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

CHOOSE THE RIGHT SCHOOL

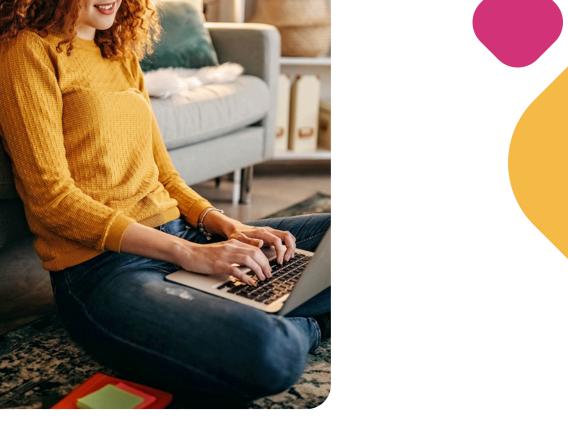
- Program that leads you to your career
- Desired reputation
- Acceptable distance from home
- Desired environment
- Desired student population size
- Within budget
- Other considerations



RESEARCH SCHOOLS' REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

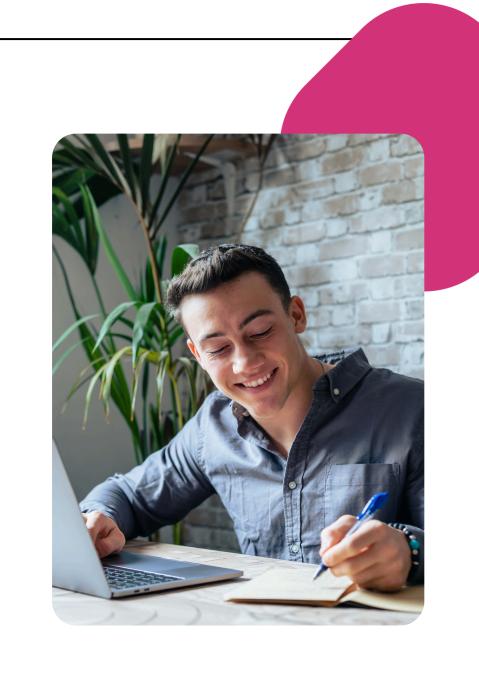
- School's name
- Desired GPA range
- Requested tests
- Desired test score range
- Number of letters of recommendation
- Required college application essays
- Application fee
- Deadlines
 - Test scores
 - Transcript submission
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Early application
 - Final application
 -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





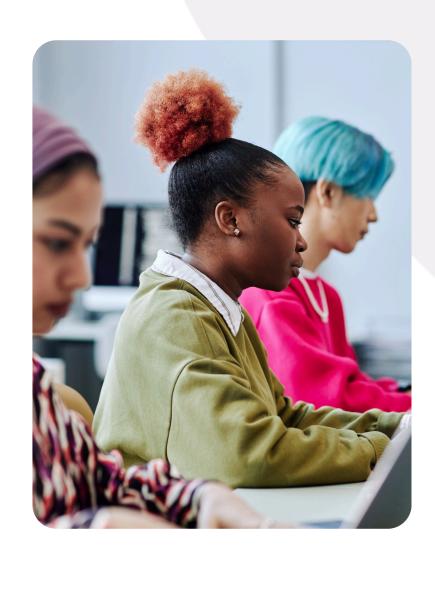
PREPARE AND SUBMIT YOUR **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

- 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)

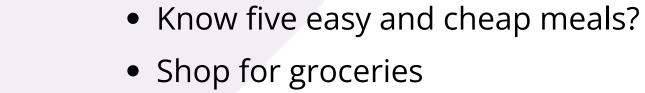


DECIDE ON YOUR FINANCES • Tuition Fees

- Books
- School supplies
- Housing
- Parking • Transportation
- Travel Food
- Meal plan on campus
- Hygiene and grooming supplies • Gym membership

Weekly groceries

- Recreational money



PRACTICE LIVING SKILLS

- 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



• Approximate free time Interests

CONSIDER OTHER PURSUITS

- 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

