

# EducationQuest Foundation

# College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

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## Wrapping up your senior year

Seniors...stay on track to college by completing these second-semester tasks:

**Complete the financial aid process.** By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, complete and file the form at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). If your college requests verification of your FAFSA information, you must submit required documents before the school will award financial aid.

**Watch your student portal and email closely.** Once you're accepted for admission, the colleges you listed on your FAFSA will notify you of the financial aid they're offering.

**Keep your grades up.** If you slack off and get poor grades this semester, your college could revoke your admission.

**Apply for scholarships.** See [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) for Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved.

**Make your final college selection.** Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.

**Be aware of deadlines** to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

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## Juniors...it's time to narrow your college choices.

Narrow your college choices soon to prepare for these upcoming activities:

**ACT Test.** When you take the ACT this spring, you'll be asked to provide a list of colleges that should receive your score.

**Completion of the FAFSA** early next fall. You and your parents can complete the FAFSA beginning October 1 of your senior year. The colleges you list on the form will receive the results.

**College applications.** Early next fall, it will be time to apply to your top college choices. You'll get help at school if your high school holds an [Apply2College](#) event.

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## Campus visits will help you narrow your choices

Spring break is a perfect time to visit schools that interest you. Find campus visit tips in the ["Selecting a College" section](#) at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org).

These resources at [EducationQuest.org](https://EducationQuest.org) will also help with your college search:

- ["Nebraska College Costs"](#) breaks down costs for all colleges in Nebraska.
- [College Profiles](#) has details about colleges in Nebraska and across the country.

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## March 31 is deadline to apply for \$500 Scavenger Hunt Scholarship

To apply, create a [ScholarshipQuest](#) profile at EducationQuest.org and then scavenge around our website to find answers to questions on a survey. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. [Click here](#) for details.

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## March "To Do" List

### Seniors

- \_\_\_ If you haven't already, [complete your FAFSA!](#)
- \_\_\_ Watch for financial aid award notifications.
- \_\_\_ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).

### Juniors

- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by February 28 for the April 4 ACT.
  - \_\_\_ [Register](#) by April 3 for the May 2 SAT.
  - \_\_\_ Schedule campus visits.
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