

WFHS Guidance Office

Senior Checklist for College Planning

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August – September

- Check with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- Check your transcript to make sure you have all the credits you need to get into the college(s) that interests you.
- Take time to get to know the colleges you are interested in. Meet with college representatives who visit your school, attend local college fairs, and visit campuses.
- Request personal recommendations from teachers, school counselor, or employers.
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT.
- Research scholarships. Follow LOFSA on Facebook and search Fast Web.
- Prepare for the FAFSA by creating your FSA ID.

October

- The FAFSA opens October 1st. Fill it out as soon as possible. You will need your 2017 tax return.
- If you are applying early decision most deadlines are between October 1 and November 1. Have a parent, teacher, counselor, or other adult review the application before it is submitted.
- Devote, time, energy, and thought to writing any required essays.
- Attend the 2018 National College Fair at Raising Cane's River Center.
- Research scholarships.

November – December

- Submit all completed admission and college academic scholarship applications.
- Have your counselor submit a transcript to the colleges you are applying to.
- Send your ACT score to the colleges you are applying to.
- Finalize your college essay.
- Research scholarships.

January

- Ask your guidance counselor to send your first semester to schools where you applied. At the end of the school year, they will need to send final transcripts. Let them know your final decision.

February – May

- Acceptance letters and financial aid offers will start to arrive. Review your acceptances and compare financial aid packages.
- May 1 is the date when the college you plan to attend requires a commitment and deposit. Let your counselor know when make your final decision.
- If you've been offered financial aid, accept the offer and follow the instructions given. Also notify schools you will not attend of your decision.
- Request that your final transcript be sent to the college you will be attending.
- GRADUATION! Congratulations!