

# College Planning Checklist

## Junior Year

### September

#### Welcome Back!!

- Start off junior year on a good note.
- Challenge yourself academically.

### October

- Take PSAT at your high school.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities, volunteer, and sign up for community service.
- Visit colleges to get an idea of what you're looking for.

### November

- Start researching colleges, visit campuses, attend college fairs and open houses.
- Remain focused on your academics.
- Register for NCAA if you're a student athlete.

### December

- Start planning for your senior year.
- Meet with your School Counselor or YPIE College Advisor.
- Begin discussing the college application process with parents/guardians if you have not already done so.

### January

- Check for PSAT results and use them to prepare for SAT.
- Enroll in SAT/ACT Prep.
- Research/Apply to Scholarships.
- Apply to become a YPIE Fellow.

### February

- Decide which SAT/ACT exams you will take.
- Enroll in SAT/ACT Prep.
- Visit colleges during February break.
- Apply for summer programs and jobs.

### March

- Register for SAT/ACT exams.
- Discuss colleges with your Counselor or YPIE Advisor.
- Work on college essay & resume.
- Visit college campuses, attend open houses and college fairs.

### April

- Visit prospective colleges during spring break.
- Register for SAT/ACT exams.
- Enroll in SAT/ACT Prep.
- Continue to build your resume.
- Research/apply for scholarships.
- Research college diversity weekends at [collegegreenlight.com](http://collegegreenlight.com).

### May

- Take SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT.
- Prepare for finals and Regents exams.
- Create a potential college list you feel good about.
- Draft a college essay.
- Ask a minimum of two teachers and the school counselor for recommendation letters for the fall.

### June

- Finish strong academically.
- Create a strong schedule for your senior year.
- Take SAT/SAT Subject Tests/ACT.
- Work on your college essay.

### July

- Build your resume (extracurricular activities, volunteer, community service).
- SAT/ACT Prep.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Continue to work on your college essay.
- Research/Apply to college diversity weekends at [collegegreenlight.com](http://collegegreenlight.com).

### August

- Register for a Common Application account at [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).
- Build your resume (work, volunteer, community service)
- SAT/ACT Prep.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Continue to work on your college essay.
- Research/Apply to college diversity weekends at [collegegreenlight.com](http://collegegreenlight.com).