



Planning for College

Two Year Calendar

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Summer before Junior Year

College visits

Complete skills and interest inventory to help determine areas of study

ACT/SAT Prep

Establish family budget for paying for college and [know your loan options](#)

Work a summer job to save money for college

Junior Year

FIRST SEMESTER

College visits

Volunteer and seek leadership roles in student and community groups

Take the ACT or SAT: Round 1

Meet with academic counselor to plan application process

Ask yourself questions like "Do my top college choices fit my budget?" and "Will my projected salary for my career choice cover my cost for college?"

SECOND SEMESTER

Take the ACT or SAT: Round 2 (if needed)

Meet with academic counselor again to discuss application plans

Generate short list of top colleges that fit your interests and family budget



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Summer before Senior Year

Continue college visits

Search for scholarship opportunities and know their application deadlines

Get a head start on writing Common App and/or school-specific essays

Work a summer job to save money for college

Make note of application deadlines and admissions requirements

Research short list of schools to prepare for narrowing down your final decision

Senior Year

FIRST SEMESTER

SECOND SEMESTER

Final round of college visits

Apply for scholarships

Finalize essays and proofread/edit with a teacher or academic counselor

Request letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, coaches, etc.

Complete FAFSA application as early as Oct. 1

Submit applications for admission

Receive acceptance letters

Review financial aid packages and compare total estimated costs; consider our [private lending options](#) if needed

Final Decision