

OCTOBER 2016

EXPLORE

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Investigate programs and majors. Narrow down your college search. Find a good fit based on your academic, financial and personal goals

Complete your FAFSA, using tax income information from 2015, as soon as possible after October 1
<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Get organized! Start gathering the documents that you need to complete applications.

Finalize the list of colleges to which you are applying.

Make sure you are prepared to apply. You will need your completed Application Checklist this week.

Continue working on your applications! Need more time or help? See your school or college counselor.

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Talk to your parent/ guardian (s) about your plans after high school.

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Start drafting your essay or personal statement. Need help? Check in with your English teacher or school counselor.

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Fill in the College Application Worksheet.
<http://bit.ly/2bVK1xU>

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Send thank you notes to teachers who helped you.

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Take and/or review an interest assessment.

Explore college majors.

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Review your academic record. Request your official transcripts from your high school's counseling office.

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Have someone proofread your essay or personal statement. Revise!

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Double-check each college's application requirements.

- Review the "I Applied.. Now what" handout. <http://bit.ly/2bVK1xU>
- Review college costs.
- Explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities! <http://bit.ly/2bVK1xU>

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Take virtual campus tours or use a college search to explore colleges.
<http://campustours.com>

Make a list of postsecondary options and explore each option to determine which schools best meet your needs
<http://mcf.osse.dc.gov/>;

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Fill in the Senior Information for Applications Worksheet.
<http://bit.ly/2bVK1xU>

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SAT School Day
Take the SAT or PSAT in-school as part of the regular school day. See your school counselor for more information or visit
<http://bit.ly/1WksKD8>

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Check application fee policies. Work with your school counselor or college access provider to determine if you are eligible for application fee waivers to cover your application fees.

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Check colleges' application requirements.
<http://bit.ly/2cfa7MC>

Declare your safety, match and reach schools
<http://bit.ly/1z3xG0n>

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Keep in mind upcoming deadlines for scholarships to which you've applied.

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Ask your counselor about local college fairs.
<http://bit.ly/2bleq84>

Schedule time with college admissions representatives visiting your school.

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Prepare your resume and distribute requests for letters of recommendation.

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Are you applying to schools that have early action deadlines?

Remember the early action deadline is Nov. 1.

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Take the weekend to visit some colleges on your list. Use a College Compare Worksheet.
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SHARE WHY YOU ARE CHOOSING TO CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL. POST YOUR STORY, PHOTO, OR VIDEO WITH THE HASHTAG #WHYCOLLEGEDC

CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS!!