



Complete August through Early December (fall):

1. ____ Continue discussing your future educational/career goals with family
 - Review progress and adjust as needed
 - Discuss what type of support you need to achieve your goals
2. ____ Prepare for FAFSA and all the steps involved
 - Determine which parent's information will be used to complete the FAFSA
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info>
 - Parent(s) and student must complete their tax returns to fill out FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if required to file. Visit <https://www.irs.gov/uac/do-i-need-to-file-a-tax-return> to determine if you need to file taxes
 - Attend tax preparation session available throughout the community such as VITA/United Way
3. ____ Visit: <https://fsaid.ed.gov> and apply for a FSA ID. Your parent that is completing the FAFSA with you will also need to apply for their own FSA ID
4. ____ Attend Financial Aid and Scholarship Night at your high school (dates posted on CCPS website)
<http://www.collierschools.com>
5. ____ Attend Parent/Student night at school
6. ____ Find out what kind of essays and supplemental material are required for college applications
 - Develop a personal statement/essay
 - Ask teachers, counselors, coaches, or other adults for Letters of Recommendation early and give them at least a two-weeks to a month period to complete
 - Find out what standardized tests your chosen colleges/universities prefer and accept
7. ____ Update your resume to reflect new activities and opportunities
8. ____ Retake the SAT/ACT as needed
 - Check SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT testing dates schedule
 - Mark your calendar with registration deadlines and test dates
 - Register for tests
 - Visit: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>
 - Visit: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>
 - Fee waivers available for students on free and reduced meals. Speak with your school counselor or register online with Collier County Public Schools
 - Prepare for test using SAT/ACT prep courses
 - www.Majortests.com
 - www.act.org
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.princetonreview.com
 - www.number2.com
 - www.KhanAcademy.com
9. ____ Complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA (opens Oct. 1st, 2018) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> using 2017 tax information
 - Attend the FAFSA completion events at any Collier County Public Schools site (dates and locations posted on CCPS website) to receive assistance
10. ____ Complete college admissions applications by the priority deadlines (late October)
 - Continue writing application personal statements/essays
 - Understand the differences between applications deadlines (early decision, early action, priority, rolling, etc.)
 - Many colleges /universities waive application fee if you qualify for SAT/ACT test waiver

11. ___ Start applying for scholarships early and all throughout the school year as deadlines vary
 - Community Foundation of Collier County: <http://www.colliercountyscholarships.org/>
 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
 - Raise.me Micro Scholarships: <https://www.raise.me/>
 - SallieMae Scholarship: <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/>
12. ___ Continue working on community service hours and other volunteering opportunities
 - You need 30 Community Service Hours to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal Scholarship, 75 hours to qualify for the Florida Medallion Scholarship and 100 hours to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Prior to volunteer meet with your school counselor for approved sites and to get desired site approved.
You will obtain the community service form from your school counselor
 - Make sure community service hours appear on your transcript
13. ___ If you plan to work after graduation with no further education, research companies and career fields that hire students right out of high school and/or offer tuition reimbursement programs
 - Most employment applications are completed online
 - A job- or position-specific resume will be valuable to provide to employer
 - Most companies include an in-person interview as part of the hiring process

Complete Mid-December through February (winter)

14. ___ Determine if you need to send mid-year high school transcripts to colleges as part of your college application packet
 - Schools also require final official transcripts, which will only be available after graduation
15. ___ Confirm that colleges and universities received all necessary documents
16. ___ Continue applying for scholarships

Complete March through June (spring):

17. ___ Continue to complete community service hours for Bright Futures and other scholarships
18. ___ Talk to financial aid office at school(s) you are considering about your financial aid package
19. ___ Write Thank You notes to people who wrote Letters of Recommendation or helped you throughout this year
20. ___ Finalize preparation and planning to respective postsecondary program
 - Fill out any remaining documents
 - Confirm housing arrangements, moving timeframe, meal plans, course selection, etc.
 - Choose orientation date and prepare for enrollment process
 - Find a summer job to have a little extra money for school/living expenses and school supplies
 - If you still need money for post-high school program, apply for student loans, jobs etc.
21. ___ If going into the workforce, continue to search and apply for jobs, especially those offering professional development and educational opportunities
 - Update resume
 - Arrange and schedule interviews
 - Secure a job prior to graduation

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