

# USE THE CHECKLIST BELOW TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE.

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT SCHOOL

- Program that leads you to your career
- Desired reputation
- Acceptable distance from home
- Desired environment
- Desired student population size
- Within budget
- Other considerations



## RESEARCH SCHOOLS' REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

- School's name
- Desired GPA range
- Requested tests
- Desired test score range
- Number of letters of recommendation
- Required college application essays
- Application fee
- Deadlines
  - Test scores
  - Transcript submission
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Early application
  - Final application
  - Financial aid



## PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Take SAT or ACT (if required)
- Send test scores to schools
- Order and send official transcripts
- Fill out FASFA
- Choose two people to write a recommendation letter for you
- Give your resume and cover letter to those recommending you
- Send a gentle reminder email to those recommending you (one week before the official deadline)
- Write application essays
  - Outline
  - Draft
  - Make sure that the essay answers the prompt
  - Ask at least two people to read the essays and provide you with feedback
  - Proofread
  - Submit
- Apply for financial aid



## CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES

- Meet with college advisor for guidance
- Number of credits
- Number of core requirement courses
- Interesting course
- Number of classes per day feels manageable?
- Courseload feels manageable?
- Online class options
- Summer school options
- Disability request (if necessary)



## DECIDE ON YOUR FINANCES

- Tuition Fees
- Books
- School supplies
- Housing
- Parking
- Transportation
- Travel
- Food
  - Meal plan on campus
  - Weekly groceries
- Hygiene and grooming supplies
- Gym membership
- Recreational money



## PRACTICE LIVING SKILLS

- Know five easy and cheap meals?
- Shop for groceries
- Do laundry
- Be on time
- Know proper email etiquette
- Read a map
- Stay aware and safe while walking at night
- Stay organized
- Keep track of your work and deadlines



## CONSIDER OTHER PURSUITS

- Approximate free time
- Interests
- Greek life options
- Club options
- Part-time job options

### If not living at home:

- Communication options
- Frequency of calls
- Frequency of video chats
- Frequency of texts
- Frequency of photos
- Frequency of coming back home
  - Cost
  - Holiday plans

### If living at home:

- Rent expectations
- Curfew
- Chore responsibilities

