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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

March 2021

Virtual College Fair is March 2-3

Attend the EducationQuest Virtual College Fair March 2-3 to visit with representatives from nearly 75 colleges and to hear from college-prep experts. Register at eqf.org/collegefair.

College reps will be available during these times, but you can visit college booths any time:

Tuesday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - Noon CT Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. CT

Live presentations March 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will cover critical college-prep tasks for seniors and juniors.

A presentation March 3 at 6:00 p.m. will provide answers to common questions about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

For more details, visit EducationQuest.org.

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 completed your FAFSA. If you haven't, do so at <u>studentaid.gov</u>. If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, submit required documents so that the school can award your financial aid.

Watch your student portal and email closely. Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

Keep your grades up. If you get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

Apply for scholarships. See <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> at **EducationQuest.org** for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

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

Completion of the <u>FAFSA</u> 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.

College applications. Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices.

Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the <u>"Selecting a College" section</u> at **EducationQuest.org**.

These resources at EducationQuest.org will also help with your college search:

- "Nebraska College Costs" breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
- College Profiles has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

March 31 is deadline to apply for \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship

To apply, create a <u>ScholarshipQuest</u> profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around our website to find answers to questions on a survey. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. <u>Click here</u> for details.

March "To Do" List

Seniors

- Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
- ____ If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA!
- ____ Watch for financial aid award notifications.
- Continue applying for <u>scholarships</u>.

Juniors

- ___ Don't miss the Virtual College Fair March 2-3.
- Register by March 12 for the April 17 ACT.
- Register by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
- Schedule campus visits.

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