

BACK TO SCHOOL

Plan Ahead

- Schedule virtual college visits
- Register for the September or October ACT
- Mark down college application deadlines
- Begin drafting Common Application essay
- Keep an eye out for scholarships

The FAFSA is available on **October 1**. This online form must be completed if you intend to go to college. Visit fafsa.ed.gov for more information.

WINTER

Tidy Up

- Finish up college applications
- Apply for scholarships
- Stay up-to-date on financial aid forms
- Retake the ACT if you need to improve



Navigating financial aid can feel overwhelming, but we're here to help! We'll have plenty of resources available to you as you explore your financial aid options.

Try keeping a calendar, planner, or a college binder to stay on track!



FALL

Submit Applications

- Begin applying to colleges
- Request letters of recommendation
- Request transcript
- Request application waivers
- Complete the FAFSA

Pay special attention to November 1st and 15th deadlines!

SPRING

Review and Decide

- Look for acceptance letters/instructions
- Take a second look at campus
- Review financial aid award letters
- Create your college email
- Visit your college's online student center
- Secure housing if living on campus