, read the EducationQuest Blog article: "[What is This Student Loan on My Award Letter?](#)" and see the "[Paying for College](#)" section at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org).

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## Juniors... here's your to-do list for May

**Narrow your college choices** to three or four. If you haven't visited your top choices, take a [virtual tour](#).

**Become familiar with the [FAFSA](#)** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You and your parents can complete this form to apply for college financial aid on or after October 1.

**Update your [Activities Resume](#)** at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org). Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and part-time jobs.

**Look for scholarships.** Check out [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships, and pay attention to scholarships current seniors have received.

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**For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:**

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