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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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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.
- Use your student loan money *only* for tuition, room and board, books, and fees. Get a part-time job to pay other expenses.
- Apply for financial aid each year you attend college by completing the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to look for scholarships while in college.

To learn more, read "[What You Need to Know About Student Loans](#)" and see "[Paying for College](#)" at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Juniors... complete these tasks to stay on track to college

Narrow your college choices to three or four. Visit your top choices either [in person](#) or [virtually](#).

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

Update your [Activities Resume](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

Look for scholarships using [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

May "To Do" List

Seniors

- ___ Apply for student loans, if necessary.
- ___ Register for new-student orientation at your college.
- ___ Start a list of dorm room essentials.
- ___ Get a summer job to help pay college expenses.

Juniors

- ___ [Register](#) by May 7 for June 12 ACT.
 - ___ [Register](#) by May 6 for June 5 SAT.
 - ___ Continue campus visits.
 - ___ Get a summer job and save for college.
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