

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

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

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## Seniors...a reminder of what to do this fall

There's A LOT going on right now with the financial aid and college admission processes, but don't get overwhelmed! Here's a recap of tasks you should complete this fall to stay on track to college.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** *It's earlier this year – and you can use 2015 tax info!*
    - First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA.
    - Watch this [FAFSA Demo video](#) for an overview of the FAFSA form.
    - Check out other [FAFSA Tools](#) to help you through the process.
    - Participate in a free [Financial Aid Webinar](#), Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT.
    - For free personal help, call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.
  
  - Apply to your top college choices**

If you attend one of over 200 Nebraska high schools holding an *Apply2College* event, you'll get help with your applications. If not, no worries...[Here are steps](#) you should take to apply. You'll also find a [college application checklist](#) listing everything you need.
  
  - Retake the ACT and/or SAT.** Colleges use your best scores for college admission and scholarships.
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## Juniors...start researching colleges

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review [College Profiles](#) at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) to learn about tuition discounts.

**Meet with college representatives** who visit your school, and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.

**Once you've narrowed your choices,** [schedule campus visits](#). Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.

For more tips, see the [Selecting a College section](#) at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).

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## Omaha College Fair October 23

If you live in the Omaha region, don't miss the [Omaha Area College Fair](#), **Sunday, October 23** from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse. Before you attend, visit [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#) to register for a barcode. Take the barcode to the event so college reps can scan it to retrieve your demographic information.

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## November "To Do" List

**Seniors**...complete these tasks in November to stay on the path to college:

- \_\_\_ Complete the [FAFSA](#).
- \_\_\_ Apply to your top college choices.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by November 3 for the December 3 SAT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by November 4 for the December 10 ACT.

**Juniors**...complete these tasks:

- \_\_\_ Research colleges that interest you.
  - \_\_\_ Take a prep course for the ACT college entrance exam.
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