



# PARENT CHECKLIST

## JUNIOR YEAR

- Ensure that your student meets with a College Now advisor and school counselor.
- Talk about your student's goals and priorities for after high school graduation.
- Support your student in taking the ACT or the SAT by helping them plan a date that works with their schedule. Make sure they prepare for the test. Help them get enough rest before the test. Follow up and ask about their test score.
- Attend College Now key events for juniors, as well as sessions about college and careers.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences. Make sure to take a look at the report card and ask about your student's GPA.
- Familiarize yourself with financial aid and the college admission processes.
- Help your student build on their resume. Support them in registering for school activities, summer jobs, or volunteering.
- Help your student explore majors and potential career fields through practice (support their attendance at major's fair, internships, shadowing, etc.).
- Support your student's attending college fairs, post-secondary informational sessions, and college visits (in-person or virtually).
- Help your students think about college or other pathways after high school. Make a list of potential colleges, universities, military options, or trade schools that they may be interested in.
- See if you can visit any colleges or trade schools with your students. Work together and plan a trip.
- Review your student's resume again and make sure it's ready to be used for applications.
- Make sure that you have your taxes prepared and ready for reviewing financial aid and scholarship options.
- Encourage your student to start exploring and applying for scholarships.

## SENIOR YEAR

- Ensure that your student meets with a College Now advisor and school counselor.
- If your student hasn't taken the ACT or SAT, support your student in taking the ACT or the SAT by helping them plan a date that works with their schedule. Make sure they prepare for the test. Help them get enough rest before the test. Follow up and ask about their test score.
- Review your student's goals and priorities for after graduation.
- Support your student in attending college fairs, post-secondary informational sessions, and college visits (in-person or virtually).



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## SENIOR YEAR

- Help your students think about college or other pathways after high school. Make a list of potential colleges, universities, military options, or trade schools that they may be interested in attending.
- Help your student solidify their after-graduation plans.
- Review your student's college, military, or trade school applications and deadlines. Support your student with the application process by providing documentation, helping with fees, and mailing applications.
- Prepare to help your student with financial aid and the college admissions process.
- Apply for financial aid with the Free Application for Student Aid [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid)
- Make sure that you have your taxes prepared and ready for reviewing financial aid and scholarship options.
- Review your financial situation with your student and how that will translate to their after-graduation opportunities.
- Continue resume building and review growth over high school career.
- Encourage your student to explore and apply to as many scholarships as possible.
- Attend major events at school to show support for your student.
- Attend graduation with your student.
- Use the summer to plan for going away to college, military, or a gap year and what your student will need.
- Help your student transition to college, trade school, or the military. Send messages of support and check in when appropriate.

## NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THESE TASKS?

Contact College Now or schedule an appointment with your student's College Now advisor.

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_