



12TH GRADE

STAY FOCUSED.

- Check in with your counselor about applying to colleges and ask about scholarship opportunities.
- Ask for letters of recommendation. Connect with teachers and counselors early in the fall of your senior year.

TAKE MATH DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

- Be sure to take the right math course for your future career.

APPLY TO COLLEGE IN THE FALL.

- Apply to colleges during the fall of your senior year. Ask your counselors for more information.
- Check with the colleges you're applying to and see what ACT scores you should be aiming for. If you want to improve your score, retake the ACT the fall of your senior year.

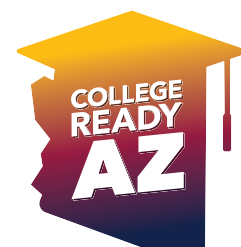
FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA.

- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in December at fafsa.gov.
- Get help completing your FAFSA by attending a FAFSA completion open house during the school year.
- If you are an undocumented student, check to see what options might be available for you.

CONTINUE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

- Research what scholarships are offered by the colleges you've applied to and check deadlines.
- Apply for at least three scholarships during your senior year.

To see the complete grade-by-grade checklists, visit collegereadyaz.com.





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NARROW IT DOWN.

- Visit the websites or call any colleges you've been accepted to and ask about first year experience programs.
- Send in your final high school transcripts to your college once you graduate.
- Accept any financial aid you might have received. Talk with your college's financial aid office to make sure you're good to go.

BE PROUD. CELEBRATE!

- Participate in your school's Decision Day activities to celebrate your accomplishments. Ask your school counselor for more information.

WHAT IF I'M NOT GOING TO COLLEGE RIGHT AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Are you planning to join the military or serve a religious mission before enrolling in college? You should still apply for college admissions and financial aid as a high school senior to lock in your admissions and scholarships.

Once you've been accepted, talk to your college about deferring enrollment or taking a leave of absence. If you are leaving the country or will not have access to email, be sure to complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form.

Without this form, colleges will not be able to legally talk with your parents or guardians about you after you turn 18. Talk to the Admissions Office at your college for information on what paperwork you'll need to complete.

