

COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Use this calendar to plan your activities and map each to these key steps in the process.

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
APPLY College Application Week	Take the SAT or ACT one more time Attend college fair(s)	Check your high school's event date and register by Friday, 11/3	Complete your Student Guide Attend your high school's College Application Week event	Make sure to submit all transcripts, test scores, letters of rec., etc. to each college you applied to	Apply to any additional colleges, if needed					
PAY Financial Aid Season	Attend your high school's Financial Aid Night (now through November)	10/1: The FAFSA is available fafsa.gov The CSS Profile opens collegeboard.org	Your high school may offer a FAFSA-Filing-Day - consider attending if they do (now through February)		Research and apply for scholarships (now through April) Ensure all of your colleges are listed on your FAFSA	2/1: NHCF Statewide Student Aid Program Scholarship Application available nhcf.org	Check with your school counseling office about any local scholarship opportunities	4/15: NHCF Statewide Student Aid Program Scholarship Application due nhcf.org		6/15: NHCF Career Aid for Technical Students Scholarship Application due nhcf.org
FILE YOUR FAFSA TODAY!										
SIGN Decision Day!						Review financial aid award letters (now through April)	Attend your school's Paying for College 101 workshop (now through April)	Attend your college(s)' Admitted Students Day	5/1: National Candidate Reply Date Make any required deposits	Notify your college of any outside private scholarships received



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MAKE A PLAN:

Have a conversation with your family about how you plan to pay for college. Remember that college is a multi-year investment, and having a family plan is important. Even if your parents can't afford anything towards your costs, they can still help by assisting you in filing the required financial aid applications.

Deadlines are critical. Research college application and financial aid deadlines, as schools may have different ones for each process. Missed deadlines are missed opportunities.

File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the Center for College Planning in Concord. Call 888.7.GRADUATE, ext. 119 to schedule your FREE appointment.

Before committing to a college, make sure you fully understand the financial aid they are offering you. What's free? What's not? What is the remaining balance? Do you need a loan? Do you have a co-signer? These are just some of the questions you should research.

Continue to work hard in school and finish strong academically. Final high school transcripts are sent to colleges upon graduation – don't give them a reason to rescind your acceptance!

Attend your college's Freshman Orientation Program. You'll become acclimated to the campus, schedule your courses, meet friends and more.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

fafsa.gov

File the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) required by all colleges and universities that offer federal student aid.

profileonline.collegeboard.org

File the CSS Profile[®] financial aid form required by certain private postsecondary schools and scholarship programs.

collegeboard.com/pay

Helps you locate scholarships, internships and grants that match your education level, talents, and background.

fastweb.com

Free national scholarship database which contains information about 1.3 million scholarships worth over \$3 billion.

communityloanfund.org

Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) are special, matched savings accounts that help people with limited incomes save to buy a home, or to pay for college or technical school.



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