



# Senior Checklist

## Fall Checklist

- **Get ID.** Online FAFSA applicants must create and use a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) username and password at [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id). You'll use your FSA ID throughout the federal aid process, including for online filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- **Fill out the FAFSA.** Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct 1. Apply online each year at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov). You'll need your FSA ID to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. Apply for grants and scholarships early since funding is limited and deadlines are tight. If you're an Oklahoma's Promise student, you must complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for this program.
- **Take action now.** Continue to explore opportunities to earn college credit while in high school. Talk to your counselor about concurrent enrollment.
- **Stay on track.** Review courses with your counselor to make sure you're meeting high school graduation and entrance requirements for the schools that interest you. Check out College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum standards for graduation at [UCanGo2.org/Publications.html](https://UCanGo2.org/Publications.html).
- **Learn more.** Attend college fairs, meet with recruiters and bring your parent or guardian to a FAFSA night at your school to get answers to your questions about attending and paying for college.
- **Study.** Keep making the effort to maintain your grades. These habits will come in handy during your college coursework.
- **Keep saving.** Continue to plug money into your Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan ([OK4Saving.org](https://OK4Saving.org)) or other savings account. It's generally best to keep most savings in your parent(s)' name(s).
- **Test again.** Even if you've already taken the ACT or SAT, register for the fall ACT and/or SAT tests; you might boost your score! For extra help, try the free practice ACT and SAT tests on [OKcollegestart.org](https://OKcollegestart.org). Find test locations and dates at [ACT.org](https://ACT.org) or [SAT.org](https://SAT.org).
- **Look for the SAR.** After you file the FAFSA, you will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) by either email or snail-mail. Review the information provided on the SAR for accuracy. Any inaccurate items need to be corrected, either at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or by contacting your college's financial aid office.
- **Pick your top five.** Narrow your list of potential college choices based on the research you've already completed. Your list will probably include three to five schools.
- **Take a tour.** If you haven't already, visit schools that are a good match to your abilities and career interests. Use the tools found on [UCanGo2.org](https://UCanGo2.org), like the Campus Visit Checklist, to help ensure your campus visits are successful.



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- **Go for free money.** Search and apply for as many scholarships as possible. We encourage seniors to apply for 2-3 per week! Check out [UCanGo2.org](http://UCanGo2.org) and [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org) to search for scholarships and to view a list of trusted scholarship search sites. Be sure to check with local civic organizations or employers about additional scholarship sources.
- **Research financial aid.** Research grant, scholarship and student loan options at [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov).
- **Fill it out.** Decide which college(s) you're interested in attending and submit your college admission application(s). Be aware of deadlines. Your high school may also be hosting College Application Week activities; ask your counselor for details.
- **Send it in.** If you haven't already done so, make sure your official test scores are being sent to the campus(es) to which you're applying.

### Spring Checklist

- **Check in.** Contact the financial aid and admission offices at the institution(s) you may attend to make sure they've received your information.
- **Take the test.** You've studied hard, so take the exams for any AP and other honors-level subjects.
- **Ask for it.** Request that your high school send your final transcript to the school(s) to which you applied. You can do this in person or create a request at [OKcollegestart.org](http://OKcollegestart.org) to have your transcript sent electronically to the destination of your choice.
- **Keep an eye open.** Watch your mailbox or email for FAFSA results and/or financial aid offers. Many colleges send their offers electronically so check with your campus(es) to see how this information will be provided. Financial aid offers specify the type and amount of aid a particular campus can offer you. Be sure to respond by the deadline date so you don't lose aid options.

### Summer Checklist

- **Make your choice.** If you've been accepted to multiple schools, make a decision and notify the school you plan to attend as soon as possible. You may be required to pay a nonrefundable deposit to secure your spot.
- **Confirm your interest.** You may be placed on a waiting list for an opening at a particular campus. If so, make your decision and let them know if you're still interested.

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