

# College Prep Checklist

## 12th Grade

It's your senior year! Use this checklist to stay organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done by graduation.

### Student's 12th Grade Fall Checklist

- Meet with your school counselor to make sure you're on track to fulfill all graduation, admissions and academic rigor requirements.
- If you haven't done so, take the necessary admissions tests – SAT, SAT Subject Test, ACT or Accuplacer. Be sure to have your test scores sent to GSFC for Zell Miller Scholarship eligibility.
- Pay attention to deadlines and apply to the colleges you have chosen.
- Ask your teachers and counselors to submit required documents (letters of recommendation) to your preferred colleges.
- Submit a request through your **My GAfutures** account for your high school to send your official transcript to any college you've applied to.
- Beginning October 1, plan to complete the FAFSA. Attend a FAFSA Completion event with your parents to get help filling it out (don't forget to create your FSA ID before you go).
- Find out if your college requires the CSS/PROFILE, a supplemental financial aid form, in addition to the FAFSA.
- Stay involved in after-school activities and work hard all year. Your grades can still impact scholarship and other financial aid eligibility.
- Consider completing college-level coursework through dual enrollment.

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## Student's 12th Grade Spring Checklist

- Complete any additional scholarship applications. In addition to submitting the FAFSA, be sure to submit the GSFAPP to qualify for state aid like the HOPE Scholarship.
- Decision time! Review your college acceptances, compare financial aid offers and plan visits to where you have been accepted.
- If you have questions about the aid being offered, contact that college's financial aid office.
- When you decide which college to attend, notify the school and submit any required financial deposits. Also, notify the other colleges you were accepted to and withdraw your application.
- After you begin college, you will have access to your **My College HOPE Profile** allowing you to check your eligibility while in college.

## Parent's 12th Grade Checklist

- Know the importance of completing the FAFSA, create your own FSA ID and attend a FAFSA Completion event with your child beginning October 1.
- Plan to visit the colleges at the top of your child's list to help make a final decision.
- Confirm housing plans, freshman orientation dates and course registration. Send any necessary deposits.
- Review your financial situation and make sure you're planning for the cost of college appropriately. See the College Money Matter section on **GAfutures.org** for suggestions.

Visit the College Planning section of **GAfutures** for additional information on preparing for college.